

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



**In Session Assembled With**  
**Rose of Sharon Church**  
**August 3, 4, 5, 2012**

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

Let us pause today in memory of our beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters who have passed since our last setting. While here their fellowship was a joy unspeakable, now thier soul is at rest, underneath the everlasting arms of Jesus.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Little Melrose Church in the loss of Elder Albert Hamilton, the Little Pilgrim's Home Church in the loss of Elder Robert Wallen and the Rose of Sharon Church in the loss of Elder Johnie Bentley. They carried the gospel torch for many years, now they rest from their labor, leaving us with precious memories.

Faithfully Yours,  
Clerk Bro. Newsome  
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*"In your Garden of Life, sow seeds of kindness,  
and your harvest will be plentiful"*

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 2011 Setting



**Eld. Johnie Bentley**  
**Rose of Sharon**



**Eld. Robert Wallen**  
**Little Pilgrim's Home**



**Eld. Albert Hamilton**  
**Little Melrose**

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**Introductory Sermon for 2013 — Eld. Lowell Mullins**

**Alternate — Eld. Phillip Beverly**

**Circular Letter — Eld. Ray Hamilton**

**Note:** Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced, a \$20.00 charge applies for pictures.

**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-Fifth Annual Session of the**  
**Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist**  
**The Church of Jesus Christ**  
**August 3, 4, 5, 2012**

**Friday Session**

Greeting each other with warm and friendly handshakes, expressing their love for each other, were the Brothers, Sisters and friends of this blessed Old Association. Lifting their voices in singing the glorious songs of Zion, caused one to soon forget the many tedious miles one and had journeyed to attend this the 55th Annual Session of this blessed Old Association.

Alternate Elder Eddie Wallen approached the stand in thankfulness with an humble heart telling of the goodness of the Lord. Begging all to look to Him for guidance in this life that we may obtain a home in heaven. Prayer by same.

Being chosen by the delegates at our 2011 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Elder Faris Tuttle approached the stand with much fear, yet with a humble heart. Soon was blessed with the holy spirit to tell of how the Lord had blessed him all these many years, by being an obedient child of the King. Begging sinners to come to Him for that sweet salvation.

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 Rose of Sharon Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders (1) Aaron Whitaker Jr.-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Danny C. Justus-Old Friendship; (3) John Paul Hamilton-New Salem; (4) Paul David Moore-Philadelphia; (5) Danny C. Belcher-Union.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder David F. Lester-Old Friendship, was called on to make remarks and prayer by same.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 55th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

**Friday, August 3, 2012**

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 Rose of Sharon Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Elder Doug McCarty, to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements.
2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Tommy J. Dials-Sardis, Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia, and Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom. 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: David F. Lester-Old Friendship, Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia, Roger Hicks-New Salem and Omery Chuck Hall-New Salem.
- Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, seconded by Brother IV Hudson to receive the report of the committees appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Elder Jerry Caskey, seconded by Elder Doug McCarty, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
  4. By a motion made by Elder Larry Newsome, seconded by Elder Russell Hicks, to read the Constitution and, the Rules of Decorum, reading the Articles of Faith was omitted.
  5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and one responded. By the name of Cedars of Lebanon presented a letter of dismissal from the Union Association to join our union. Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, seconded by Brother James Wager to receive their letter and seat the delegates by giving them the right hand of fellowship.
  6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate:
    - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: John B. Hamilton, David Calhoun, Preston Lewis, Philip Hamilton, Clyde P. Lewis, Omery Chuck Hall, Defort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Carlos Akers, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Leonard Hamilton, Jimmy Dye, Roger Hicks, Milton Dye, John Paul Hamilton, David Lowe, Ernest Hamilton, Bill Hicks, Jeff Reed, Arnold Adkins, and Tallmadge Hicks. Letter in the hands of Elder Philip Hamilton. A motion was made by Brother Ralph Manual, seconded by Elder Philip 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, John Huff, Danny Adams, Gary Sanders, Palmer Hamilton, Dean Cook, Billy Thompson, Edward Howell, Jeff Dillon, Alonzo Curry, Andy Fields, Arlin Roberts, Danny O'Quinn, Hobart Jones. Letter in the hands of Elder Estill Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, seconded by Elder Paul Dye 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: Dallas Bledsoe Jr., Paul D. Moore, Gary and Ira Adkins Jr., Farrell Howard, Lowell Adkins, Curtis Seagraves, Willis Tolliver, Jimmy Stewart, Ted Parker, Bobby Baker, and Wayne Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Danny Carty 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, Tommy Dials, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, and Stoney Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton. A motion was made by Elder Wayne Sartin, seconded by Elder Bill Blevins 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: Dewey Matney, George Thomason, David F. Lester, James D. Stacey, Danny C. Justus, Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Arthur D. Short, Philip Estes, Allen Hunt, Philip Hagerman, Gary D. Justus and Johnny Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder David F. Lester. A motion was made

- by Elder Billy Miller, seconded by Elder Eddie Wallen 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, Aaron Whitaker Jr., Haston Whitaker, and Murl F. Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Aaron Whitaker Jr. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton 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 Rose of Sharon Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches, to arrange the ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening—Elders: (1) Omery Chuckie Hall-New Salem; (2) Thomas J. Dials-Sardis. Saturday morning—Elders: (1) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Preston Lewis-New Salem; (3) Philip Estep-Old Friendship; (4) Estill Hamilton-Union; (5) Willis Tollivier-Philadelphia.
  8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: None responded.
  9. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, seconded by Elder Bill Smith 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) Elder Paul Dye made a motion, seconded by Elder Danny Carty that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, August 4, 2012.
    - (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 Omery Chuckie Hall-New Salem, prayer by same (2) Elder Thomas J. Dials -Sardis.

## Saturday, August 4, 2012

Met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. As the congregation began to make melody in their hearts by singing the inspiring songs of Zion the holy spirit fell like the day of Pentecost. Shouts of praises filled the whole house. Prayer was offered by Elder Danny Justus of the Old Friendship 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, seconded by Elder Jerry Caskey to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder John M. Elkins for our 2012 session was read. A motion was made by Elder Dennis Elkins seconded by Elder Philip Beverly to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2012 minutes.
4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2(a), consisting of Elders: David F. Lester-Old Friendship, Roger Hicks-New Salem, Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia, reported as follows:



2012 Church contributions .....	\$6,380.00
2012 Money for pictures .....	700.00
Other contributions .....	<u>1,323.00</u>
<b>Total money received for 2012 .....</b>	<b>\$8,403.00</b>

A motion was made by Elder Danny Hamilton, seconded by Brother Landis Beverly 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

<b>A. Balance as of August 1, 2011 .....</b>	<b>\$12,020.99</b>
2011 Church contributions .....	6,385.00
2011 Picture money .....	460.00
Other contributions .....	<u>1,030.00</u>
<b>Total money on hand as of August 1, 2011.....</b>	<b>\$19,895.99</b>

### Expenses for 2011

<b>B. Printer's Fee .....</b>	<b>\$5,399.00</b>
Secretary's Fee .....	200.00
Postage, UPS Freight .....	557.42
Supplies .....	0.00
Other .....	0.00
<b>Total Expenses for 2011 .....</b>	<b>\$6,156.42</b>
Total of A. ....	\$19,875.99
Less Total of B. ....	6,156.42
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>13,719.57</b>
Plus interest earned .....	13.93
<b>Balance August 3, 2012. ....</b>	<b>\$13,733.50</b>
Plus money received for 2012 .....	8,403.00
<b>Total money on hand August 5, 2012 .....</b>	<b>\$22,136.50</b>

Note: Money sent by the Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Rose of Sharon Church in helping host the 2012 Session . . . **\$10,575.00**

6. Brother Ralph Mamuel made a motion, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the Treasurer's Report. By the same motion, Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 2,700 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$20.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The Brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon: Elder Richard Stanton-Sardis, Elder Randy Combs-Old Indian Bottom, Elder Thomas J. Dials-Sardis and who is to write the Circular Letter: Elder John Paul Hamilton-New Salem, Elder Hobart Hamilton-Sardis, and Elder Palmer Hamilton-Union for 2013.  
The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday Morning:  
Saturday Evening: (1) Elder Chuckie Hall-New Salem; (2) Elder Tommy Dials-Sardis;

Sunday morning: (1) Hillard Newsome, (2) Dennis Elkins, (3) Ray Hamilton, (4) Buddy W. Carty all of the Northern New Salem Association.

9. 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 2012 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hank Forgey, Wayne Sartin, Faris Tuttle, Ivan King, Chester Tuttle, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Scott Little, Mose Bentley, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, IV Hudson, and Buddy Carty. 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 2012 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Mose Bentley, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Hillard Newsome and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Elder John M. Elkins.
  - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Avenue, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2012 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Walt Evans, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Faris Tuttle, Steve Miller, Chester Tuttle, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Billy Miller, Scott Little, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Billy Miller.
  - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host church, the Buck Creek Church and co-host churches; Apple Orchard, Big Branch, Little Tavia, Pilgrims Home and Dix Fork at the Association building, Varney, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2012 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Wayne Sartin, Faris Tuttle, Dennis Elkins, Chester Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Mose Bentley, and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Ray Hamilton.
  - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Pine Grove Church on the Right Fork of Guesses Fork, Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2012 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Elder Billy Miller.
  - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Little Home, Doty Creek and James Memorial Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2012 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy W. Carty, IV Hudson, John M. Elkins, Danny Carty, and Faris Tuttle. Letter in the hands of Brother IV Hudson.
10. Note the following request's being identical from the True Vine and Pleasant View Churches. We the true Vine Church request that Northern New Salem Association adopt an order to not allow a corresponding association's Letter to be rejected, objected to or referred to the committee on Arrangements since we are already in correspondence and are not deciding that by receiving their letter and delegates. If we have a grievance with any of our corresponding associations, we already have orders in place to work with them to resolve the issue, after we have received them in love and given them the right

hand of fellowship and they have right to speak. A motion was made by Elder Jerry Caskey, seconded by Brother Cletis Easterling to accept the request and a objection was filed by Brother Marty Carty. A vote was taken, 11 voted for the request, 44 against.

11. Note the requests from the Little Family Church requesting that we remove the name of Elder Marcus Huff from the list of ordained ministers, as he has joined another domination. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Bill Smith to grant their request.
12. Note the requests from the Morning Star Church requesting that we dedicate the Sunday services of the Association for a memorial of the decreased members of the Northern New Salem Association. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Brother James Wagner to grant their request.
13. The request to host the 2013 association from the Little Rebecca Church was read. A motion was made by Elder Donel Gibson, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to grant the request of the Little Rebecca Church the honor of hosting the 2013 Session.
14. Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Elder Billy Miller, to forego the reading of the current minutes.
15. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty, seconded by Elder Jerry Caskey to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #13 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 55th Session was closed with an humble and uplifting prayer and Dismission by Elder Greg Sowards of the Northern New Salem Association.

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

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

Moderator  
Ass't. Moderator  
Clerk  
Ass't Clerk

## **Sabbath Morning, August 5, 2012**

As the rain clouds of this early summer morning were gathering in the far away distant skies, so were the faithful pilgrims from far and near gathering in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church on the third and final day of this grand old association Assembling to worship the God of our salvation, by mingling their voices together in singing the glorious songs of Zion caused one to forget the many miles one had to travel on the tedious highways to reach their abode.

The arrangements were as follows,

1. Elder John Paul Hamilton-New Salem
2. Elder Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem Association
3. Elder Ray Hamilton-Northern New Salem Association
4. Elder Lowell Mullins-Northern New Salem Association
5. Elder Buddy W. Carty-Northern New Salem Association

A humble and uplifting prayer was offered by Elder Buddy W. Carty. Bringing to a close this 55th annual session.



Only Webster could find words to express to you the Rose of Sharon Church our thanks and appreciation for your love and hospitality shown to one and all during our visit in the Northland. To the host churches, Little Ida, Mt. Olive, Morning Star and Little Ellen. Your acts of kindness and hard work was noticed by many. God Bless every little hand that gave of their time and talent in helping care for our love this the Northern New Salem Association. The food was plentiful, seasoned with love and served in ladles filled with smiles of joy.

Ever so grateful,  
Bro. Newsome- Clerk  
Bro. Elkins-Assiatant Clerk

## 2012 Circular Letter

Dear Delegates, Bothers, Sisters and friends of the Northern New Salem Association and especially to our children,

Having been chosen to write the circular letter by the delegates of the Fifty Fourth Session of this Grand old Association, I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write a letter for your consideration. Realizing that without the Lord, I can do nothing, I have been praying for the past year for guidance. I continue to pray as I sit here today.

I love the Northern New Salem Association of the Old Regular Baptist. I cherish her ways, her practice and order. I believe that we are walking in the old path although I know we're not perfect but generally speaking, I believe the Lord is pleased with the way we walk. I don't say this boastfully but thankfully. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 'He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart.'" (Psalms Ch. 15, verses 1 and 2). This, we must do if we want to continue to enjoy God's blessings. There have been times when it's the Lord's good pleasure to bless us like on the day of Pentecost and there are times when we hit a little bump in the road. If we completely put our trust in God for our guidance, we can get around those bumps. Let's try to continue in the good old way. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (Jeremiah Ch. 6 verse 16). I have found rest for my soul but I'm looking forward to that eternal rest.

Brethren, There are some who say, "we need to change some of our ways to attract our children". The Lord does not change His way, so if we're following Him, how can we change? "Lets continue in the Good Old Fashioned Way." I say we need to "Train up a child up in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs Ch. 22, verse 6) "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: The Lord will give grace and glory:' no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalms Ch. 84, verse 11) By walking uprightly before the Lord, we will be letting our light shine as the Lord commands. We are commanded to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven," (Matthew Ch. 5, verse 16). We need to stress to our children that God will not change for them, but they must come to His plan which was established before the foundation of the world. Trust in His plan and ask of Him for the direction they should go and He will lead them on the road to repentance and regenerate their soul, that they may be born again and go to Heaven when this life is over. In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judae'-a, an saying Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. (Matthew Ch. 3, verses 1 and 2). "I tell you Nay: but except you repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke Ch. 13, verse 3). Jesus told Nicode-

mus, a ruler of the Jews: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee: Except a man be born again, he can not see the Kingdom of God. (John Ch. 3, verse 3). Children, if you are born again, you will be born of love and have a desire in your heart to keep Jesus' commandments. Jesus said in (John, Ch. 13, verse 21): "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me is loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. In verse 23 Jesus said: "if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and take our abode with him." If our children have the Lord Jesus Christ and His Father to take up their abode within them, I believe they will want to follow in our footsteps. They will have the same precepts in their hearts that we have.

Brethren, it comes back to my mind over and over again that it's time for us to be up and about our Father's business. We need to be watchmen on the wall and protect our children from hearing unsound doctrine from our stand. It should not take several years for us to put such doctrine from among us. Watch and pray diligently, that we can do the work of the Lord as He would have us do. If we all pray diligently enough, we'll all be of one mind and one accord. In the mind of the Lord, there is no division, so let's pray and walk along together in unity. Let Brotherly love continue among us and avoid strife. A house divided against itself cannot stand.

I must bring this letter to a close but I want to stress once more that we are instructed to reason together, not be unreasonable together. Let's set a good example for our children that they might want to follow in our footsteps. May God continue to bless everyone of you and this Grand Old Association is my prayer.

Your unworthy servant,  
Elder John M. Elkins

## **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 reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

# 2012 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

## Church

## Delegates

Little Rebecca .....	Phillip Beverly, Marty Carty, Ivan King
Maggie's Home .....	Andy Counts, Bret Counts, Joey Gilliam
Little Flock .....	Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner
Little Ruth .....	Bill Smith, Jimmy King, Raymond Stapleton
Little Edna .....	Jay Samons, Jerry Caskey, Denver Meade
Little Ida .....	Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Steven Miller
Little Flossie .....	Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Morris Wicker
Little Zion .....	Joseph Akers, Gerald Akers, Alger Newsome
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	Darrell Hall, Danny Hamilton, Landis Beverly
Mt. Olive .....	Elbert Hagerman, Enoch Hagerman, Darrell Caudill
Pleasant View .....	Larry Newsome, Donel Gibson, Kenneth Slone
Little Family .....	Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans, Danny Carty
Little Angel .....	Wilburn Nichols, James Finley, James Pack
Antioch .....	I.V. Hudson, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon .....	Otto Collins, William B. Holbrook, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley .....	Roger Newsome, Scott Hamilton, Sam Hamilton
Little Children's Home .....	James Wagner, Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star .....	Bill Blevins, Bud Calhoun, Mose Bentley
Little Bethel .....	Paul Dye, Glenn Conley
Family of Love .....	Delmas Hall, Patrick Deel, Earnest Martin
True Vine .....	Chris Robinson, James Coleman, Terry Ratliff
Little Melrose .....	Hansel Brown, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
Eternal Rose .....	Hargis Tuttle, Douglas Slone, Richard Tish
Little Ellen .....	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletus Easterling
Cedars of Lebanon .....	Greg Sowards, Roy L. McClain, Bill Tong



# UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

## NOVEMBER – 2012

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in November (2012). Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Murl Caudill, Willis Tolliver.

## APRIL

**ANTIOCH** - First in April. James Branham, Elisha Branham, Danny Hurley, Danny Justus, Travis Bentley, James Stacey, Dennis Elkins.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Teddy Honaker, Steve Slone, Jeff Dillon.

**ETERNAL ROSE** - Second in April. Bill Blevins, Danny Adams, Jimmy Dye, Willis Tolliver.

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

## MAY

**CEDAR OF LEBANON** - First in May. Buddy W. Carty, James Barney, Scott Little, Ray Hamilton.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** - First in May. Danny Carty, Eddie Wallen, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson.

**LITTLE IDA** - First in May. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, William B. Holbrook, JR., Jeff Little.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** - First in May. Faris Tuttle, Joseph Gibson, Milton Dye, Gary Young.

**LITTLE RUTH** - Second in May. Danny Hurley, James Branham, Willis Tolliver, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks.

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in May. Scott Little, Mose Bentley, Ralph Slone, Jr., Larry Newsome, Terry Ratliff.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in May. Squire C. Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Billy Miller, Eddie Wallen, Theodore Slone, Thomas N. VanZandt.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Thomas N. VanZandt, Wayne Sartin, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks.

**LITTLE ELLEN** - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jeff Little, Scott Little (Antioch), Jerry Caskey.

**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. Scott Hamilton, Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jackie Yates, Elbert Hagerman, Ray Hamilton.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Gary Blevins, Scott Hamilton, Harvey Tuttle, Phillip Beverly, John M. Elkins.

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

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in June. John B. Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Danny Belcher, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in June. Saturday 2 P.M. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Gary Blevins, James Branham, Elisha Branham, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

**LITTLE EDNA** - Fourth in June. Estill Hamilton, Roger Hicks, Evan Hamilton, Brain Mullins, Justin Hagerman.

**MT. OLIVE** - Fourth in June. Deffort (Honeybun) Thornsberry, Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Billy Miller, Phillip Beverly, Ray Hamilton, Delmas Hall, Buddy W. Carty.

## **JULY**

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in July. Hargis Tuttle, Gary Young, John Paul Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little.

**TRUE VINE** - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Wayne Sartin, Greg Sowards, Lloyd Popeye Brown, Todd Tackett, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in July. Danny Belcher, Richard Staton, Scott Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Don Lawson, Greg Sowards.

## **MEMORIAL MEETINGS**

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in August. Lon Beverly, Omery Chuck Hall, Hargis Tuttle, Deffort (Honeybun) Thornsberry.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** - First in June. Squire C. Hamilton, Mike Fortner, Harrison Runyon, Jerry Runyon, Danny Carty.

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Gary Adkins, Gary Blevins, Chuck Hall, Bill Blevens.

**LITTLE RUTH** - Second in July. Danny Belcher, Lloyd Ray, Raymond Stapleton, Delmas Hall.

**LITTLE EDNA** - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Billy Miller, Larry Newsome, Eddie Wallen.

**LITTLE IDA** - First in April. Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Ira Adkins, Jr., Paul D. Moore.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** - First in October (2012). Danny Hamilton, Phillip Beverly, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis.

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in July. Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, Steven Miller, Terry Lee Hall, Eddie Slone.

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

**MT. OLIVE** - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little, Larry Newsome, Lowell Mullins.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in June. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Lowell Mullins, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in October (2012). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Jr., Greg Sowards, Billy Miller.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in March. Hillard Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Dennis Elkins, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

**ANTIOCH** - First in June. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty, Omery Chuck Hall, Ben Little, Teddy Honaker, James Tackett (Enterprise), Faris Tuttle.

**ROSE OF SHARON** - Second in October (2012). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Bill Blevins, Ray Hamilton.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Hobert Justice, Stephen Slone, Greg Sowards, Steven Miller.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in September (2012). Curtis Seagraves, Greg Sowards, Ira Adkins, Jr., Bobby Baker.

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

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in September (2013). James Branham, Elisha Branham, Phillip Beverly, Buddy W. Carty, Delmas Hall, Danny Hamilton, Ted Burke.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in October (2012). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry.

**TRUE VINE** - Third in October (2012). Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Larry Newsome, Jerry Caskey, Donel Gibson.

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in May. Eddie Wallen, James Barney, Greg Sowards, Willis Bartley, Danny Carty, Terry Fuller, Glen Dixon, Paul D. Moore.

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

**LITTLE ELLEN** - Third in October (2012). Joe Havlik, Joseph Akers, Gordon Akers, Arthur Short, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman.

**CEDARS OF LEBANON** - First in October. Eddie Wallen, Willis Tolliver, Hank Forgey, William B. Holbrook, Jr.



## **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

**LITTLE REBECCA** - First Sunday in August 4, 2013 (Sunday of Association). Memorial of all deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association.

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR ELDER JOHNIE BENTLEY AT ROSE OF SHARON** - Fifth Sunday, March 31, 2013. Ministers called: Ray Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Willis Little, Danny Adams, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton. We will be so pleased and thankful to see one and all. God bless you.

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR BROTHER BALLARD BROWN AT LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth Sunday in June, 2013. Ministers called: Danny Carty, Charles Edwards, Omery Chuck Hall, Hillard Newsome.

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR ELDER ROBERT WALLEN AT PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second Sunday in February, 2013. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

**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, June 29, 2013. 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.

**MARCUM MEMORIAL** - Odd Sunday, June 2013. Location: Wilkesville, OH near the intersection of 160 and County Road 8 (Newsome Road). About 3 miles from the intersection.

## 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	740-331-4943
Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buckrun Rd., Longsville, OH 45741	740-669-3408
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	740-468-6100
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 Gordon Akers	735 Elmdale Ln., Almont, MI 48003	810-798-3834
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**

<b>Elder Larry Dixon</b>	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082
<b>Elder Russell Hicks</b>	11971 N. Angling Rd., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
<b>Elder Sean Hicks</b>	4114 North Sparta Lake Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-221-1965
<b>Elder Harvey Tuttle</b>	955 South 900 East, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
<b>Elder Thomas N. VanZandt</b>	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
<b>Elder Morris Wicker</b>	5510 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-2998

### **LITTLE ZION**

<b>Elder Joseph R. Akers</b>	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
<b>Elder O. C. Holbrook</b>	29 Muley Br., Bevinsville, KY 41606	810-252-5804

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

<b>Elder Danny C. Hamilton</b>	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44849	567-308-0017
<b>Elder Stephen Slone</b>	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740
<b>Elder Eddie Wallen</b>	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539

### **MT. OLIVE**

<b>Elder Elbert Hagerman</b>	P.O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882
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### **PLEASANT VIEW**

<b>Elder Hayes M. Chaffins</b>	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-5067
<b>Elder Alex Collier</b>	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
<b>Elder Conley Daniels</b>	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
<b>Elder Dennis Elkins</b>	2263 Pontius St. N.E., Hartville, OH 44632	330-877-7931
<b>Elder Donel D. Gibson</b>	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
<b>Elder Larry Newsome</b>	2216 Brownhelm Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-5877

### **LITTLE FAMILY - None**

### **LITTLE ANGEL**

<b>Elder John Jude</b>	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
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### **ANTIOCH**

<b>Elder Karrel Addington</b>	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
<b>Elder Scott Little</b>	93 Stoneridge Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-804-4881
<b>Elder Hillard Newsome</b>	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
<b>Elder Wayne Sartin</b>	1613 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690

### **ROSE OF SHARON**

<b>Elder Ray Hamilton</b>	5040 Carleton-Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
<b>Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.</b>	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883



### **LILY OF THE VALLEY**

Elder Evan Hamilton	5801 Washington Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-9359
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-7053
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 Charles Blevins	14502 S. State Rd., Perry MI 48872	517-625-3380
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 S H 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2972
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4142
Elder James M. Curry	3421 Dunbar Rd., Prospect, OH 43342	740-223-0102
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
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### **LITTLE MELROSE**

Elder John M. Elkins	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
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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### **CEDARS OF LEBANON - None**

## 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 Newsome 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.....	4850 South 500 West .....	Wabash, IN 46992 .....	(260) 330-4092
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 .....	(989) 413-7176
⌘ 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 .....	(517) 625-3380
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 .....	Terry Ratliff .....	892 Woods Edge Ct. ....	Wooster, OH 44691 .....	(330) 262-4389
Little Melrose.....	Hansel Brown .....	8598 SW 56 Avenue Rd. ....	Ocala, FL 34476 .....	(352) 861-2722
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
Cedars of Lebanon .....	Roy L. McClain .....	P.O. Box 353 .....	Scottsburg, IN 47170.....	(812) 416-6222

## 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 .....	Jerry Caskey
Little Ida .....	Ralph Caudill .....	Billy Miller
Little Flossie .....	Russell Hicks .....	Morris Wicker
Little Zion .....	Joseph R. Akers .....	Joseph Havlik
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	Danny C. Hamilton .....	Eddie Wallen
Mt. Olive .....	Elbert Hagerman .....	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Pleasant View .....	Larry Newsome .....	Dennis Elkins
Little Family .....	Danny Carty .....	Scott Little
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 .....	Eddie Wallen
Family of Love .....	Buddy W. Carty .....	Delmas Hall
True Vine .....	Dennis Elkins .....	Alex Collier
Little Melrose .....	Doug McCarty .....	John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose .....	Hargis Tuttle .....	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen .....	Lowell Mullins .....	None
Cedar of Lebanon .....	Greg Sowards .....	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 Road, Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio 45672
Little Ruth		Marengo	Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan 48229
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood Drive	Lisbon-Kendallville	Indiana 46755
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo-Ray	Michigan 48096
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Route 224 East, Ph. 419-524-8514	Greenwich	Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive	4397 Oakley Road, M-52, 4 miles North of	Stockbridge	Michigan 49385
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road	Litchfield	Ohio 44253
Little Family	State Route 744, 1 mile West of	Jacksonburg-Middletown	Ohio 45042
Little Angel	5733 Saltzgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Groveport	Ohio 43125
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky 40229
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carleton-Rockwood Road, Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood	Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Route 534—600 Kiwanis Pk. Drive	Geneva	Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home	18125 Stone Church 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 Road, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio 44216
Little Melrose	201 Pearl Street	Melrose	Florida 32666
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Road 215	Lakeville	Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Route on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip	Illinois 60803
Cedars of Lebanon	1015 Forrer Street	Middletown	Ohio 45042

# STATISTICAL TABLE

2012

## CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	36	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	29	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	3-M	300.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	2-M	200.00	June
Little Edna	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	49	1-M	350.00	June
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	29	4:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	14	2:30 P.M. 2-E	120.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olive	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	17	4-M	175.00	July
Pleasant View	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	56	6:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	13	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	36	4-M	350.00	Aug
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24	2-M	475.00	May
Lily of the Valley	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2:00 P.M. 3-E	225.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1-M	100.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	17	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
True Vine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3-M	350.00	Aug
Little Melrose	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	17	4:00 P.M. 2-E	100.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	4:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June
Cedars of Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2:00 P.M. 1-E	110.00	June

2012 Church Contributions .....	\$6,380.00
2012 Money for Pictures.....	700.00
Other Contributions .....	1,323.00
	<u>\$8,403.00</u>

**Grand Total**                      17    4    0    3    7    12    27    515

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

# OBITUARIES

## MEMBERS

### ELDER JOHNIE BENTLEY

As I sit here this morning watching the beautiful sun come up, I am praying, trusting and asking the good Lord to help us with his sweet guidance and great love to write this obituary of a loving dear, sweet and precious husband, "the love of my life, my best friend" and a very special, wonderful, caring and loving dad and papaw. This is one of the hardest and saddest things we have ever had to do. Our hearts are so shattered and broken and are filled with deepest sorrow, so much grief and pain and aching loneliness.

Just before darling Johnie left home that morning of the accident, he looked at me with so much love in his heart and hugged and kissed me telling me three times he loved me so much. Little did we know or realize that our saddest moments and days were yet to come. His last precious hours here on earth were slowly slipping away and he would not return back home to us again. Three of his doctors came to the funeral home. They told us that as he lay slumped over the steering wheel of his car, they were sure that his sugar had dropped extremely low and bottomed out, and it sent him into a deep diabetic coma and he didn't wake up. Almost 20 years to the same date of his going away, we lost our darling sweet son at the tender age of 21 due to a terrible car accident. We were so richly blessed to have a heavenly relationship, one in which we truly loved and relied on each other. Our children often talked about what a wonderful and loving marriage we had and enjoyed. Our marriage was a great example to our family.

I often prayed and begged God so many times to help me and to bless me to take real good care of Johnie in the very best way possible. He relied on me more and more as the days went by. His health was going downhill so much faster after the he spent the 13 days in the Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital. He had a severe and very dangerous infection that got into his blood stream and around his heart and pace maker.

On the day when mortal life slipped out of our darling Johnie's body, God smiled down upon him and put his arms around him and whispered "come to me." With broken hearts and tearful eyes, we knew he could not stay. His work on earth was finished. He had won life's crown. He had kept the faith and like a good soldier he died at his post. We all deeply loved him so dearly and did not want to let him go, but we knew that he had gone to his beautiful heavenly home that he sang and preached about so much. We know that he would never have to suffer again. He is now enjoying a land of sweet bliss, great joy, heavenly peace and eternal rest. God sent his holy angels down to pick a beautiful flower for his garden and to carry his soul to rest in the paradise of God. We know our loss is heaven's gain. Johnie joined the Little Polly Old Regular Baptist church at the young age of 19. He was a good and faithful servant and a bold soldier giving good advice and counsel wherever he went for 55 years until the good master called for him and he took him to that beautiful and peaceful eternal home to reign forever with Jesus on high. No sorrows, sickness or death will ever enter that glorious heavenly country. Johnie loved and enjoyed visiting many churches far and near. He worshipped with them and sang the beautiful songs of Zion. He was firm in what he believed. I would like to say to our darling sweet children, precious grandchildren and dear loved ones everywhere, "turn to Jesus and beg for his loving mercies and forgiveness and get ready so we can all go to heaven together where there is "peace, love, happiness and joy, joy, joy!!!"



Elder Johnie Bentley



Dad counseled people without judgement and shared God's love and forgiving grace. He would always say that as long as I (Michelle) was alive he would never be gone . . . My dad lives with each beat of my heart. I am so blessed to have had such a special relationship with him. Dad taught our family to love and respect each other and stick together no matter how hard it gets. Dad's life was an example to all. From the depths of our hearts, we deeply thank each and every blessed one for all the loving thoughts and sweet prayers that went up for us, for all the many beautiful cards we received expressing so much love, concern, kindness and sympathy on our behalf. They all meant so very much to us. We want to greatly thank you, one and all for the good food that was brought. We want all of you to know how very special and precious you are. We could never thank you enough for everything. We will always remember, love and treasure you all forever in our hearts. May God richly bless everyone.

Written by his broken hearted, sad, lonely and grieving family,  
Sister Audrey and children.

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday, and the day before that, too. I think of you in silence, I often say your name, but all I have is memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart. I shed tears for what might have been, a million times I've cried, if love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place no one could ever fill. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of me went with you, the night God took you home.

### **JANIS "J. J." BEVINS, SR.**

With the help of the Lord we will try to write a worthy obituary of our beloved Brother in Christ. He was on the highest of high list. We can't say enough good things about Brother Jay Bevins.

Brother Jay Bevins was born on October 13, 1936 to Carol and Opal Bevins and went to be with the Lord on May 9, 2012.

He was married to Patricia Ann LaPorte on March 24, 1964. To this union was born two children; Tammy and Jay J. Bevins II. He also had one daughter, Janice, from a previous marriage. He worked at Great Lakes Steel for 45 years. He joined the Rose of Sharon Church of the Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order 35 years ago and remained a faithful member until he became ill about a year ago. He was noted to be one of our "best" singers in the church. He loved to sing and one of his favorite songs was "Never Grow Old" he also loved to line "Give Me Jesus".



Janis "J.J." Blevins, Sr.

Brother "J.J." will be missed more than any words can ever say. Everyone loved Brother Jay and he loved everyone. He always had something good to say about you when he greeted you. He was a special person. The Rose of Sharon Church lost a great Brother. There will always be an empty spot in our church that cannot be replaced.

Myself and Sister Maxine went to visit him as often as we could, before Sister Verniece became ill with cancer, she was always with us too. We asked him if he would like us to cut his hair and he would replied, "I sure do!" so I said okay but we all three took turns on the first hair cut so if it didn't turn out right I would not be to blame for the mistakes. We enjoyed him telling us how good we all looked and how much he loved us all.

Brother Jay was one in a million; there will never be anyone to ever take his place. He has a special place in our heart. We all loved you Brother Jay. Our church was so proud and honored to have you as member of our church. We will all miss you very much. Words cannot express our love for you!

Patty, Jay, Tammy, Terri, and Janice:

Our heart is so broken for you all , but we will be here for you. We are family!!

Patty we know you will never be the same without Brother Jay, but the Good Lord knows what you need. He will always be with you, He will never leave you and He will help you cope with your loss. You have really good memories. You was the most important person in his life here on earth and he let everyone know that. He was a loving husband to you and tried to take care of you. He wanted you to be at his side because he loved and was so proud to have you for his wife. He did not have to say a word, his actions told everyone.

Tammy and Jay you lost a wonderful dad that you can't get back, but by the grace of God you can go to that beautiful land where he is today.

We love you Brother Jay.

Written by Sister Patty Hamilton and members of the Rose of Sharon Church.

### **BROTHER BALLARD BROWN**

By request I shall endeavor to write the obituary of someone who touched the lives of countless many. As he journeyed here on God's good earth, on the way to the promise land. Our dear Brother in Christ Brother Ballard Brown. It was in the beautiful hills of eastern Kentucky in Pike County, in a little community of Robinson Creek. A gift from God graced the home of the late Wilburn and Siltania Johnson Brown. As the chilly winds of the winter began to howl around the little Cabin in the winter white fluffy snowflakes drifted like the fallen leaves in Autumn. It was here on this lovely picturesque day on January 19, 1926. Joy bells began to ring, announcing the birth and the arrival of a little bouncing baby boy. In this home, there was love and plenty to be shared with one and all. They chose the name Ballard for the little boy.



**Brother Ballard Brown**

He joined the company of his siblings to wit: Brothers Northern, Alvin, Johnnie, and Russell. Sisters Bertha, Rosie and Vassie. He is survived by one brother Russell Brown of Virgie, Kentucky.

In the year 1949 his roaming eyes caught a glimpse of a beautiful loving young Myrtle Boggs, without resisting they became sweet hearts. It was on June 20, 1949 Brother Ballard placed a cord of love around her heart, and a diamond ring on her finger. It was on that date that two hearts became one. In the holy wedlock they promised to love and be faithful to each other. This they did well over 62 years of wedded bliss. They were there for each other remembering their wedding vows, together until death do we part.

Brother Ballard was blessed to live upon God's good earth 85 years, 10 months, 11 days. Time he used wisely instilling in others by his meek and humble life, that he was a child of our heavenly father. It was on November 30, 2011 he gathered his robe around him and we feel and believe he was carried by an angel band to his long sought rest above there to wait the glorious resurrection morning, when he shall receive his rewards that he so truly deserves.

Unto this union their home was blessed with a son, Leonard his wife Pat, daughter Katherine Mankin her husband David. Three grandchildren, Christopher his wife Marinda Brown, Jennifer Wood her husband Philip, Andrew Mankin and Courtney. Four great-grandchildren, Landyn Brown, Caden and Gabby Wood and Levi Mankin, I am sure all these will miss the love and attention given by this wonderful and loving grandfather. I would admire you one and all too always remember the good advice and counsel he gave you.

Sister Myrtle a good wife is a precious gift of God. Yes you were a devoted, Loving and caring wife for over 62 years. For these many years you two made sweet and lasting memories . Memories that will sustain and comfort you until you are blessed to meet again on that heavenly shore.

Brother Ballard and Sister Myrtle left the loving hills of Eastern Ky., settled here in 1952. It was here they were very instrumental in establishing the Little Angel Church. It was here in this little church they served for many years as Deacons, faithful and devoted. Brother Ballard served as treasurer until his declining health caused him to resign. He stood for good order in the church, loved to hear good old time preaching.

It was on May 14, 1961 Brother Ballard came foward telling an experience of grace, desiring a seat in this blessed old church. For these many years he let his light shine. He was baptized by the hands of the late Elder Charlie Roberts and Matt Justice. It was here in this blessed old church he gleaned in the field like little Ruth, gathering food for his hungry soul. I feel and believe he and Sister Myrtle were model deacons.

Brother Ballard's home address has changed. Here he dwelled in a little house, made by man. Here in this humble home many a wearier traveler were always welcome to come and dine at their table. It was here one could find rest, love and hospitality. Yes their door was always open, the welcome mat was always out, inviting all to come and sit for a spell. Now he has moved to the other side of the river. His new address is city of love Everlasting peace of endless joy, with no measure of time, paradise, heaven, sweet heaven. It is here his new home has a welcome sign that says "Come one Come all".

To you his love one's to see Brother Ballard again, you must be born again Please let his God be your God and all will be well in your life. He bore the fruit's of a child of God, ever letting his light shine, all to the glory and honor of God. Just a simple man, common, easy to be entreated with.

Now he is resting from his labor along with his love ones and two of his fellow travelers elder's Paris Tackett and Hiarm Adkins. When time shall be no more here but eternal in glory, It's there and then we hope to meet you in a land of eternal peace and a perfect body liken onto our loving survivor. There to live forever in His presence. We loved you in life; we'll forever love and remember you in all our tomorrows.

Written humbly by Brother Hillard Newsome and family

### ELMER AND HASTIE COLEMAN

With sad and aching heart, we will try to write the obituary of our Dear Mother, Hastie Coleman. Mom was the daughter of the late Brack and Liza May Coleman. She was born December 18, 1910. And left us December 20, 1993, makng her stay on earth just over 83 years. Dad passed away December 28, 1985.



Elmer and Hastie Coleman

Mom married Elmer Coleman on January 31, 1937. To this union sixteen children were born. Two daughters, Barbara and Irene died in infancy. Those left to mourn our loss are, Orville Coleman, Granville Coleman, Freda Brouse, Carol Adkins and Bonnie Summerfield all of Ohio. Dimple Coleman, Dixie Damron, Berdie Coleman, Beatrice Adkins, Goble Coleman, Burma Ratliff and Rachel May all of the local area. Grady Coleman of Lexington and Brenda Bartley of Virginia. There are forty-two grandchildren, sixty-five great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Edna Campbell and Eunice Robinson. Two sisters are deceased, Zella Prater and Mary. Mary died in infancy. There were five brothers, Emil, Herbert, Benny, Trimble and Joe all deceased.

Mom and Dad were blessed to have wonderful sons and daughters-in-laws and they treated them as their own. They will never forget the love and respect they showed Mom and Dad.

Mom and Dad were members of Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church. They loved the church and Mom was faithful to attend as long as she was able and went many times when she was hardly



able to go. Dad was never blessed to attend church after he was baptized due to sickness. His heart's desire was of course to be there with Mom.

Mom was a hard working and devoted wife and mother. She endured severe headaches all her life and had a pacemaker for nine years. For the last several years of her life, she was almost blind. She bore her sickness patiently but she was saddened because she could no longer see, especially photos with Dad in them.

Until her death, she continued to advise us in any way she could. During the last hours of her life, she talked to each of us. As usual she was concerned about having plenty of food and beds for the children who lived far away. Her final wish was that we children would treat each other with love, honesty and respect. We feel that Mom is happy now with Dad and her two babies and they are waiting for us with open arms for the great and final reunion in Heaven someday.

Since the original writing of this obituary, her oldest son Orville has joined Mom and Dad in heaven.

Written by her lonely children

It is with much sadness that we endeavor to write an obituary of our loved Father, Husband, and Grandfather, Elmer Colman. He was born June 4, 1907, the son of John L. and Lilia Adkins Coleman. Dad departed this life December 31, 1985, being 78 years of age. His Father, Mother, two brothers and three an brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Dad lost his mother at the tender age of twelve. He missed her so much. He always talked about her. He wanted to see a picture of her so badly.

Left to mourn his passing is his heart broken companion, lonely children, grandchildren, one brother, one sister and many other relatives and friends.

Dad had a very hard life growing up. He started to work at a very early age. He made his home with his sister Della Belcher. Dad met that very special lady, Hastie Coleman. They were married January 31, 1927. They were blessed with 16 children. Two of them died in infancy. They worked hard and raised 14 children. There were never better parents than Mom and Dad. They raised us to be honest, upstanding people. Dad was a very good person. He tried to treat people the way he wanted to be treated.

Dad worked in the mines for 43 years. He was a member of UMWA local 8045. He had that dreaded disease, black lung. He suffered so much. He suffered in silence and never complained. He had a light stroke on July 5th, and his condition steadily worsened from that time. He became bedfast in September, 1985. He was constantly in and out of the hospital in November. Dad wanted to stay home with his family.

On October 20, Dad joined the Regular Old Baptist Church. He wanted to be baptized in the same place that Mom was, in front of the Rockhouse Regular Baptist Church. He loved Mom so much. He wanted to be near her at all times. He wanted to renew their wedding vows on the same day he was baptized, December 5, 1985. When he woke up at 5 o'clock in the morning, his son Monroe performed the wedding.

Dad had many visitors during his illness. Uncle Joe, Trimble, and Lee were his most frequent visitors. He loved them as brothers. His one surviving brother, Oll and sister, Della was unable to visit him as they wanted due to their own illness.

We all miss our Daddy. Our home will never be the same. When we walk in the door we still expect to see Dad sitting with Mom in the living room, with his hands behind his head, smiling as we walk in. Mom misses him most of all. He was her close companion for almost 59 years. Dad was buried December 31, 1985, in the Alec Ratliff Cemetery at Wolfpit, one month before their 59th wedding anniversary. We all hope to meet you in heaven Daddy and we can if we look to the same loving Savior that you placed your trust in.

His memorial will be preached the last weekend of May, 1987, at Alec Ratliff Cemetery.

Written by his lonely wife and children

## SISTER GEORGIA DEMPSEY

It is with a heavy heart that I write the obituary of my dear beloved mother, Sister Georgia Dempsey. Mom was born July 9, 1935 in Pikeville, KY to the union of Flain and Sister Alpha (Bowling) Ratliff. Mom climbed her stairway to heaven on August 12, 2011 at home surrounded by her three daughters, making her stay on earth 76 years, one month and three days.

In 1948 mom's family moved from Pikeville to Logan, WV. It was there she met her one and only boyfriend, Roy Dempsey Jr. On April 26, 1952 mom and dad were married in Clintwood, VA. They settled in Northwood, Oh where they raised their five children.

Mom and dad attended the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church when we were growing up. In the mid 1980's they started attending the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church in South Rockwood, MI. On December 11, 1989 mom joined the church. She was baptized by Brother Ray Hamilton and Brother Doug McCarty. It was very cold and the ice had to be cut where mom was baptized. I remember Brother Ray had called mom the day before to see if she maybe wanted to put off being baptized till it warmed up a bit. (Brother Ray and Brother Doug were both having back problems at that time). Mom told Brother Ray that she was still going to be baptized the next day. We all froze standing around, but mom said that it was the warmest water she had ever been in.

What a glorious day it was for her and the rest of us.

Mom worked 16 years at the St. Charles Hospital in Oregon, OH. She worked in the dietary department and for a few years she worked in the Nuns dining room. She retired in 1989 due to disability.

Mom wasn't able to attend church the last year or so of her life. The visits and the phone calls would always bring a smile to her face. She loved you all so very much.

Mom was proceeded in death by her parents, her baby sister Wanda, her beloved husband, Brother Roy, and her daughter-in-law, Charlene.

She is survived by five children; Roger (Sandy), Keith (Deb), Betty (Don) Blackledge, Wanda (Russ) Warnke and Mary Dempsey. Also surviving are ten great-grandchildren, two sisters, Jetta Grant and Etta Moore.

Mom I know you are with dad again. It's where you wanted to be since his passing. My brothers and sisters and I were so truly blessed to have you two as our parents. Thank you both for the love and guidance you gave us throughout our lives.

Mom the house is so empty without you. I miss our talks we would have. Especially the ones about our Dear Jesus. As I told you before you died, it was my pleasure to have been able to care for you. I would do it all over again, too. One day I will see you and dad again. Till then my angel, keep watching over all of us. I love and miss you so.



Sister Georgia Dempsey

Love your baby girl, Mary

## EVA FAYE EDWARDS

Eva Faye Edwards (nee Viers) age 79, of Amherst passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 30, 2012, at Mercy Regional Medical Center, Lorain.

She was born on December 24th, 1932 in Clinchco, Virginia. She lived in the Lorain and Amherst areas since 1959. Eva was a member of Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church. She was an avid cook and enjoyed trying out new recipes. Eva also enjoyed crocheting, watching old westerns, and loved dogs

Eva is survived by her husband, Elmer G. Edwards. They were married in 1950, and would have been married for 62 years, on May 12th. She is also survived by her daughters; Cathy Duncan of Lorain and Deborah (Balazs) Nagy, of Amherst, her 2 grandchildren; Kimberly Duncan of Lorain and Michael Duncan of PA, and her brother, Samuel (Delsi) Viers of Lorain. She was preceded in death by her parents: Everett and Vernie T. (nee Deel) Viers.

Obituary was written by her two daughters, Cathy and Deborah, and her granddaughter Kimberly.



Eva Faye Edwards

## SUSIE A. HALE

What a blessing to have a mother like ours. Susie A. Hale, 67, Langsville, OH passed away unexpectedly in her home on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. She was a devoted wife and mother who will be missed beyond any description of words. She married Claude Hale on Aug. 17, 1963, in Chicago, IL, and he survives with four children: Sandra (William) Holcomb, Albany, OH, Angela (James) White, Pomona, CA, Claude (Lauren) Hale II, Laurel, MD, James Hale, Langsville, OH; four grandchildren: Kara Holcomb, Kimbralin Holcomb, William A. Holcomb, and Brianna Hale.

She was an active member of Maggie's Home Old Regular Baptist Church and dearly loved her brothers and sisters there. When she wasn't at church, Mom loved being with her family and loved to sew.

Today when I see something she has made, it reminds me of Mom's quiet strength. Each thread carefully woven together to make a meek cloth strong. This is how I would describe my mom. Strong. With dad having to work away from home, mom wove love and respect within us children for dad and one another, thus keeping our family secure and sacred. Mom was always there for us.

Not only was she strong, but she was kind, humble and loving. Hardly a day would go by that we didn't call and talk to mom. Her quiet nature made her a world-class listener and confidant to all that knew her- family and friends. Such sincerity is a trait that is often lost in this materialistic world, but Mom was always genuine. We loved that about her.

Through her everyday life she showed us the importance of love. She loved with her whole heart, she worshiped the Lord with her whole heart and she gave her all. Words can't express how deeply we miss her nor how grateful we are that she was our mother.

Written by Susie's children



Susie A. Hale



## GOSHEN HALL

May 3, 1925 to November 7, 2009

With great sadness and long overdue, we write this about our dear, wonderful, sweet mother.

She was born to the late Jethro And Rosa "Doll" Meade Hall. She had two brothers, Cornelius and Claude Hall. Five sisters, Mary and Delphia Hall, Luly Johnson, Marie Martin, and Anna Hampton. All are deceased. She was married to the late William Riley Hall on March 26, 1947. They had four sons, Atlas Dean (deceased), Bobby Wayne, Riley Van, Avery Dewey Jethro, and one daughter Joy Denise Kistler. Together at the time she had 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.



Goshen Hall

She always lived her life for God and joined the Little Bethel Church of Green Springs, Ohio on November 2, 1980. She loved her brothers and sisters of the church dearly.

Mom was very proud and honored of her Scottish heritage. She always said that everyone should know where they came from and how they got to America. She has taught and told us a lot about it. She was a charter member of the Scottish Clan Hall Society. She loved to talk to everyone about it.

Her interests and hobbies were quilting, sewing, gardening vegetables as well as flowers (she had a green thumb), reading, puzzles, cooking, canning, freezing, and any kind of work. She liked to stay busy. Mom taught us kids about the love of God and family, respect, strength, and courage. She was the rock of our family. We miss her so very dearly each and every day of our lives. We pray to join her with God and her new family when we leave this earth.

Written by her children, Bobby, Riley, Avery, and Joy

## ELDER ALBERT H. HAMILTON

May 9, 1926 to January 30, 2012

I can say many things about Brother Albert. He was a good husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. He was a good brother, and uncle and friend, but the best thing I can say was he was a child of God, a gifted minister and a wonderful brother in Christ.

He let his light shine and was an inspiration and example for others to follow. Elder Albert Hamilton, 85 of Green Cove Springs, FL entered into the gates of heaven on Jan. 30, 2012. He was born on May 9, 1926 to the late James and Molly Tucker Hamilton and was one of 10 children. He grew up in the hills of Pike County, Eastern Kentucky and as a young man felt the responsibility to join the United States Army to defend our country in WW2.



Elder Albert H. Hamilton

He served his country honorably and participated in many major battles, including the Battle of the Bulge. He served under Patton and at one point he was the driver of General Patton's jeep. One day he was sick and another soldier replaced him driving Patton, that soldier was killed that day, had Albert been driving he may have been killed instead. The Lord had plans for him and he knew he was going to be a strong soldier for the Lord.

He came home from the war and in 1946 married the love of his life, Mabel Ratliff, and for 65 years they remained together through thick and thin, good times and bad and the birth and raising of 7 children. Albert was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Tom and Charlie



Hamilton, his sister, Sister Sally Ratliff and son-in-laws, Raymond Jerousek and James Richards. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Mabel Hamilton, children Phyllis Jerousek, Shelby Richards, Harold Hamilton, Alice (Edward) Wallen, James (Julia) Hamilton, Charles (Denise) Hamilton, and Molly (David) Rice. Brothers and sisters, Pattie June (Chester) Davis, Franklin D. Hamilton, Reba Gay Hamilton, Della Faye Hamilton and Bobby Ray (Angel) Hamilton: 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren and numerous special nieces and nephews.

His brothers and sisters in the Lord has to also be listed especially the Little Melrose Church. After the war and marriage he worked for a few years in the coal mines of KY before going to Ohio for work and there he lived and raised his family until retiring and moving to Florida. About 1957 he repented and joined the Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Lorraine, Ohio. He felt the call to the ministry and was ordained a little while later. Later on he moved his membership to the Pilgrims Home Church in Ruggles, Ohio, where he served as the moderator for many years, until his move to Florida. In Florida he served the Little Ruth and then the Star of Bethlehem of the Union Association. In 1995 he brought his letter to the Little Melrose of the Northern New Salem Association where he was serving as Assistant Moderator at the time of his death. Brother Albert liked to tell on Sister Mabel. When he joined the church she gave him 2 weeks and he always said he was still working on his two weeks, well he has finally completed his two weeks and is reaping his reward. There are very few dedicated to the church as Brother Albert. His savior and his church was always first, and everything else after.

He attended church every Saturday and Sunday he was able and sometimes when he wasn't able, He was at church the weekend before his death and even attended the baptism of a dear old friend.

Children I know it is hard to give Daddy up but he is out of pain and not gasping for every breath, he won't have to carry that oxygen tank anymore. He lead good life before you and taught you the right way to go. He would want me to tell you to repent if you want to see Daddy again.

Written by your humble servant, Elder Doug McCarty

### LEONARD AND MARIE HOGSTON

Leonard Hogston of Bedford, OH, died peacefully in his sleep on October 24, 2011. On the morning he went home to be with the Lord he was 76. Dad was born in Grundy, VA, on September 1, 1935 to Earl and Flossie Hogston. In 1970, he married Marie Keen of Hurley, VA, whom he loved and cherished for more than 40 years.

He was a loving father of David and Mark, (Mark's wife Lora), and his precious daughter Mary Rebecca Baird. A devoted grandfather to Jerry and Virginia Hogston, and Skylar Baird; and a dear brother of Edison Hogston and Martha Butcher. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Mary, brother Leon and sisters Loraine Bunch and Ruby Blythe.

Proud to be a preacher's son, he was baptized in the Old Regular Baptist church in Home Creek, VA, before moving his membership to Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, OH. Dad grew up just down the road a bit from the church where his dad preached, and he always talked about how on Sunday's he would cook dinner and help entertain the church members when they would come in. He read the Bible every day and did his best to live by those teachings. If the weather was good, he would be outside under the shade of a tree with his Bible. He loved to talk about religion more than anything.

Dad started working young, and kept working until he was 74, first as a coal miner, then retiring from Chrysler with 45 years seniority. His life revolved around work and family.



Leonard and Marie Hogston

When his family needed him, he was there for us. When mom was sick, he took care of her, getting up in the middle of the night to help her, no matter how many times she called for him.

Dad was a happy person, and had a child-like way of looking at the world and of forgiving people. He called himself a child, and far as he was concerned, his Father in Heaven would take care of everything, so he didn't worry much about anything. Dad had very few worries, because he had so much faith.

One month to the day after dad died, Marie (Keen) Hogston, also entered into rest, on Thanksgiving day, November 24, 2011. Mom was 70. Born in Paynesville, WVA, on April 7, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Mary (Stacy) and Lonzo Keen. For over 40 years she was a faithful wife to dad, and she was a loving mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

Preceded in death by daughter Mary, husband Leonard, and sisters Dora Keen and Martha Looney, and her brother Leonard Keen, she is survived by sisters Deena M. Dawson, Flora McCoy, Betty Hibbitts, and Ethel McClanahan, and brother Robert Keen.

After growing up in Hurley, VA, she moved to Ohio to start a new life with dad. A homemaker, she loved her family more than anything and made many sacrifices to take care of us. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was a kind, generous and gentle soul and no one can ever take her place.

Mom endured health issues for many years, starting in the late 90's when she had small strokes and her health began to slowly decline. She had been in and out of nursing homes several times. Mom was always glad to see the members of her church when they came to visit her. It brought such comfort to her. Each time she got sick, she fought her way back and got better. She was a strong person. It's a comfort knowing she will never have to suffer again.

Now, mom and dad are together forever.

Bro. Leonard will be missed by his church family. He was a faithful and loving Christian man.

His family will miss him greatly. He was such a good caretaker of his sick wife. He worked hard and cared for his family and loved them all so dearly.

Bro. Leonard is now resting in the Paradise of God's care. We all know that his wishes would be that all his family would come to know God and when it's time; they could join him in that beautiful and blessed forever place called heaven.

Written by their son, David Hogston and Sister Patsy Newsome.

### **ROSIE M. JONES**

It is with loving and precious memories that I try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Rosie Marie Jones. Mom was born September 14, 1924 in Vicco, Perry County, Kentucky to Taylor and Allie (Combs) Feltner. Mom passed from this life on December 2, 2011 at the Wabash Skilled Care Center in Wabash, IN. Her stay here on earth was 87 years, 2 months, and 18 days.

Mom married Elmer Everidge on May 6, 1942 and to his union was born one son, Elmer Everidge, Jr. She later married R.B. Jones on October 27, 1944 by Elder George Hagans. From this union Mom was blessed with five children: four sons (R.C., Delmer, Fred and Dana) and one daughter (Ruby). Mom was preceded in death by her husband, R.B., and 3 sons (R.C., Dana, and Elmer, Jr.). Left to mourn her passing are Fred (Jayne) Jones of Wabash, IN Delmer (Della) Jones of Georgetown, KY, and Ruby (Paul)

Hempy of Prospect, OH. Also left to mourn her passing are a daughter-in-law, Melody Jones of Lincolnville, IN, 16 grandchildren. 40 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren. Mom was retired from General Tire and Rubber in Wabash, IN.



**Rosie M. Jones**

Mom gave her hand and became a member of the Little Home Old Regular Baptist Church of the Old Indian Bottom Association the first Sunday in November, 1948 and was baptized by the late Elders George Hagans and London Francis. After 50 years, Mom moved her letter to the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church of the Northern New Salem Association the first Saturday in November, 1998. She remained there and attended whenever she could until her death. Mom was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over 63 years.

I believe Grandma loved the old time way, and what the Old Regular Baptist stood for. She loved her Brothers and Sisters in the Church and she loved good old fashioned singing and preaching. Grandma stood firm on the promises of God. She was never ashamed of the Lord. Grandma was a light to the world and I believe she lived her life as a witness to those around her. I believe that Grandma left this old troublesome world shouting praises to Jesus and is now resting around the throne of God waiting for that glorious Resurrection morning.

Children, be good to one another and contend for the faith that was given unto the Saints as Grandma did while she was living. Stand firm on the good and solid promises of God. I believe that Grandma has laid her armor down and gone to be with Jesus, whom she loved so much.

Written by her son and Brother in Christ,  
Fred Jones and her grandson, Steven R.B. Jones

### **RUBEL HAMILTON KENT**

With the help of my sweet Lord, I will try to write an obituary for my dear mother. She passed from this earthly home, to her heavenly home on June 14th, 2012. Mom was born on July 12th 1925 in Pike County, Kentucky; eldest daughter of the late Elder Anthony and Lovel Hamilton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Okie Kent, a son, Robert, a daughter, Gloria, and a granddaughter, Anna Jewell Fortner. Also preceding her was her brother, Russell Lee Hamilton.

She leaves behind four daughters: Shirley (David) Stiffler, Myra (Johnny) Shepherd, Lovel (Ben) Clay, all of Thurman, Ohio and Brenda (Mike) Fortner of Oak Hill, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are 3 brothers: Roy (Louise) Hamilton of Lancaster, Ohio; Robert (Bonnie) Hamilton of Vinton, Ohio; and Ray (Beatrice) Hamilton of South Rockwood, Michigan; 2 sisters, Jewel (Sam, deceased) Franks of Grove City, Ohio and Dallie (Hank) Forgey of Thurman, Ohio.

Mom joined the Church on May 28th, 1955. She was a faithful member of the Little Flock Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ray, Ohio. She loved going to church and also loved people. She seemed to never meet a stranger. If she didn't know you at first glance, she would know you by the time she was finished talking to you.

Her last day in the hospital, I watched her throw her hands up in the air and say, "My King my King, You're my all and all". Her last words on earth that I heard her say to the ones gathered around her bedside was "It pays to be good".

Before her last breath, a white feather passed by her hospital window. I am sure it was a sign from heaven above to let us know she was at peace.

How I loved her and miss her. It's so hard to let her go, but knowing she is wrapped in our Lord's arms, gives me comfort. I am hoping some bright sweet morning I will be able to take my heavenly flight, and sleep alongside of my beautiful mother. I love you with all my heart.

Written by your daughter, Lovel Clay



**Rubel Hamilton Kent**



## CLIFFORD J. LOONEY

With much love, many precious memories and the help of the good Lord, I will try to write a eulogy of my beloved husband, father and grandfather, Cliff Looney.

Cliff was born on August 6th, 1939 in Elkhorn City, Kentucky. He was the 7th son and the 9th child out of 11, born to James Munroe and Belva Looney. He left his family and friends to be with the Lord on November 6th, 2011.

Cliff and I married on June 1, 1957 in Mansfield, Ohio where we spent our lifetime raising our 4 children: Jack Looney, Linda Duda, Connie Decker, and Ronald Looney. He is survived by his wife; Beverly, his children, 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters and 2 brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents and 5 brothers.

Cliff worked 36 years at General Motors in Mansfield, Ohio before retiring in 1993. He was an avid outdoors man. He loved to go hunting, fishing, camping, and boating. He also loved to work in his garden and keep his yard looking beautiful. Most of all he loved to spend time with his family.

As Cliff was growing up he was raised in the Old Regular Baptist Church and always keeping his faith along with enjoying his time with his brothers and sisters of the church, always made him happy. Cliff joined the Old Regular Baptist in June 2011 and was baptized there. He became a member of Eternal Rose Church recently and he enjoyed reading his Bible daily.

I will truly miss him. He was my husband for 54 years and my best friend for 56 years. He was a loving father and a great provider to our children. I know he is in a better place with the Lord and where there is no pain.

Sadly missed by wife Beverly, Sister-in-law Terri, children and grandchildren



Clifford J. Looney

## PATRICIA AMELIA (BRADLEY) MOORE

With loving memories we write this obituary to remember our sister, wife, mother, and friend, Pat. There is unspeakable sadness in our hearts and a void in our lives because we have lost someone we dearly loved and treasured. Yet, we have joy and comfort knowing she is no longer suffering in pain and battling illness, for she is rejoicing with the Lord.

Pat was born on September 4, 1941, to the late Paul and Ruby Jane (Gearhart) Bradley in Hammond, Indiana. After living with illness and injury for 25 years, she joined the Lord on May 29, 2011, at her home in Johnsville, Ohio. During her last days, Pat was surrounded by her loving family who felt blessed to care for her as she prepared to make her peaceful journey home to heaven.

On February 15, 1958, she married John W. Moore in Lawton, Kentucky, and they shared 54 dedicated and loving years together. She loved him dearly and they were blessed with four children, Jennifer (Artemio) Avecilla of Mansfield, Ohio; John (Julie) Moore of Muncie, Indiana; Jeremy (Shanna) Moore of Hartford City, Indiana; and Pam (Doug) Madore of Mansfield, Ohio. She was a very loving and special grandmother to her 11 grandchildren whom she was so proud. Her grandchildren Seth, Zachary, Joshua, and Sarah Moore of Muncie, Indiana; Nicholas, Aaron, and Ryan Moore of Hartford City, Indiana; and Brittney, Andrew, Rachel, and Elisabeth Madore of Mansfield, Ohio; loved her and have so many memories to share. She enriched their lives for a lifetime by teaching them human compassion and understanding of others facing physical disabilities.



Patricia Amelia (Bradley) Moore



Pat had a passion for life and enjoyed everyone's company. She dedicated herself to her husband, family, friends and church. Pat was an excellent homemaker who enjoyed cooking, canning, gardening, and finding a bargain at a yard sale. She always looked forward to spending time with her family and friends, while making everyone feel welcome and comfortable in her home. As well, she impressed upon us all that your family and your relationship with the Lord are of greatest importance. She joined the Little Ruth Church, Marengo, Ohio, in 1986, and always treasures her church brothers and sisters. During her last years of life she was physically incapable of attending church, yet her relationship with the Lord was strong and steadfast, and she remained a faithful church member until her death.

She was an incredible loving person who touched the lives of many with her outgoing personality, smile, and laughter that can never be replaced nor will be forgotten. Pat will be nearly missed by all, but we find comfort in knowing that we will meet again in Jesus' arms in Heaven's beauty.

Written by her husband, John Moore and her children

God saw she was tired, A cure was not meant to be. So he put his arms around her and whispered, "Come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched her suffer, and saw her fade away. Although we love her dearly, we would not make her stay. A golden heart shaped beating. Hard-working hands laid to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, that he only takes the best.

- Author unknown

### ROSE ANN ROBINETTE

Rose Ann Maynard Robinette was born January 6, 1931 at Heenon, Pike County Kentucky, to the late Roland and Brookley Taylor Maynard. She departed this life suddenly on June 6, 2012.

Mom married Samuel Eugene Robinette August 4, 1956, who preceded her in death November 1, 2003. To this union was born three children, one girl and two boys. Erma Walderine Naylor and Steve Edwin Robinette, both of Michigan. Stanton Eric Robinette who passed away in 1987.

Mom had nine grandchildren, Andrew David Eastin, Angela Dawn (Benny) Jones, and Terri Jeanne Scott all of Tennessee. Jessica Rae (Craig) Hample, Kristen Lea Naylor, Shane Evrett Robinette, Seth Elden Robinette, Shannon Marie Robinette, Sheldon Eric Robinette and Sheldon's two half sisters, Autumn Rae Westfall and Savannah Shea Westfall, whom she dearly loved and they called her Grandma, all of Michigan. She had 4 great-grandchildren, Xander, Samuel, Nathaniel, and Rylie.

Mom moved to Michigan in 1966. She babysat in her home with two to six kids for over eleven years. Mom enjoyed gardening, freezing and canning what she grew, and quilting. She especially like to cook for large groups and on Sunday would invite everyone to her house for dinner after church.

Mom joined the Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church in the Northern New Salem Association in Romeo, Michigan in 1969, and became a Deacon's wife in 1971. She then took her letter to the Little White Stone Church in Union Association in Dundee, Michigan in 1997 where she remained as a Deacon's wife until her death.

She loved the Lord, the church and her family.



Rose Ann Robinette

Written by her loving family

## LOWELL THORNSBERRY

This is the hardest task I have ever undertaken, but with the Lord's help I will write my husband's obituary. Lowell Thornsberry at the age of 60 passed away on Monday, July 23, 2012 at Crestwood Care Center in Shelby, Ohio after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on September 12, 1951 in Lackey, Kentucky to the late Arthur and Queenie Thornsberry. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judy Thornsberry, one daughter, Angela (Vernon) Blanton, two granddaughters, Lacy Marie Blanton and Jerica Blanton, one great-grandson, Taylor Longhorn, six sisters, Peggy (Nelson) Craft of Hindman, Ky., Lora (Bobby) Click of Corinth, Ky., Delorise Thornsberry of David, Ky., Judy Slone of Wayland, Ky., Willa Thornsberry of Kite, Ky. Melissa (Walter) Sexton of Topmost, Ky., and four brothers, twin brother Dowell (Jeannie), James (Robin), Effort (Jackie), and Deffort (Patsy) Thornsberry all of Kite, Ky. Lowell considered the Cartys his extended family, he would say he was their adopted son without the official papers.



Lowell Thornsberry

Lowell leaves a host of loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends to mourn his loss; a special niece and nephews, Jeannie, Paul and Junior; also the baby-sitting kids: Ryan, Melissa, and Katie. . . Who he loved as his very own children. He is preceded in death by our baby daughter, Loretta Faye, his mother and father, Arthur and Queenie Thornsberry, a brother, Jerry Thornsberry and two nephews, Darin and Jerry Dowell Thornsberry.

Lowell was a graduate of Knott County High School and resided in Shelby, Ohio since 1969. He was employed at Copperweld-Shelby Division for 35 years. He was hired on his 18th birthday, continued to work until he became disabled, and retired in 2004. Lowell may have moved away from Kentucky and gained a Buckeye accent but he never lost his Hillbilly heart!

Lowell loved to go fishing with the neighborhood kids and family. He loved playing basketball and teaching kids the importance of being a good sport. Working in his garden was a great joy to him. He enjoyed going to Kentucky to visit our families, relaxing with his cats and dogs, and attending the Old Regular Baptist Churches.

Lowell was a member of Little Rebecca Church and served as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. He joined the church and was baptized the third Sunday in December of 2005. He loved the church very much and was able to take communion with them from his sick bed the day before he died. He enjoyed his visitors and said it was worth being sick just to see all his friends and family come in.

When we were told that he had cancer; Lowell just said, "That's ok, I have a better home to go to!" He prayed from his hospital bed, "Jesus be there to welcome me home with open arms!" We believe that is just what happened Monday afternoon when he closed his eyes and took his last breath. (Matthew 25:21 - "His lord unto him, Well done thy good and faithful servant; Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.") In closing, rest on now dad; you'll have no more pain . . . you're cancer free! We love and miss you very much. Through God's grace and mercy, we hope to see you again!

The family has requested a Memorial Service for Brother Lowell to be held on Saturday evening, June 29 & Sunday morning June 30, 2013 at Little Rebecca Church with the following ministers to be called: Joe Gibson, Dennis Elkins, Scottie Hamilton, Chucky Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Buddy and Dan Carty.

Written with love by his wife, Judy Thornsberry  
and niece Jeannie (Manuel) Gaardsmoe

## JOHN MORGAN TURNER

December 15, 1920 to February 18, 2012

With sadness, we try to write the obituary of our beloved dad, husband, grandparent, and brother, John Morgan Turner. He was born in Wayland, Kentucky along with 9 other brothers and sisters, whom were all very close to each other.

He was married to Mary Ruth Edmonds for over 60 years. Together they had 6 children, Charles Edmond, Brenda Gail, Joel Morgan, James Alvin, Emma Jay, and Mary Elizabeth, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Everyone looked up to him and loved him very much. He enjoyed visiting everyone, talking and sharing a meal. He especially loved sharing bible stories with the children. He is missed so much by all of us.



John Morgan Turner

John loved attending his church, Little Family, and visiting with his brothers and sisters in Christ.

One thing he loved was having a vegetable garden every summer. He always put out more than enough so he could share it with everyone. He tended his garden every day and there were no weeds. He had the prettiest garden around.

Some of us feel like John gave up after his wife Mary Ruth passed away on September 5, 2011. Just 5 months later, when none of us were expecting it, John went quickly. He is greatly missed by all of us.

John had so much love in his heart for everyone. Every time he saw any of us, he would give us a big hug and kiss. He was so soft hearted and would tear up about anything sad on the news, especially when it involved children. This shows the love and compassion he shared for all people and what a good person he was.

His son, Charles, passed away 5 months after his dad on July 9, 2012. It would have been so hard on John to have to bury his son.

John is missed so much and every day by his family.

Written by his son, Jamie and daughter-in-law, Debi, with all our love

## HAGAR CANTON TUTTLE

At age 68 he passed Thursday, November 10, 2011 at his home following an extended illness. He was born December 18, 1942 in Kite, Kentucky, the son of Henry and Lillie (Thornsberry) Tuttle. Mr. Tuttle came to Michigan in 1963 and was employed by Ford Motor Company, Michigan Truck plant, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

He was know as a man of faith. Survivors include: his loving wife of 31 years, Candace; four children, Timothy (Yadie) Tuttle of Texas, James (Darla) Tuttle of Plymouth, Charles (Erica) Tuttle of Lincoln Park, Michigan and Jennifer Carrier of Westland; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Hargis (Bobbie) and Harold (Rosetta) Tuttle; four sisters, Hester (Lonnie) Gregory, Afojean (Jimmy) Jacobs, Sharon (Mike) Walters and Selenda (Billy) Hamm; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Jody and two sisters Clenentina Thornsberry and Clovia Calhoun.



Hagar Canton Tuttle

His loving wife, Candace



## SISTER ETHEL TUTTLE

With the help of the Good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my wife, Sister Ethel Tuttle. She was born June 10, 1934 in Wheelright, KY, to Cleveland and Dorothy (Johnson) Caudill. She had 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Her brother Art Caudill lives in Attica, Ohio and brothers Kenny and Bo are deceased. Ethel's sister Jean Morgan lives in Norwalk, Ohio and sisters Bethel Bryant and Grethel Pitsenberger are deceased. She married Bro. Charles Thornsberry at a young age and they were married 44 years. Bro. Charles went home, I believe with Jesus, in 1994. Ethel and Charles had 2 children, Phyllis Thornsberry Withrow of Lorain and Randy Thornsberry of Michigan City, Indiana. Ethel had 3 step children Janet Hawblitz, Teresa Rose and Terry Tuttle.



Sister Ethel Tuttle

Ethel liked bowling in her younger years and later she liked to quilt but loved to talk about her children and grandchildren and loved it when they visited or called.

Sister Ethel and I got married February 4, 1995. She joined the Little Rebecca Church in 1995. We lived a happy life. We both had a lot of sickness but, with the help of the Good Lord we were together when He came and got her on the 28th of October 2011. She stayed most of 2010 in the hospital but with the help of the Good Lord and my children Janet, Teresa, and Terry and their families and my brothers Chester and Willard and their wives Betty and Charlotte we were able to get her to the hospital and appointments and to visit her in the hospital everyday. I miss her so much.

Ethel had 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. I have 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren and she claimed them all. They all called her grandma and she loved it. When we got married she said lets pray God will give us a few years together. He gave us 15 years together. All I can say is Thank the Lord for those years. I hope we will meet in Heaven. I believe we will.

Written by her broken hearted husband, Arthur Tuttle. I miss her so much.

## ELDER ROBERT WALLEN

With the help of the Lord I will try to write an obituary of my dad Elder Robert Wallen. He was a brother-dad-husband-and grandpa. He was born in Floyd County Kentucky on January 11, 1929. Dad was the eldest of three children born to the late Ernest and Eliza Wallen.

Dad met and married the love of his life on December 26, 1946, Mary Ellen (Adkins) Wallen they were together for 65 years and one day. To this union was born 6 children of which 4 are still living - Eddie Wallen and Alice of Rochester, Ohio, Roxie Hamilton and Danny of Nova Ohio, Bobby Wallen and Janice of New London, Ohio, Sue Prelipp and Jack of New London, Our dad is also survived by one sister Roxie Nichols and Gene of Rochester Ohio, one Aunt Sally Williams of Shelby, Ohio. He had 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren.



Elder Robert Wallen

Dad was preceded in death by his parents Earnest and Eliza (Shephard) Wallen, his brother Joe Wallen, two daughters Diane Wallen, JoAnn Hunter and a great-granddaughter, Angel Marie Wallace. Dad talked many times about how he felt the Lord forgive him of his sins down in a ditch along side the railroad tracks. Dad joined the church and was baptized on the odd Sunday in May 1961, he took his membership to the Little Pilgrims Home Church and there it remains to this day. Dad served the church in many ways. I think he held every office we have.

After coming to the church dad felt another calling. It was to the ministry. In 1971 he was ordained as a minister in the church. After being ordained he served as moderator of The Little



Pilgrims Home Church for 32 years. Traveling about the different churches and preaching repentance to many people.

As we gather together to weep and mourn let's celebrate his life and his death. I believe they both have a cause. Let's remember to be happy for him, his pain and suffering are gone. He's at rest now. He has gone home. In the book of Psalms 116 verse 15 it reads like this: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints. I know we'll all miss him but we have many good memories and let us continue to make more. He is with us in our hearts. For he is just gone away with a friend. And you can go too if you want. Please family trust in the Lord, we have a staff to lean on. With GOD's help we will make it through this and the days to come.

Written by his son and a brother in the Lord, Elder Eddie Wallen

### **JEROME WATTS, JR.**

The charge has fallen onto the son to compose an obituary for his father. So, as my aching soul relives his passing, while celebrating his loving memory, I shall venture to share with you a bit of the life of my daddy, Jerome Watts, Jr. Jerome Watts, Jr. was born October 30, 1929 in Garner, Kentucky to Jerome and Hester (Combs) Watts.

He passed away surrounded by his loving family, on May 23, 2012, making his stay here on this earth 82 years, 7 months and 7 days. Directly from graduating high school, dad felt a tug to wander, to "see the world a bit", and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. It was during the Korean War that he found himself stationed in Tripoli, Libya, in North Africa, and where he met a woman that would change his life forever; my mother, Mollie Aldred. God brought the two of them together, and soon love did the rest as the two of them were married.



Jerome Watts, Jr.

On return to his beloved Kentucky Mountains, they gave birth to a daughter, Yvonne Mary. Dad took a civilian job in Dayton, Ohio at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and while in Ohio my folks completed the family with the birth of myself, Dean Mitchell, and my sister Diana Lynn. Soon after settling in Ohio, dad set about looking for an Old Regular Baptist church the family could attend, and the Lord brought him to the Little Family Church in Jacksonburg-Middletown, Ohio. Brother Junior was baptized into the church in his birthday, October 30, 1961, two weeks after mom was baptized. He was a devoted member for over 50 years. He told me that no matter how he was feeling, that once he stepped through those church doors and greeted his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and the old church singing started, he felt as vital and alive as if it were his first time visiting. Mom passed away in May 2001, and dad and I began to grow real close. Dad told me he had always been a private man, and only knew how to hold things inside. And I knew different as he taught me so many things those last years together; woodworking, plumbing and electrical work, but most of all he showed me the importance of always being there for family. I still remember the look of joy that beamed over his face when talking about or seeing his grandchildren, and later his great-grandchild.

Dad was preceded in death by his wife Mollie; five children that passed away at birth; and his brothers Elder James Watts, and John Watts. Besides his children, Yvonne (Ken) Mathis, Dean M. (Patricia) Watts, and Dianna Bickford, he is survived by brothers Chester (Girdell) Watts and Leroy (June) Watts, and Sister Beulah Sturgill; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dad passed away quickly, and the pain and shock still affects me every day. He lived a good life, a simple life, directed by serving God and loving his family. We only get by on the glorious promise that God gives us that one day we may once more see him and mom again.

Written with tearful respect by his son, Dean, for his grieving family.

## ANDREW (ANDY) "BUD" WHITE

Andrew "Bud" White, 73 of Sullivan went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, June 21, 2012. After a battle with cancer, he passed away at his home surrounded by family and friends. Born in Logan, WV, on November 13, 1938 to Andrew and Eva (nee Ellis) White, Andrew grew up in Wayne County, WV. In 1957 he moved to Ohio and settled in Sullivan in 1972. Andrew worked at the Ford Motor Company in Brookpark, Ohio retiring as a General Forman. A devoted servant of the Lord, Andrew served as deacon of Pleasant View and Lily of the Valley Churches for many years. He was also a lifetime farmer and avid fisherman.



Andrew (Andy) "Bud" White

Survivors include his beloved wife of fifty-one years, Eloise (nee Maynard) White; and two sons, Dana (Tammy Lyn) of Sullivan, and Darren (Tammy Marie) of Ashland; grand-children; Michelle White, Rachel Motter (Christian), Dillion White, Darren White II, Spencer White and Hannah White. He is also survived by five brothers, Freelan White of Sullivan, Tennis (Gail) White of Wellington, Raymond (Marjetta) White of Wakeman, Tommy (Julie) White of Wayne, WV, and Don (Sharon) White of Dunlow, WV and six sisters, Myrtle Thompson of Fort Gay, WV, Sue (Garland) Wilson of Ocala, FL, Brenda (Charles) Jarvis of Rittman, Shirley (Norman) Maynard of Wayne, WV, Karen (Herman) Williamson of Dunlow, WV, and Lois (Ronnie) Little of Crum, WV. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Ava White, two brothers, Robert White and Billy Jo White and a grand-daughter, Treasure White.

Brother Andy was a proud member and faithful deacon of Pleasant View Church. He and his wife, Eloise, often visited neighboring churches and individuals who were unable to attend services. He was a gentle, hardworking, devoted man who loved his wife and family dearly. He was given to hospitality, always willing to help and did so with a bright smile. He will be deeply missed for his easy-going attitude, his godly wisdom and good advice. He brought glory to God here on earth by completing the work he was given to do. Now we look forward to meeting him again on the great and glorious day of the Lord.

Written by his loving daughter-in-law, Tammy M. White

What a friend Brother Andy was to Pleasant View Church. He was so dedicated to his job as a deacon and not long before he passed he wanted to come forward to the pulpit and declare the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was so happy that he had done what he felt God wanted him to do. He did not want to leave any stones unturned. That night was his last time to be able to be Pleasant View. We all thought that this evening was so special and Brother Andy being so very happy in the Lord, going to each person and giving them a special hug; that this seemed like a going away celebration for him and it was. Rest on dear brother in Christ, and enjoy all the pleasures God has in store for you. It will not be long until we all shall be together once again. Your dear wife, Sister Eloise, and your sons Dana (Tammy Lyn), Darren (Tammy Marie), and those precious grandchildren loved and cared for you so much. May they all dwell with you in that beautiful and blest forever place called heaven when their lives are finished here on earth.

In Christ,  
Brother Larry and Sister Patsy Newsome

## NANCY VIOLET BOYD WOJTOWICZ

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Nancy Violet Boyd Wojtowicz, age 93, of Warren, Michigan, formerly of Dana, KY, passed away Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at St. John Hospital, Warren, Michigan. She was born April 26, 1917 in Dana, KY, a daughter of the late Lewis and Hulda Howell Boyd.

Nancy was survived by one brother, Ernest Boyd of Banner, KY, one sister, Jenny Jarrell of Dana, KY, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters: Ada Wilson, Mousie Boyd, Hazel Boyd, Birdie Jarrell, and Rosie Owens. She was the former owner of Tiny's Diner Restaurant. She enjoyed cooking, shopping, and caring for her customers.

In her early years, Nancy moved to Michigan where she met and married Chester Kwiatkowski. They had a good marriage. Chester passed away in 1972. Later in life, she met and married Sylvester Wojtowicz. Syl passed away in 2007 leaving Nancy alone once again.

Nancy joined and was baptized into The Little Ida Church on June 11, 1961. She was a faithful member at the church until her death. Nancy will be membered as a kind and generous person who opened her doors to anyone in need of a place to stay or a bite to eat. She had no children, but she treated her nieces and nephews like her own. They loved Nancy very much and thought of her like a mother as well.

We love and miss you Aunt Nancy!



Nancy Violet  
Boyd Wojtowicz

Your Loving Family

## KENNETH RAY YATES

With the help of the Lord and his love I will try to write this obituary of my dear daddy, loving husband, and grandpa. Daddy went home to be with the Lord on June 17, 2010. My daddy was born in Haysi, Virginia on January 26, 1948. Daddy has left this world but thanks to the Lord above he will have everlasting life. Daddy is in Heaven with his dad and mom, Cecil and Rosie Yates, his 3 sisters, a brother and 2 brother-in-laws, and his grandparents. My dad married my mom, Gracie M. Yates on March 2, 1968. They had a love for each other their whole married life together, 42 years, 3 months and 15 days. Dad and mom had 3 children: Kenneth (Laurie) Yates, Vickie (Bill) Rollins, and Chad (Brandy) Yates. They also have 7 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

He was a member of the Little Bethel Church, Green Springs, Ohio. Daddy loved to go to church when he was able. Daddy loved the Lord. Daddy also loved to go to Virginia to see his brother and sister. Daddy also enjoyed camping and singing karaoke. Daddy loved his family and friends dearly. He always talked about when he retired, him and mom were going to travel. Well, daddy has traveled to a place where we can all join him someday thanks to the Lord above. Daddy isn't suffering anymore and I believe that if daddy could talk to us he would tell us all how beautiful heaven is and that we can all be together again someday. We always told daddy that we loved him and that we would take care of him and we did that till the end. We will all miss him very much and love him dearly. Mom told him that they would always be married and stay that way forever, and that she will be with him again someday. Daddy will always be in our hearts and thoughts forever. He was a wonderful daddy, husband, grandpa and great-grandpa. We love you dad and we will never forget you for as long as we live.

Written by his daughter, Vickie Rollins and wife, Gracie Yates



Kenneth Ray Yates



# OBITUARIES

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

### ELSTER ADKINS

With much sorrow and broken hearts full of loving memories, and with the help of our Lord we will attempt to write the obituary of Elster Adkins, our dearly beloved husband, dad, father-in-law, brother, and grandfather.

Elster was born August 16, 1938 to Perry and Brooksie Adkins at Rockhouse, Kentucky. Both parents preceded him in death. He was also preceded by three brothers, Clifford, Cecil and Reford, and one sister, Reble Laribee. Elster went home to be with Jesus April 11, 2012 making his stay here 73 years, 7 months, and 25 days. Elster married Carol (Coleman), March 15, 1958. They had a loving 54 years together.



Elster Adkins

He left to mourn his passing, his heart broken wife Carol, two sons Richie (Rene) and Kent (Terri). Elster loved our daughter-in-laws; they have always been so good to us. He also left eight grandchildren, Richard, David (Tina), Kristie (Gerald), Holli (Eric), Donald, Ray, William, and Susanna, ten great-grandchildren, Drew, Madison, Evan, Teryn, Neveah, Mackenzie, Megan, Alexis, Gabriel, and Ryan, all of Akron, Ohio. He leaves behind one brother, Cletis (Launetta) of Rockhouse, Kentucky.

Elster worked in the coal mines for 12 years before he moved his family to Ohio. He then worked in a steel plant for years before he endured a back injury and a few months later suffered a severe heart attack that left his heart permanently damaged. He loved everyone, and was loved by all that knew him. Elster never had a bad thing to say about anyone and would do anything he could for anyone. He was a hard working man; he took pride in providing for his family. He was a humble praying man of Old Regular Baptist faith. He wasn't able to go to church for a long time, for the last 13 years we cared for him at home. He suffered from a neurological disease that prevented him from walking and sometimes talking. Elster was such a good patient, he never complained about anything; he just took his life day by day trusting in the Lord. He enjoyed spending time with his family. His biggest pleasure was when the little grandchildren came to visit. He loved all the hugs and kisses and loved when the children would cuddle up to him on his lap.

He loved when people came to visit. In July 2010, Brother Kenny Robinson came to visit Elster in the hospital. He sang songs and Elster got so blessed he started crying and begging the Lord to forgive him and save his soul. Two weeks before he left us, Elster told Brother Ray Hilton that he had made peace with the Lord. It is so lonesome here without you Love. Words cannot express the sadness and loss we feel without you. We miss your sweet smile and the wonderful personality that will live on grow through your little ones.

We believe you are resting in the paradise of God and waiting for the day he will take you by the hand and welcome him home. Remember children we will all see Dad again one day soon. Jesus made a way for us all so you have to get Jesus in your hearts and in your lives. Trust in the Lord and Pray. Darling you will never be forgotten. You will always be in my heart and forever on my mind!

Written by his broken hearted wife and family.

Papaw was the best grandpa ever. Every time us kids came over he would always get so happy. I will never forget the last time I gave him a hug and kiss and also told him that I loved him. I will miss him forever. He will always be in my heart. I will love and miss him forever.

Susanna



## PERRY AND BROOKSIE ADKINS

With broken hearts and so many wonderful, beautiful, precious memories we will attempt to write the obituary of our Mom, Dad, Grandparents, and in-laws, Perry and Brooksie Adkins.

Brooksie was the daughter of the late James Justice and Frances McCoy. She was born November 19, 1915. The Lord called her home July 18, 1982 at the age of 62 years. Brooksie and Perry were married June 19, 1933, having spent 49 years together. To this union was born six children, Reble Laribee, Elster, Clifford, Cecil, and Reford have gone on to be with the Lord. Leaving to mourn her passing are one son, Cletus (Launetta), and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, daughters-in-laws, friends and relatives. Mamaw was sick most of her life but it never stopped her from taking care of her family. There was never a time that you could not go to her kitchen and find something to eat. Everyone was welcome to visit and the first thing she did was start to cook. You had to eat before you left her house. She worked so hard to raise her garden and can and put food away to last through the winters

Brooksie was a born again Christian since she was a young girl. She lived her life as so. Mamaw, there are no words to express how we love and miss you today. She was a wonderful and precious mother-in-law. Her most favorite time was when she had her family together. One sweet day we will meet you in heaven, we love you.

We love and miss you mom.

Perry was the son of the late Mose and Nancy Adkins. He was born January 3, 1911. He went home to be with the Lord January 28, 1989 at the age of 78. They were blessed with 13 grandchildren, Johnny, Larry, Richie, Kent, Cletus Ray, Robin, Lynn Chuck, Roger, Christopher, Tammy, Valery, Sonya, and Mitch and several great-children. Perry was blind at a very young age, he never got to attend school. Perry could do math in his head better than most people could do with a pencil and paper. Hard work never bothered him, he worked in the gardens, took care of his livestock, milked the cows, and helped with the canning and any other thing that he could do around the house

Perry was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He worked hard to raise his family right by giving them sound advice and taught them to be honest and respectful.

Papaw, rest in peace and one sweet day if we look to the Lord, we will meet you again

We miss and love you Dad.

Written by their lonely family



Perry and Brooksie Adkins

## CYNTHIA CAMPBELL

Cynthia L. Campbell was born October 10, 1913 at U.Z. in Letcher County, KY, to Henry Clinton and Doshie (Adams) Boatright. Her father died when she was only 4 years old. At age 16 Cynthia married Elbert D. Campbell, who died June 24, 1979.

Also preceding her in death were 2 young children, Lenora and Franklin D.; her parents; a young sister Cora; an infant brother John Disman; and 4 adult sisters Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kuhn; Lona Thacker; Gladys Boatwright; and Ocie Miles; plus a beloved granddaughter Rebecca Ann Widrig.

In 1942, after the start of World War II, Cynthia and Elbert moved their young family to Detroit, Michigan. After the war ended, the



Cynthia Campbell

family moved back to the hills of Kentucky where they lived for about 3 years before returning to Michigan, where jobs were so plentiful.

Attending church was Cynthia's greatest joy. She loved the Old Regular Baptist churches and all their members.

Late in 2009 she started losing the ability to walk, and one week after her 96th birthday had to be hospitalized. From the hospital she was admitted into Tender Care Rehab Center in Taylor for therapy. It became obvious that she would never be able to walk again. Her health continued to fail until her death Friday, August 5th, 2011, just 2 months and 5 days short of her 98th birthday.

Surviving Cynthia are 3 children: Wilma Jean Ison, Fisher, Lorene and her husband Denver Profitt; and James Elbert Campbell and his wife Fern. She leaves 7 grandchildren: James David Ison; John Daniel Ison; Kevin Douglas Profitt; Elizabeth Ann Brown; Douglas Anthony Campbell; Melinda Lee Staffeld; and Laura Jean McClure. She also leaves 16 great grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. We all miss her more than words can tell.

Written by daughter, Lorene Profitt

### **PATRICIA CAUDILL**

October 28, 1947 to February 18, 2011

Daughter-in-Law of Elder Roy and Sister Bessie Caudill. She was born October 28, 1947 in West Liberty, Kentucky to Norvil Rexford and Marie (Lykins) Denniston. She was a retired hairdresser. Patricia attended The Little Family Church of Old Regular Baptist in Jacksonburg, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her father - mother-in-law and two brothers-in-law.



**Patricia Caudill**

Patricia is survived by her husband Larry Caudill of 26 years; Mother and stepfather Marie (Hobert) White of Middletown, Ohio; Children, Catherine (Orville) Middleton; Stephen (Kimberly) Gills; Grandchildren, Bryon, Scotty, Andrew, Shawn, 4 step grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren, Brother - Joe (Linda) Denniston; of Franklin, Ohio - Sisters - Rita (Luke) Proffit of Middletown, Ohio; - Karen (John) Jackson of Monroe, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Baker - Stephens - Parramore Funeral Home. Elder Marcus Huff and Elder Paul Boggs officiating; Burial was at Butler County Memorial Park; Trenton, Ohio. Since her passing, her father-in-law Elder Roy Caudill passed away on April 30, 2011. Her stepfather Hobert White passed away December 30, 2011. She was diagnosed with brain cancer in August 2010 and had brain surgery and she lived 6 months before passing away. During her sickness some of the preachers would come to see her, and she would always have them sing and pray for her. She prayed a lot and as she got weaker she told that she was ready to go and she had a better home waiting for her and she would not be sick anymore.

Written By And Sadly Missed By Her Broken Hearted Husband

## ALBERT "TOM" COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I will attempt to write the obituary of my loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather

He was born at Regina, KY. January 28, 1939 to Willie E Coleman and Sally Ann Thacker Coleman. His mother died when he was 9 years old. He and his twin brother lived with varying family members for 2 years. When he was 11 years of age he went to live with his nephew; Frank M Coleman (Letha) Coleman. He lived with them until he was 18 years of age. At 18 years of age he came to Ohio to seek employment. He dearly loved Frank and Letha. He held them in the highest regard.

He started to work at Ford Motor Co. at the age of 18 and worked there for 30 years, until he retired.

He departed this life November 2, 2011, making his stay on earth, 72 yrs and 10 months. His last 8 yrs. or so he was very ill, because of respiratory problems caused from the asbestos and silicosis he was exposed to while working in the foundry at Fords. He married Faith Ramey Coleman in the year 1959 (We were married 52 years). To this union was born 3 sons: Thomas Randall, Steven Dale and Mark. He had 8 grandchildren 4 boys and 4 girls, 1 step grandson : Joshua Nelson.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Lanta, Arnold, Bill, Opie, John H and Charlie. Sisters: Many Louvenna (Blue) Adkins, Wanda Ann Hylton and Alifair Coleman. Left to mourn his loss: wife Faith, sons: Randy, Steve and Mark, his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brother: James D Coleman (Chig) his twin, 3 foster brothers Nolan, Roland, and Rocky. Sister: Pearl Coleman and 1 foster sister: Leisia Damron.

Tom never attached himself to any church, but only God knows the reason, but I can testify that getting to church on Sunday or whenever he could was his first priority. He would get up on Sunday to get ready for church, sometimes it would take him an hour or more to get ready, but he was determined to go. He would be so exhausted when he got home, but he felt better about having gone. He was truly devoted to the True Vine Church. He loved the church and all the people.

I could go on and on telling about Tom's goodness but I feel it is unnecessary because all the people that knew him, knew the kind of person he was and the life he lived. He was liked by all that knew him.

We will miss him terribly, but we get comfort knowing he is not struggling to breathe anymore. God is good!

Written by his broken hearted wife and sons



Albert "Tom" Coleman

## KATHLEEN "KAYE" COLEMAN

With deep and great sorrow we try to write the obituary of our dear wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Kathleen "Kaye" Coleman went home to be with the Lord, May 5, 2012. She was born February 14, 1943 in Raccoon, KY to Wheeler & Esther Ramey.

Mom battled cancer for many years but it was her time to have her complete healing on the other side of Jordan. Mom always requested Bro. Dennis Elkins to sing "I'm a Winner Either Way, If I Go or If I Stay." It gave her such strength and comfort when Bro. Dennis would sing for her. She was/is a winner because many years ago she gave her heart to the Lord and gave Him full control. She loved serving the Lord anyway she could. She was a faithful member of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church and had a special place in her heart for the True Vine Old Regular Baptist Church.



Kathleen "Kaye" Coleman



Mom was preceded in death by her parents and many precious sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, James D. "Chig" Coleman; Children: Sheila (Dale) Cross, Melissa (Cecil) Farmer, Greg Coleman. Grandchildren: Melany Hamilton, Andrew Farmer, Luke Farmer, Rebekah Farmer and Derek Peck. Step-grandchildren: Joe, Cody & Dylan Kohler. Brothers & Sisters: Leon Ramey, Faith Coleman & Carlene (Ed) Scott and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mom left a lasting testimony by the life she lived. Anyone that knew her knew the love she had for the Lord, her family and friends. Her hearts desire and prayer, even as she was lying in her death bed, was to see all her loved ones saved so she could meet them again one day.

Mom left this note that she wrote before she got so weak.

"Dear Family,

Just help each other and love each other. I love each of you more than you will ever know. God has been good to me. He gave me a good husband and father for my children. Good children and son-in-laws and wonderful grandchildren. I will meet you in heaven. Stay faithful in the work of the Lord. Mom has kept the faith and fought the fight and now I will be home with Jesus.

My verse I lived by everyday . . . (Matthew 21:22 — And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive). Reach the lost because it is a blessing to be a Christian."

-Mom

We love and miss our precious wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, but we cling to the great comfort in knowing we will be together again with her and at home with our Lord and Savior, Praise God!

#### *"Gone Where?"*

I am standing upon a seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck-white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There she is gone!"

#### *"Gone Where?"*

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at that moment when someone at my side says, "There she is gone" there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout. . .

"Here she comes!" — Henry Van Dyke

Written by her loving husband (James D. "Chig" Coleman) & children Sheila, Melissa & Greg

### **ORVILLE COLEMAN**

In loving memory of my precious father I write the obituary. Orville Coleman, 82, went home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Orville was born in Pikeville, Ky., on March 19, 1929 to Elmer and Hastie Coleman. Before retiring in 1995, Orville had worked as a mechanic for the Akron Coca-Cola Company. He loved working on automobiles and he knew them inside and out. Everyone was always coming to him with repairs or questions. Daddy loved blue grass music and enjoyed playing his guitar, which he was very good at. Orville became a Christian and gave his life to his Lord in February 2001. He was baptized at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church where he attended church. Daddy was a wonderful and loving husband and father. His love and presence is missed by all of us. We Thank God that he blessed us with so many precious memories.



Orville Coleman

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, grandson (Scotty), sisters (Barbara and Irene), brothers-in-law Gary, John, Paul, Lanta Jr., sister-in-law Linda, and several other brother and sister-in-laws of wife Pearl which he loved as if they were his own. He is survived by Pearl, his loving wife of 64 years and their children, Justine Kinney, Marlene (Wayne) Adkins, Rickey (Barbara) Coleman, Lawrence Coleman, Sally (George) Popa, and brothers Granville (Doris), Grady (Faye), Goble (Linda), sisters Dimple, Dixie (Terry), Brenda, Bonnie, Rachel, Freda (Jack), Carol (Elster), Beatrice (Paul), Burma, and Birdie (Harold), and lots of nephews and nieces that he loved each and every one. Orville and Pearl were married on November 27, 1947. The Lord blessed them with a great love for each other and for their family. They shared 5 children: Justine, Marlene, Rickey, Lawrence and Sally. They were blessed with 15 grandchildren: Michelle, Crystal (Kenny), John, Jason, James, Matt (Tina), Brandy, Sheila (Terry), Christopher (Amanda), Rickey, Scotty, Andrew, Joey, Timothy, and Twyla; and 21 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church with Grady Coleman and Rev. Cecil Farmer officiating. Orville was laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Daddy was the best father and husband anyone could ever have, God truly blessed us because daddy was the most generous, loving, gentlest, man I have ever known. He knew how to love and never failed to show us he loved us. He taught us a lot of things thru the years, but the most I pray I never forget is to love your family with all your heart and he did his. I Thank God for a wonderful Daddy and Mommy he blessed us with. We miss Daddy so much, it hurts, our lives here have been forever changed and will never be the same because he is no longer here with us. But, Praise the Lord we can be united with him again someday. If we have the love of our Lord and Savior in our hearts and we have asked the Lord to forgive our sins and come into our hearts and truly live a life for our God then thru His Love and Mercy we can all be united with Daddy and Jesus and all of our loved ones who have gone on before us, Oh what a day that will be. I'll see you again someday Daddy. I Thank God for Orville, the man he was, the husband he was and the father he was, and grandfather he was.

Written in loving memory by his daughter, Sally

### KYLIE F. DAWSON

With a sad and broken heart I will try to write an obituary of my great granddaughter Kylie Faith Dawson. She was so swiftly taken from us. She was born on Nov. 3rd, 2011 and passed away May 20th 2012. She had the most beautiful eyes and the prettiest smile I had ever seen on a baby. She leaves to mourn her parents Allie and Donnie Dawson, 2 sisters Kaydence and Madison, and 1 brother Mason. Her Grandparents Diana and Rod Feller and Grandfather Kevin Weese. Great Grandparents Danny and Roxie Hamilton, Dennis and Mona Weese, and Linda Zwally, Aunts Cassie Weese and Kaila Weese. She also had several Great Aunts and Uncles. We miss her so much. She had a special place in our hearts and always will.



Kylie F. Dawson

God must of needed another beautiful rose for his garden.

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.

To all of Kylie's family, If you want to see her again you must get right with the Lord. We love you and will always miss you Kylie.

Written by her broken hearted Great Grandmother, Sister Roxie Hamilton

He enjoyed attending Old Regular Baptist Churches especially The Rose of Sharon where his wife is a member. John never attached himself to any church as a member but we feel that he had professed a hope in Christ. He loved to read minutes from the different Regular Baptist Associations. His brother-in-law Ernest always mailed him the most recent copy of the New Salem Association minute.

John enjoyed going to car shows and loved listening to country music. It has been said that one could get a good liberal education from just reading the newspaper. John enjoyed reading about true interesting articles in his home town newspaper, The Detroit Free Press.

John and I (Palmer) lived one hundred miles from each other in Michigan. It was a pleasure when he and Elizabeth would visit us. He retired from St. Mary's Cement Company in Detroit.

John was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korea during the Korean War. John was preceded in death by four brothers. They were: Erasmus, Paul, Ranel and Elder Chester Hamilton. The sisters preceding John were: Verbal (infant) and Pauline Hamilton.

Surviving is one brother Palmer (Beatrice) Hamilton of Marshall, Michigan and two sisters: Eva Nadine (Elder Lloyd) Ray, of Xenia, Ohio and Priscilla (Ernest) Hamilton of Piketon, Ohio.

Written by his brother & sister  
Elder Palmer R. Hamilton & Priscilla Hamilton

### CLARA MAE HOLT

Clara Mae Holt, 73, of West 48th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio died Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Hospice Unit of Ashtabula County Medical Center.

She was born August 23, 1938 in Ligon, Kentucky, the daughter of Pearin and Bertha (Akers) Holt and had been an Ashtabula resident for nearly 50 years.

A graduate of McDowell High School, McDowell, Kentucky, she worked as a machine operator for Iten Industries prior to her retirement.

Clara attended Lily of the Valley Church and enjoyed collecting dolls and figurines. In spite of her physical limitations from childhood polio, she stayed very active and overcame most any obstacle or challenge presented to her. Her siblings will always remember her as a fine, sweet, nice, and wonderful sister and she was a .Calling hours were from 6 to 9 PM, Thursday, April 12th at the Lily of the Valley Church, 600 Kiwanis Park Drive, Geneva, Ohio.

Funeral Services were held at 11 AM Friday, April 13th at Lily of the Valley Church. Scott Hamilton officiated. Burial was in Ridgeview Cemetery, Ashtabula, Ohio.

We all love Clara dearly but she is in a better place with no pain and is walking on the streets of pure gold. Rest in Peace! We hope to join you soon.

Your loving brother,  
Franklin and his sons David, Jeff, Gary and Randall  
As Jesus said . . . "Come Unto Me, I Will Give You Rest."



Clara Mae Holt



## JESSILEANA HOLT

With God's Help and His Mercy, I will try to write the obituary of my Precious Loving Wife Jessileana (Keene) Holt, mother grandmother and great-grandmother. She was loved by all who knew her. Jessie was born October 31, 1935 to the late William and Hallie (Justice) Keene of Floyd County, Kentucky.

Jessileana was married to Franklin Holt on March 3rd, 1956. They were blessed with four (4) wonderful sons, David (Kathi) of Waldo, Ohio; Jeffrey of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Gary (Karen) of Hilliard, Ohio; and Randall (Angela) of Columbus, Ohio. She was a member of her church and her most precious love was our Lord Jesus Christ and she professed that love to all, both in her life and actions.



Jessileana Holt

Jessileana passed away on September 8, 2011 after an extended illness. Leaving behind to mourn her loss is her husband Franklin Holt, son's David (Kathi); Jeffery; Gary (Karen) and Randall (Angela). There are eleven (11) Grandchildren and two (2) Great-Grandchildren.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents William and Hallie Keene, three brothers (3) Earl Keene, Virl Keene, William (Junior) Keene, and two (2) sisters, siblings Lula (Keene) Tuttle, Rosie (Keene) McGuire and infant siblings Corbin Keene, Hearl Keene and Lily Keene, as well as a Granddaughter Brittany Erin Holt.

Jessie left behind one (1) surviving sister, Shirley Keene (Robert) Coldwell of Bucyrus, Ohio and one (1) brother, Herman (Lois) Keene of Willard, Ohio.

When I was in the Air Force, we travelled, with our son's, to many states, east, west, north and south for my next assignment. She was a master at packing suit cases and assisting in loading the car, always making sure the boys had food and water and made sure to take good care of their little puppy Tippy. I had Jessie's orders to stop every fifty (50) miles to seventy-five (75) miles so we all could take a break and the boys could walk their puppy.

I finally retired from the service July 31st, 1974. We settled in Plymouth, Ohio and lived there twenty-two (22) years.

Jessie went to a nursing school in Montgomery, Alabama to prepare herself to get her LPN's nursing licence. She took her state exam. However, we had to leave Alabama before she received the results of her exam. After we arrived in Plymouth, the Director of Nursing at Trenhome State Nursing School called Jessie to congratulate her because she had made the highest score ever at the school! Jessie was so pleased and happy with her achievements. So with everything in order, she went to Shelby Memorial Hospital to apply for a job. She went to work and worked 2 to 3 years there as an LPN.

She then decided to try North Central Technical College in Mansfield, Ohio for her registered Nurse's licence. She reduced her work week at the Shelby Hospital from 5 days to 2 or 3 days per week so she could attend school. She was very successful with the school and received her state RN nurse's licence and worked nineteen (19) years at the Shelby Hospital, mainly in the labor and delivery department, before her health began failing and finally forced her to retire.

Jessie mostly spent her free time gardening, canning green beans and grape juice, as well as, decorating our home. She also enjoyed ceramics, cake decorating, cross stitch, and quilting.

Jessie was a precious wife, and a wonderful devoted mother to our sons, a caring grandmother and great-grandmother to eleven (11) grandchildren and two (2) great-grandchildren. She loved each one and was proud of all of their achievements and was always happy when the family was with her, especially at holiday times.

Jessie, honey, we all love you dearly! Our home will never be the same without you. Yes, you will be MISSED. We believe you went to a better place to be with our Lord Jesus Christ. No more pain! You walk free again on those streets of Pure Gold with all the other Angels. I hope to be with you soon.

Your Loving Family,  
Franklin and sons David, Jeff, Gary and Randall

## GEORGE POPA

1929 to 2011

In loving memory of a special man I write this obituary. George Popa, 82, passed away peacefully at his residence and went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday September 13, 2011. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Bernice (Linscott); son George (Sally) Popa; grandchildren Timothy and Twyla Popa; daughter Jacqueline (Joseph) Gudel, grandchildren Natalie Gudel, Justin (Allison) Gudel, and Leanne (Alex) Tollington; great-grandsons Micah and Peter Tollington and great-granddaughter Lydia Tollington. Services were at Campfield/Hickman with Joe Gudel and Rev Cecil Farmer officiating. George was laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery in Perry County, Ohio. George was born on May 12, 1929 to Peter and Penny Popa in Akron Ohio. They were blessed with 5 children; Pete, George, Earl, Daniel, and Annie. George was preceded in death by his parents, sister and all of his brothers except Daniel. George and Bernice were married on August 6, 1950. The Lord blesses them with a great love for each other and for their family. George was a wonderful husband and father, he was a man who loved his family and took pride in them and their lives. He enjoyed his life and living. George loved knowledge and he loved learning about everything he could, and he was good at putting that knowledge to use. He was a very wise man and a joy to be around, we have a lot of precious memories of him that the Lord has blessed us with. George became a Christian several years ago and we know that he is enjoying and exploring all of Heaven now and someday thru the love and grace of our Savior we will join him there.



George Popa

George loved his country and he proudly served with the U.S. Marines from 1947 thru June 1950. He was on a carrier ship during peace time and he traveled a lot and had lots of stories to share. I Thank God for men like George who took pride in his country and loved serving her. I Thank God for George and for the man he was, for the husband he was, for the father he was, for the grandfather he was and for the Peace in knowing we will be with him again someday.

Written by daughter-in-law, Sally

## MICHELE ROBINSON

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, the Lord called home his special daughter, Michele Robinson, at the age of 46, into His loving arms where she received her perfect, healthy new body.

Michele was born and lived in Akron her entire life; and anyone who knew her, knew that she was a special light in the world. Faced with many challenges and adversities, Michele would let none of them stand in her way. She was an example of how one should live their life, never letting anyone tell her that she "can't do it". She loved as she lived, happy, ornery, loyal, caring, and giving. She never forgot a birthday and never hesitated to hug you, telling you she loved you, and reminding you just how much Jesus especially loved you. She was a hero to many people.



Michele Robinson

Preceded in death and greeting her in Heaven, were her father, Kennis L. Robinson; grandmother, Ruby Gale Walkley; and her grandparents, Leonard and Irene Robinson.

Survived by her beloved mother, Ethel Robinson; sisters, Kimberly (Larry) Blair, Laura (Travis) Baker; brothers; Kenneth (Ginger) Robinson, Randy Robinson and Chris (Jodi) Robinson; nephews and nieces, Joshua (Bryan), Jason (Amy), Jake, Alicia, CJ and Nathan; great-nephews and great-niece, Jayme, Jaycob and Kimberly. She also leaves behind her "Bestie Friend" and caregiver, Erin Martin; and "my baby", Pepper the dog; along with many other special aunts, uncles, family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Blick Clinic, Bridges, Ardmore and MRDD, especially Katherine, and all her nurses and caregivers for the special attention, love and care they gave to Michele.

With love, The family

### LINDA LEE WILLIAMS

Linda Lee (Copen) Williams, 73 of Barberton, Ohio and formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, born March 2, 1939, died Wednesday, March 21, 2012 peacefully at Windsong Care Center in Akron, Ohio after a 4 year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS was a diagnosis Linda first refused to accept, and when she did acknowledge her illness she battled it with dignity, living longer than is expected for those suffering from this disease. Many say she held on through her sheer will to live. This will is known in her family as (Copen bull-headedness) and all agree that she always possessed this in spades.



Linda Lee Williams

Linda worked hard every day of her life. She loved life and was always on the go, rarely ever seen sitting down or idle. Linda was employed in various capacities in her lifetime, spending her early years as a homemaker and doing light industrial work, and in her later years providing in-home care and/or housekeeping for many people and families throughout Barberton, Akron, and the rest of Summit County. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, corresponding with and spending time with friends and family. She loved and was proud of her children and grandchildren.

Linda regularly attended the True Vine Church and was a willing worker to help clean the church after Sunday dinners. She was strong in her faith and said she just wanted to go home and be with Jesus forever.

Preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Earl Williams Sr., Linda is survived by her daughter, Debra (Thomas) Pulaski of Madison, Virginia; her sons Jeffrey (Anzhela) Williams of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Michael (Melanie) Williams of Crozet, Virginia, Raymond Jr. (Judy) of Odessa, Texas and Richard Williams of Barberton, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; brother Frank (Ruth) Copen of Clinton, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family wishes to thank both Linda's friend, Elizabeth Azurin, and her sister-in-law, Joyce Copen, for the companionship and loving care they provided to Linda during her illness.

Love, The Family



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