

# OBITUARIES

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Friday, May 9, 2014

## Walter C. Ballard, 69

Walter C. Ballard, age 69, of Winchester, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, May 9, 2014.

He was born on September 13, 1944 to the late Lee Ishmael Ballard and Velma Dawson Ballard. He was retired from Rockwell International and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Walter is survived by his children: Greg Ballard of Winchester, Tina Ballard of Jacksonville, Florida; Justin Ballard of Irvine, Ryan Ballard of Winchester, Brendan Ballard (Stephanie) of Clay City, and Joann Allen (Nate) of Winchester; twelve grandchildren: Brandy McDuffard (Eddy), Brad Ballard, Madison Ballard, Alex Ballard, Jayda Ballard, Isaiah Ballard, Kaylei Ballard, Joshua Ballard, Aden Ballard, Destiny Wells, Landon Allen, and Dalton Allen; four great grandchildren: Caitlynn and Mayson McDuffard and Adrian and Addison Ballard; a sister: Dorothy Chism Ballard of Winchester; a brother:

Harold (Linda) Ballard of Winchester; four nieces: Kim Baber (Bill), Shannon Bellamy (Paul), Melissa Konte, and Angela Christopher; a nephew: Anthony Ballard (Sophie); and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ada Ballard; and a brother-in-law, Paul Leighton Chism.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 12 at Scobee Funeral Home, 219 West Lexington Avenue, Winchester. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 at the funeral home by Pastor Billy Keller and Pastor Tom Hall. Burial was in the Winchester Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ryan Ballard, Justin Ballard, Greg Ballard, Nate Allen, Anthony Ballard, Dustin Ballard, Greg Brinegar, and Ronald Brinegar.

Honorary pallbearers were Othal Dawson, Ernie Sparks, Gene Dawson, Bro. Eugene Hampton, and Angel Hatton.

<scobeefuneralhome.com>

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## Ora Lee Blackson-Thomas, 84

Ora Lee Marcum Blackson-Thomas, age 84, of White Oak Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Friday, May 9, 2014, at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

She was born October 24, 1929 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late Roosevelt and Elizabeth Tyree Marcum. She was the former owner of Allen's Grocery and a member of the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene. She worked as a volunteer at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Twin City Players, the Estill County Garden Club and served as Queen Mother of the Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Blackson-Thomas was preceded in death by her husbands, Bobby Bowles, Buster Blackson and Bill Thomas.

She is survived by her son: Tim Bowles (Linda), Irvine; three sisters: Janice Witt, Carrollton; Wanda Crouch, Estill County; and Ladonna Muncie, Madison County; one brother: Marshall Ray Marcum, Estill County; four grandchildren: Sarah Jones, Chad Bowles,



Ora Lee Blackson-Thomas

Brian Barnes and Courtney Barnes; and four great grandchildren: Alex Jones, Grace Jones, Ben Jones and Kaylee Barnes.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Ann Meyers.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 at the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene by Rev. Rob Steinbrook and Rev. Bob Mills. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Monday, May 12 at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home and after 12 Noon, Tuesday, at the Church.

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Sunday, May 11, 2014

## Leon Covey, 61



Leon Covey

Leon Covey, age 61, husband of Teresa Mae Tipton Covey, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2014, at his home, after a long illness.

He was a native of Middletown, Ohio; born May 15, 1952, a son of Florence Gray Covey and the late Almessa Covey. He was a retired carpenter and a member of the Turning Point Apostolic Church. He was a United States Army veteran.

Mr. Covey was preceded in death by a brother Paul W. "Pete" Covey.

Survivors other than his wife Teresa include his sons: James Leon Covey, Chris Covey (Darla), John Covey, Matthew Covey (Emeli), and Almessa Covey; his daughter, Leona Covey; his grandchildren: Alexander Covey, Riley Covey, Oliver Covey, and Ariana Covey; his brothers: Al Covey (Wilma), Coleman Covey, and Gary Covey (Stella); his sisters: Diana Frymyer, Sherry Covey, Pam Brandenburg (Jerry), Leatha Burger (James), Carolyn Covey, and Magdalene Embs; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 16th at the Turning Point Apostolic Church with Bro. Larry McIntosh officiating. Burial will follow in the Covey Family Cemetery. Friends may call anytime after 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15th at the Lewis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be James Leon Covey, Chris Covey, Robert Tipton, Steven Tipton, Dewayne Covey, and Johnny Covey.

Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Proffitt, Tyler Sparks, and Timmy Parker.

<lewisfh.com>

Saturday, May 10, 2014

## James M. Cox, Jr., 85



James M. Cox Jr.

KSP Capt., ret., James Madison "Jimmy" Cox Jr., age 85, a resident of the Irvine, Kentucky, Health and Rehabilitation Center died on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester.

Jim was born in Ravenna, Kentucky, to James Madison and Pearl Barger Cox. Two brothers, J.L. Cox of Louisville and Jewett Cox of Irvine, predeceased Mr. Cox. He was married to Juanita Winn of Irvine (they divorced in 1982). One son, Keith Madison Cox; and one grandson, Madison Alexander Cox; also predeceased Jim.

He is survived by one son, Charles Winn Cox (Beth); and one daughter, Jamee Barton (Larry). He has six surviving grandchildren, Charlie Cox, Chad Cox, Daniel Wells, Lexie Cox, Andrew and Heath Barton.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War, and received the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the UN Service Medal, and the Korean Service Ribbon (1 Star). He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Richmond, the American Legion, and

the First Church of Nazarene in Irvine.

Mr. Cox retired from the Kentucky State Police as a Captain and worked for many years at Eastern Kentucky University in the Bureau of Training for law enforcement officials.

A memorial service will be held at Oldham, Roberts, and Powell Funeral Home, 1110 Barnes Mill Road in Richmond, on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Masonic service at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene, 530 Main Street, Ravenna, KY 40472.

<orpffh.com>

Monday, May 5, 2014

## Meridith J. Dunaway, 74



Meridith Dunaway

Meridith J. Dunaway, age 74, of West Elkton, Ohio; passed away on Monday, May 5, 2014 at Sycamore Hospital.

She was born on July 29, 1939 in Estill County, Kentucky, to the late Elmer and Lillian (Estes) Todd. Also preceding her in death is her husband, Millard T. "Dude" Dunaway (2008).

Mrs. Dunaway is survived by her children: Sherill Belvo (Jeff Simpson) of Carlisle, Ohio; Darlene Rhodes (Jerry) of West Elkton, Ohio; Billy Dunaway of Cincinnati, and James Morgan (Brenda) of Lexington; grandchildren: Daniel Belvo (Jennifer), Rebecca Belvo (Kris Johnson), David Belvo (Jolene), Samuel Belvo (Heather), Russell Rhodes (Chelsea), Amber Harris (John), Jamie Hocker (Josh); great-grandchildren, Joseph, Calliegh, Jenson, Tyler, Ellie, Riley, Caiden, Joshlynn, Eric, Jameson, JC, Morgan, Brendan, and Mariah; siblings: DL Todd (Phyllis), Melba Bush, both of Irvine; and Darrell Todd (Pam) of Richmond, Kentucky; and many other extended family and friends.

Meridith was a 1957 grad-

uate of Irvine High School and worked as a housekeeper at Christel Manor. She was a member of the Miamisburg First Church of the Nazarene. Meridith was a foster parent to over 60 children and enjoyed cooking, canning and gardening.

Family received friends from 12:00 Noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Gebhart-Schmidt-Parramore Funeral Home, 508 East Linden Avenue, Miamisburg, Ohio; followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. with Rev. Bob Herdman officiating. Interment followed at Highland Memorial Cemetery, Miamisburg.

<gebhartschmidtparramore.com>

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

## Obie Jarrod Lee Noland, 26

Obie Jarrod Lee Noland, age 26, of Hudson Avenue in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at his home.

He was born August 27, 1987 in Lexington and was the son of Phil and Connie Young Noland. He was a former tower worker and attended the White Oak Church of God. He had lived in Estill County all of his life.

Survivors, in addition to his father and mother, include his son: Waylon Gage Noland; his grandparents: Norma Young Martin and Betty Young Noland, both of Estill County; one sister: Jessica Lynn Noland, Estill County; his girlfriend: Sa-

mantha Riddell; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Obie Noland.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 10 at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Glyndon Woosley. Burial was at the White Oak Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Friday, May 9 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Glendle Flynn, Steve Woolery, Kim Woolery, Rick Woolery, Chris Flynn and Sammy Travis.

The honorary pallbearers were Waylon Noland and Lydia Noland.

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Thursday, May 8, 2014

## Nana Mae Sams, 89

Nana Mae Sams, age 89, of Winchester, Kentucky, widow of the late Tracy W. Sams, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

She was born at Cob Hill, on October 2, 1924 to the late James Greenwood and Vicie Beckley Hall. She was a retired waitress at the Corner Drug Store in Winchester.

Survivors include her brother: James P. Hall (Har-

riette) of Winchester; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Sams was preceded in death by her sister, Beatrice Estes; and two brothers, Clarence Hall and Cecil Hall.

Graveside funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 10 at Clarmont Memorial Gardens, Mount Sterling Road. Arrangements by Scobee Funeral Home.

<scobeefuneralhome.com>

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

## Cecil Roy Shumate, 69



Cecil Roy Shumate, age 69, of Frenchburg, Kentucky, formerly of Irvine, passed away Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the Edgewood Estates Nursing Home following a long illness.

He was born June 19, 1944 in Clark County and was the son of the late Cecil Mark Shumate and Fairry Rose Shumate Warner. He was a retired truck driver and a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a member of the Bethel Christian Church and had lived in Estill County most of his life.

Mr. Shumate is survived by a sister: Alice Faye Hous-

ton, Georgetown; one brother: Randall Shumate, Irvine; and one half-brother: Roger Dale Warner, Irvine.

Funeral services were conducted at 12:00 Noon, Friday, May 9 at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. David Watson. Burial was at the Rose-Freeman Cemetery. Friends called after 11:00 a.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Everett Collins, Wayne Collins, Travis Rose, Glenn Rose, Linville Ray Rose and Randy Shoemaker.

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Friday, May 2, 2014

## Harry Thomas Sr., 93

Harry Thomas Sr., age 93, of Fairfield, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home Friday, May 2, 2014.

He was born to the late Vernon and Nannie Thomas, February 13, 1921, in a log cabin on the family farm in Estill County, Kentucky. He married Sylvia Trauthwein on December 4, 1943. Harry worked as a certified shop electrician until he retired from Cincinnati Industrial in 1983 to become a full-time farmer. He continued to work the farm he owned in Riley Township until 2005.

Mr. Thomas is survived by three sons: Harry Thomas Jr. (Jerri), Alan Thomas (Patricia), and Randal Thomas (Joyce); four sisters: Marcela Saylor, Elwanda Pearson, Joyce Chambers and Sue "Babe" Johnson (Richard); eight grandchildren: Sonya Hockwalt (Christopher), Shanda Thomas, Harry Thomas III, Ryan Johnston (Erica), Alana Bernhardt (Randy), Michelle Thomas, Christopher Thomas (Denise) and Stephanie Hunt (Kevin); and 16 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by Sylvia, his wife of 56 years; his sister: Dorothy Massie;



Harry Thomas Sr.

and his brothers: Raymond Thomas, Eugene Thomas, Jennings Thomas and Vernon Thomas Jr.

Visitation was 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 at Avance Funeral Home and Crematory in Fairfield. Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 8 at the funeral home with Pastor Josh Willis officiating. Entombment followed in St. Stephens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to One Way Farm, 6131 East River Road, Fairfield, OH 45014 or Good Samaritan Inn, 621 South Erie Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45011.

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Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

HEBREWS 13:4