

OBITUARIES

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Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Mavis Lynch Ashcraft, 74

Mavis Lynch Ashcraft, age 74, and widow of Edward, passed away Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at her residence in Beattyville, Kentucky.

Mavis was born July 30, 1939 in Beattyville, Kentucky, a daughter to the late Vance and Josie (Young) Lynch. She was a retired housekeeping custodian with the Lee County Care and Rehabilitation Center in Beattyville with 36 years of faithful service. She was a member of the Beattyville First Church of God.

She is survived by two sons: Johnny Ashcraft (Rosie) of Heidelberg, and Jimmy Ashcraft (Debbie) of Richmond; four daughters: Joyce Ashcraft of Heidelberg, Evelyn Ashcraft-Hollon, Margaret Chatt, both of Beattyville; and Judy Kirby (Tommy) of Irvine; one brother, Ernie Lee Riley of Lexington; one sister, Lorenda Jewell (Noah) of Beattyville; 15 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren; along with many other loving family members and friends.



Mavis Ashcraft

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, two brothers: Marcus Lynch and Danny Riley; and one sister; Juanita Riley.

Graveside funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20 at the Ashcraft Family Cemetery located in the Fairground Ridge community of Lee County, with Pastor Garrett Thomas and Brenda White officiating.

The Booneville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BoonevilleKyFuneralHome.com

Friday, January 23, 2015

Gerald Keith Bush Jr., 47

Gerald Keith Bush Jr, age 47, of Clay City, Kentucky, passed away Friday, January 23, 2015 at the Clark Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 3, 1967 in Wolfe County, Kentucky, the son of Gerald Sr. and Ruth A. Edwards Bush. He was a handyman to many.

Mr. Bush is survived by one daughter, Carman Bush, of Castle, Indiana; three brothers: William Pasley of Clay City, Terry Bush and Wayne Bush of Nicholas-

ville; and one sister, Peggy Bush of Nicholasville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald Sr. and Ruth Bush. Gerald was the great grandson of the late Callie Dickerson Thacker of Cobb Hill.

Graveside services were held at 12 Noon, Tuesday, January 27th at the Cobb Hill Cemetery.

Grayson Funeral Home of Clay City was in charge of services.

GraysonFuneral.net

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Melinda Alice Lynch, 101

Melinda Alice Arvin Lynch, age 101, widow of Vernon Lynch, departed from this life on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in her home.

She was born on April 3, 1913 in Estill County to the late Nathaniel Thornton and Mary Catherine Arvin. Her stepmother was Bertha Richardson Arvin. She was a homemaker and a member of the Ford Christian Church.

Survivors include her daughter & caregiver, Ella Bee Lynch of Clark County; Melvin Lynch (Marjorie) of Mason County, Charles Lynch (Alma), Douglas Lynch (Regina), and Mary Kate Jones (Garrett); special granddaughter and caregiver, Billie Roy (Roger) of Madison County; 32 grandchildren; 73 great grandchildren; 57 great-great grandchildren; her brother, Beverly Arvin (Miranda) of Estill County; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family that preceded

her in death includes her children: Harold, William, Burgin, Banford, Marvin, Dorothy, Diana, Maydeen Cobb, and Jane Dickerson.

Other Children she helped raise include Imogene, Jennie, Coley, Vernon Jr., Mendle, Danny, Dennie, Dennis, and Darlene.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 24th at Lewis Funeral Home with Bro. Anthony Molihan officiating. Burial followed in the Hunt Cemetery on Barnes Mountain. Friends called from 11:00 a.m. until service time, Saturday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Darrell Lynch, Jeffrey Lynch, Nathan Lynch, George Jones, Timothy Snowden, Brandon Adams.

Honorary pallbearers were Beverly Arvin and Shawn Roy.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Hospice East.

TolerFuneralHome.com

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Harold Ray Neal, 63

Harold Ray Neal, age 63, of Jacqueline Court in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2015, at the Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was born November 20, 1951 in Estill County, the son of the late Mid and Pearlline Riddell Neal. He was a farmer and a carpenter and had lived in Estill County all of his life.

Mr. Neal is survived by his wife, Patsy Lynn Riddell Neal; four daughters: Tonya Neal, Donea Barnes, Regina Neal and Kristin Neal, all of Estill County; one son: Gregory Neal, Estill County; two sisters: Rebecca Staton, Estill County; and Mary Shannon, Paris; four brothers: Hubert Re-

ece, Tennessee; Larry Neal, Estill County; Kenneth Neal, Stanton; and Darrell Neal, Estill County; and ten grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons: Brian Ray Neal and Brandon Scott Neal.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21st at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Terry Barnes with burial following in the Oakdale Cemetery. Friends called after 11 a.m., Wednesday, until service time at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Mark Barnes, Danny Bledsoe, Austin Niece, Dustin Fields, Jonathan Barrett and Larry Neal.

TolerFuneralHome.com

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Hobert Russell, 69

Hobert Russell, age 69, was born February 15, 1945 in Jackson County, Kentucky, and departed this life Sunday, January 18, 2015 at the Marcum Wallace Hospital in Irvine. He was the son of the late Johnny & Myrtle Russell.

Hobert is survived by his wife, Joyce Russell of McKee; two children: Nada Rose (Russell) of Berea and Dale Russell and his fiancé Tasha Burton of McKee; one granddaughter, Kaitlin Russell; and one great granddaughter, Madeline, of Connersville, Indiana. He is also survived by three brothers, Herlon D. Russell (Patty) of Indiana; Hershel Russell (Eva) and Herbert Russell (Jeannie), all of McKee; and by one sister, Opal Gabbard of McKee.

In addition to his parents, Hobert was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Russell and Herman Russell,



Hobert Russell

both of Indiana.

Hobert was of the Holiness Faith.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 22nd at Lakes Funeral Home, 1181 Main Street South, McKee, with Bro. Darrell Isaacs, Bro. Billy Stamper and Bro. Larry Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Russell Flat Cemetery.

LakesFuneralHomeMckee.com

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Elizabeth Cox Rowland, 92

Elizabeth Cox Rowland, age 92, of Britton Drive in Piqua, Ohio, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, January 25, 2015, at the Piqua Manor.

She was born May 28, 1922 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late William and Mary Moore Cox. She was a retired cook and had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Mrs. Rowland was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Rowland.

She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Jean Wood (William), Piqua, Ohio; one sister, Eva Cornett, Ravenna; one grand-

child, Toni Marie Billings Schmidt (Curtis) Piqua, Ohio; and two great grandchildren: Piper Elizabeth Schmidt and Jayde Rochelle Wood.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Emma Cox Daniels; and two brothers: Raymond and Lester Cox.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at the South Irvine Cemetery. Friends may call after 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

TolerFuneralHome.com

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Ellen Charlene Townsend, 29

Ellen Charlene Townsend, age 29, of Broadway in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, January 24, 2015.

She was born August 7, 1985 in Madison County and was the daughter of Erville Townsend and Opal McIntosh Mays. She was a Wendy's employee and attended the Full Gospel Evangelistic Ministry. She had lived in Estill County all of her life.

Ms. Townsend is survived by her mother & step-father: Opal McIntosh Mays & Tommy, Irvine; her father, Erville Townsend, Mt. Vernon; two daughters:

Kendra Clark and Sierra Comley, at home; one son, Brady Comley, at home; one sister, Connie Pheanis, Mt. Vernon; and three brothers: Erville Townsend Jr., Estill County; Michael McIntosh, Lee County; and Nelson Townsend, Estill County.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Larry Collins. Burial was at the Townsend Cemetery. Friends called after 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home.

TolerFuneralHome.com

Monday, January 19, 2015

Norwood Thorpe, 81



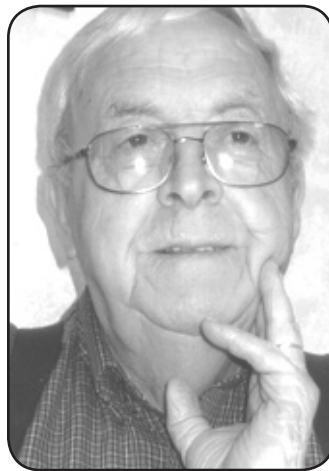
Norwood (Cotton) Thorpe of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Monday, January 19, 2015, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington at the age of 81.

He was born March 5, 1933 at Torrent, Kentucky, to the late Robert and Amanda Bush Thorpe. Norwood graduated from Lee County High School in 1953. After graduation he was drafted into the Marines, where he served two years. After retirement he became an active member of the Bluegrass Marine Detachment 1012 in Richmond. He worked 36 years for L&N/CSX Railroad, earning his 35 year pin. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen and a charter member of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Historical Society.

Mr. Thorpe was a continuous supporter of his sons' Boy Scout and Little League Ball programs. As a member of Salem Baptist Church, he served as an usher and in any other capacity when needed. He was a member of Irvine Masonic Lodge 137 and also a former member of Oleika Shrine, Lexington, KY. His passion was in history and genealogy. He helped to organize Estill County's Historical Society, becoming its first president, serving two different sessions. He also was the editor of their newsletter since the beginning. Norwood compiled several books for the Society and churches. One he really enjoyed doing was "A Brief History of the Boone's Creek Association of Southern Baptist Churches". He was granted a patent from the United States Patent Office for his Hydraulic Interlocking Fuel Nozzle he invented in 2009.

On August 5, 1958, he married Floretta Phillips. They were married 56 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons: Dennis Thorpe, Lexington; David Thorpe (Shawny), St. Mary's, Georgia; and Douglas Thorpe (Jenny),



Norwood Thorpe

Mt. Sterling; one daughter, Dianne Thorpe Smith (Jerry), Irvine; eight grandchildren: Andy Thorpe, Meghan Thorpe Lucido, Autumn Thorpe, Allison Thorpe, Phillip Smith, Matthew Smith, Fox Thorpe and Seth Thorpe; two brothers: William H. Thorpe, Panama City Beach, Florida; and Robert Thorpe (Irene), Beattyville; and one sister, Brenda Knollman (Mike).

Mr. Thorpe was preceded in death by one sister, Erma Combs (Bert) and one brother, Jack Thorpe.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 23 at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Pastor Jerry Smith. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Gardens with full military honors at the graveside by the Bluegrass Marine Detachment #1012 from Richmond. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Thursday, January 22 at funeral home.

Pallbearers were Nick Lucido, Matthew Smith, Phillip Smith, Fox Thorpe, Seth Thorpe, James Brashear and Donald McIntosh.

The honorary pallbearers were Harold Calmes, James Smith, James Brashear, Bill Smyth, Richard Childers, Gene Cooper, Danny Barnett, Rodney Snowden, Obrene Richardson, Jimmy Winkler, Danny Bush, H.M. Arthur, David Harrison, Gene Watson, Wayne Horn, Bobby Parson, Bobby Crowe, Eugene Bush, Michael Woolery, Bob Calder, Donnie Walling, John Cox, Danny Callahan and Marvin Neal.

TolerFuneralHome.com

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Brian Keith Tipton, 49



Brian Keith Tipton, age 49, of Lynch Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

He was born July 13, 1965 in Madison County and was the son of Jerry Tipton and the late Phyllis Jean Abshear Tipton. He was a Holt Equipment employee and was a former member of the Kentucky National Guard. Brian was a member of the Green Pastures Church and had lived in Estill County all of his life.

Survivors, in addition to his father, include his wife, Tammy Kaye Rogers Tip-

ton; two daughters: Alma Nicole Cackling (Tristan), Estill County; and Jena Marie Wells (James), Powell County; two sons: Derek Levi Tipton and Brian Aaron Bruce Tipton (Ariel), both of Estill County; two sisters: Debbie Dunaway and Etta Tipton, both of Estill County; one brother, Jerry Sparks, Florida; and eleven grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, January 24 at the Green Pastures Church, 722 Broadway, Irvine, by Bro. Doug Baker.

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

TolerFuneralHome.com

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Margaret Powell Wells, 89

Margaret Powell Wells, age 89, of Lexington, Kentucky, widow of Harold Wells, died Thursday, January 22, 2015.

She was born November 12, 1924 in Estill County, the daughter of the late Ancil and Pauline Barnes Powell.

Survivors include her daughter, Pam Hurt (Don)

of Lexington; two nephews: Michael and Robert Moreland; and one sister, Juanita Moreland (Harold).

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 25th at Lewis Funeral Home. Visitation was held from 12:00 Noon until service time on Sunday at the funeral home.

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