

OBITUARIES

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Sunday, April 12, 2015

Mary Clay Abney, 84

Mary Clay Alexander Abney, age 84, widow of Jessie F. Abney, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 5:18 p.m. in her home after a short illness.

She was born on June 20, 1930, in Estill County to the late Tipton "Tip" and Eva Alexander. She was a homemaker, former sales clerk at Alexanders' Store in Irvine. She was a member of the Mt. Carmel Christian Church. She loved the Lord, her family, and friends; in that order. She loved reading obituaries and visiting the funeral homes. Her life was extended due to a gift of a kidney transplant nine years ago.

Mrs. Abney was preceded in death by her brothers, Nelson and William Alexander; and her sister, Golden Woosley.

Survivors include her five children: Joe Abney (Patti), John Abney (Katy), Ella Smith (Merck), Terrie Tate (Jeff), and Rebecca Click (Blain); seven grandchildren: La'La Westall, Lance Oliver, Robert Jefferson "R.J." Holston IV, Austin Smith, Joseph Patrick Abney, Daniel Caleb Click, and Cobbe Clay Click; three great grandchildren: Haley Westall, Tyler Ray Westall, and Isabella Westall; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 17 at the Mt. Carmel Christian Church with Bro. Mark



Mary Clay Abney

Pearson and David Alexander officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends called anytime after 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16 at the Lewis Funeral Home and from 10:00 a.m. until service time Friday at the church.

Pallbearers were Blain Click, Jeff Tate, Merck Smith, R.J. Holston, Lance Oliver, Joseph Abney, Caleb Click, Cobbe Clay Click, Ray Westall, and Austin Smith.

The honorary pallbearers were Mom's loving caregivers: Pauline Wallace, Nancy Rhodes, Irene Lutes, Dorothy Brewer, Carlene King, and Susie Travis.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the T.E. Alexander Memorial Scholarship or the Abney-Lutes Mathematics Scholarship at the central office of the Estill County Board of Education.

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Thursday, April 16, 2015

Ella Faye Havens, 70

On Thursday, April 16, 2015, Ella Faye (Woosley) Havens, age 70, of Bath, Indiana finished her earthly journey and went to rest eternally in the arms of her Lord and Savior.

Faye was born on January 10, 1945 in Irvine, Kentucky, to the late John Wilson and Leoma (Howard) Woosley. In 1955 she moved with her family to Bath, Indiana where she lived the rest of her life.



Ella Faye Havens

On June 15, 1963, she married Charles Ray Havens her husband of 51 years. She was a devoted wife and the loving mother of her two daughters Tina and Gail. Her grandson Jacob was the light of her life. Her love and devotion to her family was second only to that of her Lord and Savior. She loved reading, crocheting, flowers and birds, sending cards to family and friends and teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at church. She took great pleasure and pride in going to Jacob's baseball games. She will be remembered for her inspiring strength in fighting her lifelong health issues; her warm sweet smile, caring heart, and unconditional love for her family and many friends.

She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Harrison, Ohio, where she loved and was loved by her brothers and sisters in Christ.

The family would like to thank all who sent cards, came to visit, provided food and offered their love, support and prayers during Faye's final weeks. A special thanks also to the nurses and staff of Mary Margaret Hospice whose services and gentle care allowed us to keep her at home till the end.

The family received friends at Ogle & Paul R. Young Funeral Home, 5086 College Corner Pike, Oxford, Ohio; on Monday April 20, from 5-8 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 21, from 11 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m. which was held at the funeral home. Interment was at the College Corner Cemetery in West College Corner, Indiana.

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Thursday, April 16, 2015

Ricky Wayne Kelly, 52

Ricky Wayne Kelly was born November 5, 1962 in Estill County and departed this life Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital in Irvine, being 52 years of age. He was the son of the late Russell & Leona (Richardson) Kelly.

Ricky is survived by four children: Cody Isaacs (Brandy), Cory Kelly, Jeremiah Crump and Tiffany Kelly, all of Irvine; and by a stepdaughter, Malina Poston of Stanton. He is also survived by a sister, Amy Wilson of Irvine; and by three brothers: Shannon Kelly of Waco, Glenn Kelly and Millard Kelly, both of Irvine. Ricky was blessed with three grandchildren: Emily Isaacs, Bill Gene Poston and Wade Poston.

In addition to his parents, Ricky was also preceded in death by his wife Anna Faye (Isaacs) Kelly.

The funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 20th at Lakes Funeral Home in McKee with Bro. Bill Van Winkle officiating. Burial followed in the Richardson Cemetery in Estill County.

Pallbearers were Canyon, River, Bill and Robert Kelly, Charlie Taylor and Jeremiah Crump.

<LakesFuneralHomeMcKee.com>

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Kathy Renee Rawlins, 47

Kathy Renee Rawlins, age 47, of Dry Branch Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2015, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, following a short illness.

She was born July 20, 1967 in Estill County and was the daughter of Aleen Muncie Johnson and the late Shannon Douglas Muncie. She was a teacher's aide at Estill Springs Elementary School. She was a member of the Ravenna Church of God where she served on the Youth Board, drove the church van and worked with the youth and drama team. She had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Friday, April 17, 2015

Jessie Fern Sparks, 85

Jessie Fern Sparks was born on August 19, 1929 in Irvine, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Simpson and the late Elizabeth Canter. Jessie has been a resident of Monroe, Michigan for fifty years.

Jessie was a hard worker all of her life as she supported her family employed in Housekeeping as a Laundry Supervisor at Mercy Memorial Nursing Center for over thirty years, retiring in 2012. She raised four wonderful children and shared her life with her best friend for twenty-nine years, Walden "Whitey" Yates.

Jessie was honest and straight forward who earned respect among friends, family and coworkers. She was known for her selfless generosity and giving spirit and had a beautiful contagious smile. Family was most important to Jessie who loved spending time with them, especially her grandchildren. She was a "Betty Boop" fan and enjoyed dancing, playing horseshoes and adventures to the casino. Jessie was famous among friends and family for her canning, fried apple pies and delicious peanut butter fudge. In her quiet time, Jessie was fond of relaxing on her front porch in her favorite rocking chair.

Jessie, age 85, of Monroe, Michigan, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Promedica Monroe Regional Hospital surrounded by her loving family. In addition to her parents, her passing was preceded by a daughter, Brenda Joyce Farris; a sister, Pocahontas Raider; a

brother, Chris Canter; and an infant granddaughter.

To cherish her memory she leaves her significant other, Walden "Whitey" Yates; three children: Mary Frances Fitzpatrick of Newport, Veronica Sue Herkimer (Terry) of Monroe and Jamie Lynn Patrick (Dan Hoffer) of Dundee; a brother, Cecil Canter (Louise) of Kentucky; two sisters: Rachel Hall (Russell) of Flint and Hazel Abney (Rupert Jr.) of Kentucky; thirteen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may gather from 10:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe (734) 384-5185. A Celebration of Her Life will take place at 12:00pm also at Merkle's with Pastor Bob Nadeau of Monroe Outreach Assembly of God officiating. Procession will follow to Rath Cemetery for burial.

Memorial donations are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

<MerkleFuneralService.com>

Mrs. Rawlins is survived by her husband, Melvin Glynn Rawlins; her mother, Aleen Muncie Johnson, Waco; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22nd at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Willie Gordon. Burial will be at the Sonny Powell Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 21st at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Mike Long, Wayne Hall, Larry Chaney, Wayne VanWinkle, Dave Baker and Jimmy Abney.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Ruth Stephens Witt, 86

Ruth Stephens Witt, age 86, widow of Russell Witt, died Sunday, April 19, 2015 after a long illness.

She was born May 30, 1928 in Estill County to Birch and Laura McKinney Stephens. In 1946 she married Russell Witt and they had two children; Glenn Russell and Sherry Gail. Ruth worked for Kentucky River Foothills for nearly twenty years as Estill County Coordinator and loved her job helping neighbors and friends in her community. Ruth was also a past member of the Eastern Star.

Ruth is survived by her son, Glenn Russell Witt (Wanda), her granddaughter, Misty Witt Rupard (David) and a great grandson, Sam Rupard.

She was preceded in death

by her daughter, Sherry Witt Hatfield; her husband, Russell; five brothers: Lander, Arthur, Charlie, Roy and Birch Stephens Jr., and three sisters: Virginia Dunn, Faye Cox and Pauline McGee.

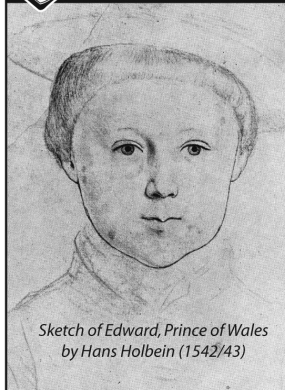
Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Carl Dennis Williams. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends called after 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Jack Chaney, Joe Yeager, Chuck Cox, Chris Cox, Don Williams, Junior Brandenburg, and Oscar Dunn Jr.

The honorary pallbearers were David Rupard, Sam Rupard and Oscar Dunn Jr.

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From infancy you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15

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Saturday, April 25th, 11am-6pm

Crafts Fair, Prizes, Refreshments

Epperson First Church of God is hosting a craft fair on Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Several different vendors will be present with good prices. There will be door prizes, refreshments and a good time.

For information, contact Judy Devary at 859-473-3318.

Sunday-Friday, April 26 - May 1

Revival At Wagersville Church

The Wagersville Community Pentecostal Church of God will be having a revival, Sunday through Friday, April 26 - May 1 with Bro. Benny Bryant as the evangelist.

Sunday evening service begins at 6:00 p.m. and service begins at 7:00 p.m. for the rest of the week. There will be some good singing each night. Everyone is welcome! Bro. Beverly Arvin is the pastor.

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