

OBITUARIES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Vada Rea Abshear, 91

Vada Rea Abshear, age 91, a resident of The Willows at Citation Drive in Lexington, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at Baptist Health in Lexington following a short illness.

She was born October 4, 1929 in Dayton, Ohio and was the daughter of the late Earl Raymond Howell and Leilah White Williams Howell. She was a retired Kroger employee and a member of the River Drive Christian Church.

Mrs. Abshear was preceded in death by her husband, Cleveland Brown Abshear; and is survived by three daughters: Deborah Ann Calvert, Marthaly Brown Blythe, and Lisa Carol Ransdell, all of Lexington; one sister, Shirley Hellmueller, Ft. Myers, Florida; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five siblings, Mary "Kay"



Vada Abshear

Christopher, Wilda Elliott, Wilma Woodley, Chock Howell and Bill Howell.

Visitation was held Friday, November 20, 2020, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home. Graveside services were conducted at 12:00 Noon at the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Leon B. Curtis, 87

Leon B. Curtis, age 87, a resident of the Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center passed away Sunday, November 22, 2020, at the Center following a short illness.

He was born February 12, 1933 in Estill County and was the son of the late Harlan and Millie Ann Woosley Curtis. He was a retired roofer and builder and a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Curtis was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Riddell Curtis.

He is survived by two daughters: Tammy S. Young (Gary) and Christy Curtis, both of Irvine; two sons: Terry Curtis (Eppie) and Donald Curtis (Beth), both of Irvine; one sister,

Ann Anderson, Ravenna; five grandchildren: Heather Jones, Teresa Morrow, Michael Curtis, Madison Webb and Logan Dixon; and four great grandchildren: Chloe Reed, Kailee Reed, Cass Curtis and Maddie Curtis.

Mr. Curtis was preceded in death by two siblings, Zelma Guillicci and Edgar Curtis.

Due to Covid-19, private funeral services will be conducted by Bro. Gary Willoughby with burial at the Oakdale Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be David Beckler, Shawn Baber, Kendall Baber, Ronnie Rice, Gary Anderson and Russell Webb.

The Warren F. Toler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Friday, October 30, 2020

Mearlon Foutch Galloway, 77

Mearlon Frances (Foutch) Galloway (aka Tootsie), age 77, gained her angel wings on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at Marcum & Wallace Hospital in Irvine, KY. Born March 26, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Enoch and Elizabeth (Dixon) Foutch of Harlan County, Kentucky. She was a lifetime resident of Harlan/Letcher Counties, except for the past 2 1/2 years when she lived with her daughter in Estill County.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Morgan Sherrill Galloway; her brothers, Rodney Foutch, Arthur William (Butch) Foutch, Cecil Foutch, Enoch Foutch, Jr.; one sister, Daisy (Foutch) Hernandez; and her former husband, Morgan Galloway. She is survived by her daughter, Melissa (Galloway) Neal & Barry of Irvine, KY; by her son, James Merrill Galloway & Heather of Partridge, KY; and also by "her bonus son" whom she raised, Rodney Shane Foutch & Ashley of Lynch, KY. She is also survived by her grandchildren whom she absolutely loved and adored: Allee Brooke Galloway, Jadelyn Sherryl Neal, and Eastin Cruz Galloway, Melissa Riddell & Ronnie of Irvine, KY, and their children Baylie, Sydney and Evie; Jennifer & James Sparks of Irvine, KY, and their children Jamie and Trae. In addition, she is survived by one brother, Leonard & Bobbie Jo Foutch of Cumberland; one sister, Rosa Foster of Bethalto, IL; her loving caregiver and friend, Geraldine Puckett, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Along with being a devoted mother and caregiver to many others in her family through the years, she was a retired



Mearlon Galloway

teacher at Cumberland High School. She positively influenced many students through the years with her devotion to them as evidenced by many who share stories and claim that she was their favorite teacher. She was a member of the Cumberland Missionary Baptist Church, but in the past few years had attended church with her children and grandchildren at Cumberland Pentecostal Church and Eastside Community Church in Richmond, KY.

Mearlon's visitation was held Monday, Nov. 2, at the Cumberland Pentecostal Church from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Tri-Cities Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements with the funeral beginning at 3:00 p.m. followed by graveside services at the Peaceful Acres Cemetery in Cumberland, KY. Rev. Mike Blair conducted the services; Roland "Peewee" Cornett read the obituary, and John Dixon led in prayer and shared special memories.

The pallbearers were: Mitchell Galloway, James Sparks, Ronnie Riddell, Trae Burns, Jake Jackson and Walter Craig. (Revised by family)

<BianchiFuneralHomes.com>

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Roger Dawes, 69



Roger Dunn Dawes, 69, of Dark Hollow Road in Irvine passed away Saturday, November 21, 2020 at his home following a long illness.

He was born October 8, 1951 in Estill County and was the son of the late Orville and Anna Mae Farthing Dawes. He had been a construction worker all his life and was a member of the Irvine Masonic Lodge. He was also a former member of the National Guard.

Mr. Dawes is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sheree Harrison Dawes; one daughter, Aimee Ormes (Beattle), Estill County; one son, Roger Bryan Dawes (Cathy), Estill County; two sisters: Doris Harrison and Marlene Rawlins, both of Estill County; one brother, Norman Dawes, Madison County; and four grandchildren: Jacob Cantrell, Kolby Dawes, Tatum Cantrell and Jacquee Cantrell.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Kaydi Jo Dawes; and his brother, Orville Wayne Dawes.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Novem-



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ber 24, 2020, 12:30 p.m., at the Wood Cemetery by Bro. Glyndon Woosley.

Pallbearers were Bryan Dawes, Shawn Dawes, Danny Hoover, Ronald Rawlins, Smokey Woods, Steve Harrison and Josh Harrison.

Honorary pallbearers were the employees of Burger Barn, the employees of Meade's Do It Center, his friends at Hardee's, his friends at Concrete Materials, members of the Masonic Lodge, and the Georgia Gang.

The Warren F. Toler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Anna M. Harrison, 51

Anna M. Harrison, age 51, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Clark Regional Medical Center. A native of Winchester, Kentucky, she was born on June 14, 1969, to the late Kelly and Myrtle Walling Harrison.

She is survived by one daughter, Kelley Webb (Kaleb) of North Carolina; four sisters and five brothers.

No services are planned at this time.

Scobee Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

<ScobeeFuneralHome.com>

Friday, November 20, 2020

Hazel Jo Sherrard, 84

Hazel Jo Sherrard, age 84, of Main Street in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020, at her home.

She was born October 24, 1936 in Madison County and was the daughter of the late William Dan and Dorothy Richardson Moore. She was retired from B G Sherrards Jewelry, was an apprentice watch maker and a past President of the Kentucky Jewelers Association. She was a member of the Irvine First Christian Disciples of Christ and one of the original founders of the Mushroom Festival.

Mrs. Sherrard is survived by her husband, Bobby G. Sherrard; one daughter, Jacqueline Jo Graves (Allen), Fayette County; two sons: Robert Daniel Sherrard (Kimberly), Franklin County; and Harold Glenn "Howie" Sherrard (Staci), Carter County; one sister, Vivian Kaye Daugherty, Estill County; and seven grandchildren: Marisol Isabella Graves, Sutton Sherrard, Carrington Sherrard, London Sherrard, Samuel Calvin Sherrard, Mary Grace Sherrard and Jacob Paul Sherrard.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Gloria Wolfmberger.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, November 23, 2020, 1:00 p.m., at the Sunset Memorial Gardens by Bro. Greg Humpert.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Barnes, John Duvall, Samuel Sherrard, Allen Graves, Chris Green, Wayne Johnson and Jacob Sherrard.

The Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Friday, November 20, 2020

Earl Junior Sparks, 85

Earl Junior Sparks, age 85, of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, formerly of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at NHC Healthcare Oakwood in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

Mr. Sparks, the son of the late Isaac Thomas and Mary Margaret Shearer Sparks, was born in Estill County, Kentucky, on June 1, 1935. He retired from Forrest School in Chapel Hill as a Custodian. He loved singing and playing his guitar and harmonica. Bird watching and gardening were among his favorite past times. He was a member of White Hall Holiness Church.

He was united in marriage to Ruby Mae Barrett Sparks who preceded him in death.

Survivors include: three sons: Flemon Sparks (Doris) of Springfield, TN, Michael Sparks (Darla) and Marcus Sparks (Sherry), all of Richmond; one daughter, Kim Bourland (James) of Chapel Hill, TN; one brother, Herman Sparks; his sister, Coffa Embrey; six grandchildren: Amanda Iler (Jesse), Tyler Sparks (Samantha), Andrea

Fitzgerald (Dustin), Rachel Shearon (Thomas), Amber Nava (Abraham) and Corey Sparks; seven great grandchildren; two step grandchildren: Jessica Hughes (Nathan) and James Mitchell; five step great grandchildren; his brother-in-law, James Still; two sisters-in-law: Marquita Sparks and Shelia Sparks; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Mr. Sparks was also preceded in death by two sons: Charles Earl Sparks and Danny Sparks; six brothers: William Arthur, James, John, Glendon, Delbert Eugene and Sydney Sparks Sr.; and four sisters: Addie Sparks, Nannie Sparks, Lillian Culton and Elsie Still.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, private services were held at the Pine Grove Pentecostal Holiness Assembly with Rev. Sydney Sparks, Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Boian Cemetery in Estill County.

Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Sunday, November 22, 2020

Linda Sue Thacker, 77

Linda Sue Thacker, age 77, of Broadus Crossing in Ravenna, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2020, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, following a short illness.

She was born August 6, 1943 in Mingo County, West Virginia and was the daughter of the late Taylor and Matewood Farley Hatfield. She was a homemaker and former employee of Ravenna Food Mart, Food World and Irvine Health Care. She attended the Ravenna Nazarene Church and had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Mrs. Thacker was preceded in death by her husband, Marcus Wayne Thacker Sr., and is survived by three sons: Marcus W. Thacker Jr. (Donna), Ravenna; Hoy V. Thacker (Teresa), Irvine; Jesse T. Thacker (Sandy), Ravenna; one daughter, Matewood Kortbein, Ravenna; one sister, Mercedes Jordan, Mississippi; one brother, Halcy Hatfield, West Virginia; six grandchildren:



Linda Thacker

Marcus W. Thacker III, Michael A. Thacker, Jessica D. Thacker, Dylan J. Kortbein, Jason T. Thacker and Gavin M. Thacker; and two great grandchildren: Ava M. Kortbein and Felix A. Flynn.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Ance, Walker, Eddie and James Hatfield.

Due to Covid-19, graveside services will be conducted Friday, November 27, 2020, at 12:00 Noon at the Sunset Memorial Gardens by Bro. John Anderson.

The Warren F. Toler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Thursday, November 19, 2020

Barbara Newton Welch, 88

Barbara Newton Welch, age 88, of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center in Richmond, Kentucky, after a short illness.

She was born March 13, 1932 in Estill County, and was the daughter of the late Wilgus and Addie Witt Newton. Barbara and her late husband, Robert M. Welch, owned and operated Bob's Supermarket for 44 years in Ravenna. She was a lifelong member of Station Camp Christian Church where she the pianist and a Sunday School teacher. She loved her community and was a member of the Four Seasons Garden Club and the Estill County Homemakers. Along with her garden club, she helped develop the Monarch butterfly way station at the West Irvine Intermediate School.

She is survived by her son, Robert M. Welch Jr.; one

daughter, Susan W. Tipton; three grandchildren: Oliver T. Welch, Robert T. Tipton, and Elizabeth K. Renner; and four great grandchildren, Holly, Tori and Olivia Welch, and Colton Renner.

She is preceded in death by one sister, Onnalee Boardman; and three brothers: Nelson, Douglas and Elmo Newton.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Scott Beauchamp were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Lewis-Abner Funeral Home in Irvine. Visitation began at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, at the funeral home. Burial was in Oakdale Cemetery with Oliver Welch, Jeff Renner, David Newton, Anthony Newton, Seth Newton and Jonathan Newton serving as active pallbearers.

Memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity, Hospice, Gideons or Station Camp Christian Church.

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Friday, November 20, 2020

Betty Lou Willis, 63

Betty Lou Willis, age 63, wife of 45 years to Thomas Willis, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at her home, surrounded by family.

She was born August 16, 1957 in Estill County, Kentucky, to the late James and Laura Bell Estes Coffey. Mrs. Willis loved going to church and loved her family; especially her children and grandchildren. She was of the holiness faith.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ronnie Coffey; and one sister, Martha Carolyn Rogers.

In addition to her husband, Thomas Willis, she is survived by one daughter, Connie Means (Roger) of Berea; two sons: Edgar Willis of Paint Lick, and Charlie Willis of Berea; six brothers: Bruce Coffey of Irvine, Denny Coffey (Sue) of Waco, Harold Coffey (Amy) of Berea, Leon Coffey (Betty Shuler) of Irvine; Ernie Coffey (Debbie) of Lancaster,



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and Wade Coffey (Gail) of Waco; her adopted sister, Linda Johnson of Irvine; and three grandchildren, Josh Willis, Jonathon Means, and Helen Willis, all of Berea.

Funeral services were private. Burial was in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Davis & Powell Funeral Home of Berea is in charge of arrangements.

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