

# OBITUARIES

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**Friday, May 1, 2020**

## Irma Jean Abner, 83

On May 1, 2020, Irma Jean Abner peacefully departed this world to be reunited with her Heavenly Father, after a long illness, at the age of 83.

She was born on January 20, 1937 to the late Emmons and Letitia Walton. She was married to Aaron Abner Jr. for 58 years until his death in 2011.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael; one sister, Laveda Farthing; and two brothers, Glen Walton and Colietus Walton.

She is survived by her beloved children: Debra Finlayson of McKinney, Texas; Letrisia "Trish" Turner (Randy) of Irvine; Anthony Abner of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Vicky Densmore (Don) of Mt. Sterling.

She is also survived by her grandchildren: Buffy Turner of Richmond; Jeremy Turner (Alexis) of Richmond; Matthew Turner (Kristie) of Waco; Ashlee Turner of Richmond; Justyn Densmore (Kristina) of Mt. Sterling; Kristyn Densmore-Smith (Kevin) of Hazard; and Erin Finlayson of Mt. Sterling.

She is also survived by eight great grandchildren: Hannah Turner, Greyson Turner, Darci Turner, Reid Turner, Maci Turner, Kayden Densmore, Samuel Densmore, and Morgan Densmore; as well as one sister, Laura McIntosh (Ray); and several nieces and nephews.

Irma was known by many titles in her life, everything from "Mrs. Abner" to son-in-law Don, to "Rocking Granny" by one of her great grandbabies, but the title she loved most was that of Mother. She loved her children dearly and still spoke often of Michael, her lost son, even sixty years after his death. She loved the Lord, Gospel music, old tv shows, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, and listening to the laughter of her



**Irma Abner**

children and grandchildren as they loudly played games at her kitchen table during the holidays. She was a hard worker who also loved to laugh and who was often a featured player in our family stories. There are probably still people who tell of the woman who somehow got dragged out of her car by the seat belt and nearly run over by her own vehicle as she attempted to deposit a letter in the mailbox. And the garage door of her old house in Texarkana, Texas, may never be the same after she clicked her seat belt button thinking it was the garage door remote and proceeded to drive right through it. She and seat belts did not get along very well, apparently. She loved to sing, she loved to cook (and sometimes ran her grandsons out of their own house when she cooked greens early in the morning), and she loved sitting out on her veranda with her children by her side.

She missed her husband greatly and recently said that he had come to visit her and take her on a trip. Perhaps on May 1 she decided that it was time for the to go, and she took his hand once again. She will be missed and will always and forever be alive in our hearts and in the stories we remember and tell with laughter and love.

Private services will be conducted.

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

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

## Brian Lee Brewer, 42

Brian Lee Brewer, age 42, of Stanton, Kentucky, passed away at his residence on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Born in West Liberty, Kentucky he was the son of Ralph Lee Brewer of Campton and Sandy and Dave Taulbee of Stanton. He was a 1996 graduate of Powell County High School, a member of the Carpenters Union and former employee of Congleton and Hacker Company.

Brian was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Tilden Bedwell; and his paternal grandfather, Lloyd Brewer.

In addition to his parents he is survived by one son, Austin Chase Brewer of Stanton; a daughter by heart, Alyssa Renee Brewer of Richmond; maternal grandmother, Betty Bedwell; paternal grandmother, Lois Brewer; step grandmother, Doris Horn; two sisters, Andreana Johnson (Ray) of Irvine and Rebecca Romero (Cameron) of Mt. Sterling; a step-sister, Brandy Henderson (Chris) of Clay City; a half-brother, Ryan Tyler Brewer (Elizabeth) of



**Brian Lee Brewer**

Louisa; nephews and nieces, Michael Ratliff Jr., Seth Edwards, Alexxa Gordon and Megan Ratliff; a step-nephew, Jacob Henderson; a step-niece, Allison Henderson; and several aunts and uncles.

A private graveside service officiated by Bro. Bobby McQuinn will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 in Elkins Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers are Dave Taulbee, Austin Chase Brewer, Seth Edwards, Ray Johnson, Chris Henderson, Nicholas Prince, Danny Rogers, Ralph Brewer and special uncle Carl Trent.

Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

<HearneFuneralHome.com>

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

## John David Hatfield, 39

John David Hatfield, age 39, of Timothy Way in Richmond, Kentucky, passed away Friday, May 1, 2020, at his home.

He was born July 12, 1980 in Richmond and was the son of Teresa Wright Hatfield-Barger and the late Guy Hatfield III. He was an artist and an employee of Framebridge and attended the Irvine Methodist Church. He was a member of the Estill County Arts Council, the Morehead Arts Guild and served as a judge at many local and state pageants. He had lived in Estill County most of his life.

Mr. Hatfield is survived by his mother, Teresa Hatfield-Barger (Roger), Richmond; two sisters: Tina Hatfield Roberts (Tom), Lexington; and Traci Cahal, Richmond; four nieces and



**John Hatfield**

nephews: Matthew Bryant, Briana Cahal, Sebastian Enz and Spencer Enz; one great nephew, Nathan Bryant; and a host of friends and family.

Private services will be conducted.

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

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**Friday, May 1, 2020**

## William F. Howell, 83



William Frank Howell, 83, of Frankfort, Indiana, died Friday, May 1, 2020 at his home.

He was born October 20, 1936 in Fitchburg, Estill County, Kentucky, to William Francis and Mildred Scott Howell. He married Patricia Ann Fahnestock on May 10, 1966 and she survives.

Frank was a veteran of the National Guard as well as the United States Army and was stationed in Boston. He worked for Bruno's and The Pub in Lafayette, then worked for Pizza Hut starting up new franchises. He was route manager for Crown Laundry in Lafayette and later a warehouse manager for Schnaible's in Indianapolis. After retirement he worked at Walmart in Frankfort and for the Journal and Courier. He also worked

at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield mowing the baseball fields. Frank liked to fish, squirrel hunting, was a sharp shooter, and enjoyed golfing.

Survived by his wife, Patricia Howell of Frankfort, Indiana; three sons: William Patrick Howell (Maria) of Frankfort, David Michael Riley of Ohio, and Brian Riley of Kentucky; three daughters: Patricia Leanne Gomez of Texas, Diane Michelle Cox of Ohio, and Kelly Anne McFall of Kentucky; two sisters, four half-sisters, 16 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by an infant brother, William Francis Howell.

No services are planned. Goodwin Funeral Home of Frankfort, Indiana, is in charge of arrangements.

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

## Dale Mays, 88

Dale Mays, age 88, of Russellville, Ohio, passed away Friday, May 1, 2020 at his residence.

He was born September 7, 1931 in Irvine, Kentucky the son of the late Wilson Mays Sr. and Cleota Metcalf Mays. He was a home improvements contractor. He was also a member of the Russellville Church of Christ. He was active in the church with Missions and Christians Across America. He was also a Kentucky Colonel.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Etta Mays, in 2016; a daughter, Nanette Campbell; and eight brothers and sisters.

Dale is survived by three daughters: Sue Talley (Sam) of Winchester, Delores Chandler of Hillsboro, Ohio; and Patricia Lawson of Higgsport, Ohio; two brothers: Wilson Mays Jr. of Georgetown and Glendon Mays of Irvine; and three grandchildren: Joshua Chandler (Taylor), Devin Lawson (Stephanie) and Tyler Lawson.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic, private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family under the direction of the Meeker Funeral Home. Drue Lane officiated. Burial followed at



**Dale Mays**

the Linwood Cemetery.

Family members and friends paid their final respects Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Russellville Church of Christ, 144 South Columbus Street. To conform to social distancing recommendations, only ten visitors at a time was allowed; and the family observed the visitation but did not participate in a receiving line. The family is grateful for everyone's thoughts and prayers, but with social distancing in effect, requests everyone's patience and cooperation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Russellville Church of Christ, PO Box 219, Russellville, OH 45168 or Heartland Hospice.

<MeekerFuneralHome.com>

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

## Minnie Lois Macaulay, 95

Minnie Lois Macaulay was born on June 5, 1924 in Irvine, Kentucky. She died on Monday, April 20, 2020 in Spring Hill, Florida at the age of 95.

Lois attended Eastern Kentucky State Teacher's College (now Eastern Kentucky University) for one year, and then taught school at the Granny Richardson Springs School, located in Estill County, a one room schoolhouse, where she educated children grades one through eight.

Following that, she married William H. "Bill" Jones on June 14, 1946. They moved to Louisville and were married for 26 years. During that time, she completed her education at the University of Louisville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree, and subsequently, a Masters of Education at Spalding College. She taught at a number of elementary schools in Louisville, and completed her professional career as an elementary school counselor.

After the death of her husband Bill, she married Harold Knight and was married to him for four years before he passed away from cancer. Some time later, she met and married Angus John Macaulay (Mac). After Lois and Mac retired, they moved to Deltona, Florida where they enjoyed life until Mac passed away in 1982. Lois continued to live in Deltona until two years ago when she moved to Spring Hill to an assisted living home located close to her son, William Harrison "Bill" Jones III who spends his winter months in Florida.

After moving to Florida, Lois participated in a number of activities that benefited her community and that



**Minnie Macaulay**

she enjoyed. She was an avid golfer, and was a charter member of the Debary Golf Club where she initiated a women's league for beginning golfers. She also set up a library in her community to provide books for children and a golf school for children in foster care. She touched many lives with her generous spirit and efforts.

In addition to Lois' son, William H. Jones III (Karen Bowen), whose primary residence is in Irvine, Kentucky, she is survived by her daughter, Brenda Lois Jones Quick (Albert), a resident of Traverse City, Michigan; grandchildren, Erin Jones, Lori Willingham, Dawnette Scott, Sandra Skees, Traci Quick, Becki Quick, Breton Leone-Quick, Regan Severin and Leigh Ansley; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her brother, Earl Blackwell (Ann), and predeceased by her parents, Lewis Blackwell and Ollie Lee Stone Blackwell; and two siblings, Ina Blackwell Clark (James) and Elmer Blackwell (Loretta).

Due to the limited ability to have a proper memorial service at this time, the service will be postponed until later this summer. Family and friends will be notified.

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

## Brenda Gail Cody Ray, 62

Brenda Gail Cody Ray, age 62, of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020 after she had battled an illness for several months.

She worked at Irvine Health and Rehab for over a decade, and everyone who knew her loved her for how much care and love she had to give. She was the type of person that was great to talk to and share memories with. Her laugh and smile were infectious. She loved her residents, her coworkers, her job and her family.

Mrs. Ray was born March 14, 1958, in Hazard, Kentucky, and was predeceased by both of her parents, Gordon and Janie Cody, her brother, Henry Cody, her mother-in-law, Reva Mad-

den and her daughter, Regina Coots.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Harrison Ray; her son, Daniel Harrison Ray Jr. (Stacy); her two daughters: Anna Louise Ray Rose (Derick), and Amelia Mae Ray (Dusty); four siblings: Gordon Cody Jr., William Cody, Dover Cody and Pat Pennington; several nieces and nephews; 13 grandchildren and a great grandchild; as well as, many other family members and friends.

Private visitation was held at Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home in Richmond. Following the visitation services, burial followed at the McIntosh Cemetery at Greens Crossing.

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**Monday, April 27, 2020**

## Ronnie Lee Tipton, 74

Ronnie Lee Tipton, age 74, of Harris Ferry Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Monday, April 27, 2020, at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

He was born February 17, 1946 in Estill County and was the son of the late Warren and Alean Hamilton Tipton. He was a farmer and had lived in Estill County most of his life. He was a member of the 562 Stafford Masonic Lodge and was a Shriner and a Hillbilly Shriner.

Mr. Tipton is survived by his wife, Patricia Freeman Tipton; his daughter, Rhonda Arthur (Anthony), Estill County; three special grandchildren: Shelby Arthur (Drew), Dylan Arthur (Mariah) and Rylee Arthur; one brother and several sisters.



**Ronnie Tipton**

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Private services were conducted Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the Rose-Free man Cemetery by Bro. Mark Pearson.

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

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