



OBITUARIES

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Saturday, March 13, 2021 Ester Mae Hall, 81

Ester Hall, age 81 of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Fountain Circle Nursing and Rehab in Winchester.

She was born July 29, 1939 in Irvine to Elza and Gracie Barnes Ballard. She was a housewife and a member of the Ivory Hill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hall is survived by two daughters: Debra Woosley of Irvine, and Carole Hall of Camargo; four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren; a brother, Lloyd Ballard (Karen) of Louisville; and two sisters: Pat Rainey and Virginia Thares, both of Winchester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Langley Hall; a daughter, Lisa



Ester Mae Hall

McIntosh, several brothers, and two sisters: Bonnie Arthur and Faye Stamper.

A memorial service will be held at the Vaughn's Mill Cemetery on Mother's Day.

Grayson Funeral Home of Irvine was in charge.

<GraysonFuneral.net>

March, 2021 Greta Helms

Greta Helms, passed away March, 2021.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 26, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until time of ser-

vice at Lewis-Abner Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m. with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

<LewisFH.com>

Friday, March 26, 2021 Deborah Kay Lambeth, 68

Deborah Kay Lambeth, age 68, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021 at UK Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

She was born July 27, 1952 in Frankfort, Kentucky to Ophia Hood Pope and the late William Arthur Pope. Mrs. Lambeth was a Special Education Teacher in Estill County for many years. She loved to read and spending time with family. She was of the Christian faith.

Other than her father, William Arthur Pope, Mrs. Lambeth is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Lambeth; and one son, William

Todd Lambeth.

Other than her mother, Mrs. Lambeth is survived by one son, Joshua Brooks Lambeth (Crystal) of Berea; two sisters, Joyce Cox (Frank) of Lawrenceburg, and Deanna Parker (Dwight) of Lawrenceburg; one grandchild, Ashley; and two great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 29, 2021, at Madison County Memorial Gardens in Richmond.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors of Berea was in charge of arrangements.

<Davis&PowellFuneralHome.com>

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Helen Faye Maggard, 79

Helen Faye Maggard, age 79, of Ravenna, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at her home.

She was born in Leslie County, Kentucky, on April 1, 1941, the daughter of the late Raymond and Mollie Vanover Skeens. Helen was a homemaker, who loved her grandchildren and spending time with her family and was of the Presbyterian faith. She had beautiful eyes, a sweet expression and was always smiling. Her favorite holiday was Christmas, and she enjoyed decorating and making Christmas ornaments. She was a good seamstress and enjoyed making crafts, reading, and planting and raising flowers. She could not swim, but loved her swimming pool and spent many hours just sitting in the pool. She had a deep love for animals, especially her puppy Abigail.

Survivors include one son, David Maggard Jr. (Vickie); three daughters, Teresa Maggard, Melissa McIntosh (Chris), and Audrey Clowers (Tim); six grandchildren, Amy Brangers, Paul David Maggard, Travis Maggard, Molly King, Cody Lewis and



Helen Maggard

Mason Clowers; and seven great grandchildren, Katie Maggard, Bradley Maggard, Emilee Maggard, Matthew Brangers, Olivia Brangers, Sophie Brangers and Kendall Maggard.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, David Maggard Sr.; and three brothers, Harold Skeens, William Woods and James Skeens.

Memorial services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, 328 West Main Street, Richmond. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

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Friday, March 26, 2021 Mary O. Nordmeyer, 78

Mary O. Nordmeyer, age 78, of Stevens Avenue in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021, at the Irvine Nursing & Rehabilitation Center following a long illness.

She was born March 22, 1943 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late Hubert and Myrtle Bishop Murphy. She was a homemaker and member of the Providence Baptist Church. She had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Mrs. Nordmeyer was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Nordmeyer.

She is survived by one daughter, Annette Moore, Estill County; three sons: Farris Marcum, Farrell Marcum, both of Estill County; and Tony Marcum, Indiana; one step-son, Bill Nordmeyer, Indiana; three sisters, Marie Dixon, Laura Stone, and Patricia Edmonson; two brothers: Scotty Murphy and Kenneth Murphy; 12 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.



Mary Nordmeyer

She was preceded in death by six siblings: Beulah Murphy, Earsel Kerby, Jewelean Mansfield, Herbert Murphy, Cecil Murphy and Earl Murphy.

Visitation for the public was held Monday, March 29, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home. Private funeral services were conducted by Bro. Randy Marcum and Bro. Wendell Amburgy with burial at the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Monday, March 22, 2021 Arthur Joey Spicer, 41

Arthur Joey Spicer, age 41, of Furnace Junction in Ravenna, Kentucky, passed away Monday, March 22, 2021, at his home following a long illness.

He was born April 21, 1979 in Fayette County and was the son of Calvin Ray and Leta Jane Bennett Spicer. He was an employee of WHB Sales and a member of the Estill County Fire Department, the Estill County EMS and the Powell County EMS. He was a charter member of the Roadside Mission Church of God where he served as song leader and a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors, in addition to his father and mother, include his wife, Mary Ann McIntosh Spicer; his grandmother, Teddy Spicer, Estill County; and three brothers: Joshua Spicer, Justin Spicer (Teddi), both of Estill County; and Curtis Spicer, Madison County.

Visitation for the public was held Thursday, March



Arthur Spicer

25, 2021, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home. Private funeral services were conducted by Bro. Terry Barnes and Bro. Jim Hall.

Pallbearers were Joshua Spicer, Justin Spicer, Curtis Spicer, Chris Hall, Jacob Fowler, Les McIntosh, Daniel Spicer and Chris Gordon.

Honorary pallbearers were the Estill County Fire Department and Estill County EMS.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Sunday, March 21, 2021 Van Hobart Thomas

Van Hobart Thomas, age 92, of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 21, 2021 at his home.

He was born on Monday, November 19, 1928 in Estill County, Kentucky, the son of the late Clark and Henrietta Kidwell Thomas. Van was a farmer at heart and loved the land, raising tobacco and cattle. He and his wife Peggy operated the Country Kettle Restaurant for 21 years serving delicious home cooked meals to their patrons. He was a veteran of the United States Army; loved to hunt and visit with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Peggy Stevens Thomas; ten children, Gary Van Thomas (Diana), Roger Thomas, Glen Thomas (Rayna), Randy Thomas (Dora Mae), Donald Thomas (Pamela), Debbie Winkler (Randall), Douglas Thomas, Bruce Thomas (Evelyn), Lisa Russell (Mike) and Gary Wayne Thomas (Denise); one son, Darren Thomas, preceded him in death. He is also survived by a brother, Ed Thomas; 23 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.



Van Thomas

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Roscoe, Clarence, Alison, and Cecil; and four sisters, Bulah, Mo-dean, Loraine and Mamie.

Funeral Services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home with Rev. Sherl Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Red Hill Cemetery. Visitation was after 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were grandchildren, Roger Thomas Jr., Randall Winkler Jr., Gregory Winkler, Derek Thomas, Josh Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Tyler Thomas and Frankie Thomas.

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Monday, March 22, 2021 Eva Jean Riley, 91

Eva Jean Riley, age 91, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021 at Wolfe County Health Care Center in Campton, Kentucky.

She was born May 31, 1929 in Lee County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Delbert and Annis White Riley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Thomas

Riley, Delbert Riley Jr. and Pleasant Riley.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Goe Family Cemetery in Beattyville, Kentucky. Visitation was held 10-11 a.m., Wednesday at Lewis-Abner Funeral Home.

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Confessions of a Mask Wearer

won't be scarred by the ugly crying, scary-faced me as I sing to my Father in heaven.

2. It's a tear collector. In Psalm 56:8, David wrote that God collected his tears; my mask does the same. One of the best things about a mask on Sunday mornings is that all tears are completely soaked right into the material. You don't even need a tissue!

3. It's a sneeze catcher. Enough said.

4. It saves money on makeup. Wearing a mask necessitates only a half face of makeup. Just before Corona I found the perfect shade of lipstick. It may last me five years.

5. It's a breath shield. No more "hold the onions" at lunchtime. No one will know!

6. It's a disguise. When I got out of the car at Hobby Lobby with toilet paper sticking out of my clothes no one knew it was me. (Wish I was kidding.)

7. It's a hair hider. Since COVID, there's no need to panic about wild chin or moustache hairs. They're completely covered. (Speaking for a friend.)

8. Mouthguard. While the debate continues as to whether masks are effective or not, my mask certainly reminds me I need to guard my mouth, being careful what comes out of it besides germs. Several Bible

verses address it perfectly:

• Ephesians 4:29: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Though it seems we all mumble nowadays, am I building others up or letting Corona be an excuse for being cantankerous?

• In James 3:6, the writer makes no bones about how vicious we can be: "The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body."

• Jesus Himself called attention to watching our words in Matthew 15:11: "What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

• Psalm 141:3 is a face mask verse if there ever was one: "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."

All in all, wearing a mask isn't the worst thing ever, not the end of the world. I do miss seeing people smile and feel like I can't understand English very well anymore. This will pass eventually and we will have stories to tell. Until then . . . I'm going to keep smiling with my eyes and watching my words.



**by Dawn Reed
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Sunday morning, I grabbed a new animal print mask on the way out of the parsonage, a happy accident that it matched my sweater. It cut off my air during church like a snorkel mask. Singing the worship songs, it sucked in and out like a blowfish with every line. I pondered going to the car to trade it for another.

I wear a mask every day at work in a dental office but do not love wearing them everywhere else. Yet, during the last year I've learned that masks are actually good for a few things:

1. It's an ugly cry cover. "Way Maker" by Leeland just gets me. All the lyrics are good but when I get to the line that says, "You are here . . . turning lives around," I'm just a weepy mess. With a mask on, our sheep and guests at church

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