

# OBITUARIES

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Monday, July 27, 2015

## Earl Franklin Ashcraft, 92

Earl Franklin Ashcraft, age 92, Fruitland Park, Florida, died Monday, July 27, 2015, at Leesburg Regional Medical Center. He was a former resident of Irvine, Kentucky. He was born Aug. 13, 1922, in Beattyville, the son of Ezart Francis Ashcraft and Cloria Mae Brandenburg Ashcraft.



Earl F. Ashcraft

He graduated from Irvine Grade School, Irvine High School and then the University of Kentucky School of Law. While at Irvine High School, he was elected president of his sophomore class. At the University of Kentucky he was elected and served on the student council for several years. Before his graduation from the University of Kentucky he was elected State Representative of the 77th Legislative District of Kentucky, composed of Estill and Powell counties and served as such during the 1948-1949 regular and special session of the Kentucky legislature. While serving in the legislature, he was honored by his fellow Republican members who elected him as Whip of the Republican Party. When he was elected State Representative, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Kentucky Legislature.

While a practicing attorney, Mr. Ashcraft was elected Circuit Judge of the 23rd Judicial District of Kentucky, composed of Estill, Lee and Owsley counties. After serving as Circuit Judge he was elected and served as Estill County Attorney. Next he was appointed and served as Estill District Court Trial Commissioner. After that he was elected and served as District Judge of the 23rd Ju-

dicial District of Kentucky, composed of Estill, Lee and Owsley counties. Then he retired and bought a place in Florida so that he could pursue the passion of his life, fishing.

Mr. Ashcraft was a Mason and a fifty-year member of the Irvine Masonic Lodge No. 137 F&AM.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Gaye Click Ashcraft; a brother, Francis Marion Ashcraft, who passed away on Feb. 10, 2015, at the age of 90; a half-sister, Candace Ashcraft Taber; and a brother-in-law, William Cody Thompson.

Mr. Ashcraft is survived by his daughter, Barbara Ann Ashcraft Harned, and son-in-law, Ack Lee Harned, Brandenburg; two granddaughters: Kimberly Dawn Harned, Elizabethtown; and Susan Camille (Kevin) Hobbs, The Woodlands, Texas; three great-grandchildren: Kevin Tyler Hobbs, Kaylee Allison Hobbs and Braden Acklee Hobbs; a sister: Beverly Ashcraft Thompson, Ravenna; a sister-in-law: Deloris Huddleston Ashcraft, St. Charles, Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Earl Ashcraft, Beverly Thompson, and F.M. Ashcraft

Sunday, August 2, 2015

## Ernest Beckler, 80



Ernest "Ernie" Beckler, age 80, of Garrett Avenue in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, August 2, 2015 at his home following a long illness.

He was born October 6, 1934 in Estill County, the son of the late Achilles and Ella Tipton Beckler. He was a truck driver for many years and also served Estill County for 17 years as a Constable in District #1. Mr. Beckler was a United States Air Force veteran and was an avid golfer until he became ill. He was a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Mr. Beckler is survived by his wife, Marian Winter Beckler; a son, John Paul Beckler (Mandy), Irvine; three grandchildren: Cody,

Kristen, and Logan Beckler; a sister-in-law, Joanna Beckler, Greensboro, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by six sisters: Beatrice, Mabel, Edith, Lillian, Addie, and Gladys; and four brothers: Elmer, Earl, Achilles "Beck", and Carl Beckler.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5th at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church by Father Al Fritsch with burial to follow in the South Irvine Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 4th at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Cody Beckler, Logan Beckler, Raymond Alcorn, Scott Beckler, David Beckler and Jeff Beckler.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. —Genesis 1:7,8

The Second Day of the Creation by M. C. Escher (1925)

Sunday, August 2, 2015

## Joyce Marie Cole, 79

Joyce Marie Yearly Cole, age 79, O'Possum Run Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, August 2, 2015 at her home following a sudden illness.

She was born November 15, 1935 in Hamilton, Ohio, the daughter of the late Ira L. and Mellie Marie Monday Yearly. Mrs. Cole was a homemaker and had lived in Estill County for the last three years. She was a member of the Holiness Church.

Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her husband, John Tilford Cole.

She is survived by three sons: John David Cole (Deborah), Lee County; Donald Cole, Independence; and Dennis Matthew Cole (Teresa), Estill County;

three sisters: Helen Moses, Ohio; Clara Ballard, Somerset; and Juanita Maloon, Ohio; three brothers: Frank Yearly, Tennessee; Donald Yearly and William Yearly, both of Ohio; and six grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is also preceded in death by three siblings: Doris Moses, James Yearly, and Eugene Yearly.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 5th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in the Cobhill Cemetery. Friends may call between 6 and 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 4th at the funeral home.

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Saturday, July 25, 2015

## Christina Belinda Conway, 55

Christina Belinda Conway, age 55, wife of John Conway, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2015 at her home in Irvine, Kentucky, after a long illness.

She was a native of Louisiana, born September 20, 1959, a daughter of Charles B. Murray and the late Pauline Cole Cupples. Mrs. Conway was of the Christian faith, a Bible teacher, an educator, and a non-denominational ordained pastor. She was a United States Air Force wife. Mrs. Conway had a heart to teach children. She was a nutritionist for Health Lifestyle. She was an advocate against child pornography.

Mrs. Conway was preceded in death by her mother, Pauline Cole Cupples; and her sister, Janice Hickley.

Survivors, other than her husband John and her father Charles B. Murray, include her daughter, Krystal Danielle Conway (Joseph Richard Colley); her brother, Byron Cupples; her sisters: Ashley Cook and Chastity Clark Vanderford; her grandchildren: Caleb Isaac Conway, Kyla Christina and Trinity Grace Colley; and two special friends: Kathy Napp and Sharon Ahrens.

No services are planned at this time.

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Tuesday, July 28, 2015

## Harold B. Culton, 81

Harold B. Culton, age 81, of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Kenwood Health & Rehabilitation in Richmond.

The son of the late Joby Culton and Maude Collins Culton, he was born in Jackson County on May 31, 1934. He worked as a farmer for many years. Later in life, his pastimes were working puzzles and playing bingo. On July 30, 1955, he united in marriage to Lillian Sparks Culton who preceded him in death on December 18, 2014. They had celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Survivors include two sons: Darrell Culton (Teresa) of Irvine and Donald Culton of Richmond; four daughters: JoEtta Dunn (Jerry), Joyce Smith (Kenny), all of Richmond; Betty Oliver (Harold) of Irvine and Kathy Smith (Chris Ponder) of Berea; his brother, Loranza Culton; 11 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and several great grandchildren and other relatives.

Mr. Culton was also preceded in death by four brothers: Omer, Limuel, Clarence



Harold B. Culton

and Clifford Culton; his sister: Katherine Oliver; and two grandchildren: Cody Culton and Stacy Dunn.

Funeral Services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 31st at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, 328 West Main Street, Richmond, with Bro. Frankie Sparks, Bro. Charlie Wilson and Bro. Scott Guiley officiating. Burial followed in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation was from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30th at the funeral home.

Mr. Culton's grandsons served as pallbearers.

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Wednesday, July 29, 2015

## Kathleen A. Dixon, 70

Kathleen A. Majetich Dixon, age 70, of Richmond Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, following a long illness.

She was born June 25, 1946 in Joliet, Illinois and was the daughter of the late Stephen John and Mary Ann Vranich Majetich. She was a retired Carhart, Inc. employee where she had worked for 31 years as a seamstress. She attended the Pentecostal Church and had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Mrs. Dixon is survived by her husband, Darrell Dixon; one daughter, Tina Gentry

(Alfred), Irvine; two grandchildren: Shabrina Gentry Rosenbauer (Ben) and Jaycob Gentry; and two great grandchildren: Landon and Kaden Rosenbauer.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 31st at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Frankie Sparks. Burial was at the West Irvine Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Thursday, July 30th at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Jaycob Gentry, Shabrina Rosenbauer, Ben Rosenbauer, Willie Dixon, Mike (Pogo) Hodges and Darrell Dewayne Dixon.

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Thursday, July 30, 2015

## J.B. Henry, 80

Joseph Benjamin "J.B." Henry, age 80, of Newport, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Hospice Center in Edgewood, following a short illness.

He was born November 1, 1934, in Estill County, the son of the late Joseph Lee and Mabel Rawlins Henry. He was a construction worker with Universal Construction in Cincinnati and attended the Church of God. He was raised in Estill County but spent most of his life in Newport.

Mr. Henry is survived by his wife: Arine Wiseman Henry; two daughters: Teresa Sue Smith (Hays), Fort Thomas; and Anna Marie Grotjan (Thomas), Alexandria; five sisters: Rebecca Pennington (Dallas), Danville; Mary Mattox (Clarence), Irvine; Gloria Anna

Williams, Rita Faye Tipton, both of Richmond; and Glenda June Arvin (Ray), Beattyville; three grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Donna Gayle Henry.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jerry Henry; a sister, Viola Sue Tipton; and four brothers; Billy Ray, Carl, Ronald Lee, and Gilbert Henry.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 2nd at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jerry Horn with burial following in the McDowell Cemetery. Friends called after 12 Noon, Sunday, until service time at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Justin Chaney, Adam Smith, Bryan Henry, Micah Klagman, Jeff Henry and Timothy Wiseman.

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Tuesday, July 28, 2015

## Charlie Allen Isaacs Jr., 45

Charlie Allen "Dobbin" Isaacs Jr., age 45, of Marcum Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at his home following a long illness.

He was born January 18, 1970 in Estill County and was the son of Charlie Allen and Virginia Mae Estes Isaacs. He was a former brick layer and attended the Drip Rock Baptist Church. He had lived in Estill County all of his life.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include two sisters: Becky Tipton (Steve) and Brenda Isaacs, both of Estill County; one half-brother: Richard Lee Isaacs,

Estill County; one nephew: Stevie Tipton; a great niece: Lacey Tipton; a great nephew: Allen Clay Tipton; and another family member: Pam Bradley.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Isaacs.

Graveside services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30th at the Marcum Cemetery by Bro. Ricky Isaacs.

Pallbearers were Stevie Tipton, Stanley Means, Billy Cox, Ernie Causey James Woolery and Larry Stewart Warren F. Toler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Friday, July 31, 2015

## Roy Noland Jr., 78



Roy Noland Jr., born in Irvine, Kentucky on June 3, 1937, went to his heavenly home Friday, July 31, 2015.

Roy was affectionately known to many as "Birdlegs," and he served with honor and distinction in the Kentucky National Guard and worked on the L & N Railroad. He never lost his love of pretty women, fast cars and horses and trading at the flea markets.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Michelle Noland; his parents Roy and Dorothy; one brother, Frank Noland; and a sister, Jean Noland Bennett.

Mr. Noland is survived by a brother, Fred Noland; a sister, Mary Grace Pinkston (John); four children: Kevin Noland (Michelle), Heather Risen (Chris), Roy Dwayne Noland (Bo) and Sandy Coleman (Gary), eight grandchildren, one great grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home. Visitation was after 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home.

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He was a native of Estill County, a son of the late Leonard and Ruby Sparks Parsons. Danny had been a plumber his entire life. He loved playing country music for the Peacemakers, VFW, and American Legion.

Survivors, other than his wife Cathy, include his daughters: Danisha Parsons and Stacy Hall (Bryan); his

son, Brian Parsons; his sister, Sandra Cox (Darrel); his grandchildren: Logan Hall, Kaitlyn Hall, Shaelyn Parsons, Andrew Chaney and Ashley Darbyshire; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 1st at the Easter Valley Baptist Church with Bro. Mike Davis officiating. Friends called after 10:00 a.m. until service time Saturday, at the church.

Lewis Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Monday, July 6, 2015

## Pauline Sams Puckett, 83

Pauline Sams Puckett, age 83, of Chamberlain Branch in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center, after a short illness.

She was born December 10, 1931 in Estill County, the daughter of the late Elva Sams and Artie Harris Sams. Mrs. Puckett was a homemaker and an avid dog lover. She had lived in Estill County all of her life.

Ms. Puckett is survived

by one son, Jimmy Dewayne Puckett of Estill County; one sister, Lillian Frances Barnes of Estill County; and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by two sisters: Wilma Jean Sams and Brenda Imogene Williams; and three brothers: Jimmy, Johnny and Bobby Joe Sams.

No services are planned at this time.