

OBITUARIES

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Thursday, August 17, 2017

Kenneth Eugene Bush



Friend, neighbor, mentor, patriot, and community activist – all these descriptors apply to Kenneth Eugene Bush who died at the Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center on Thursday, August 17, 2017. Eugene was born August 12, 1930, to Kenneth William and Bess Abney Bush. He grew up in Ravenna and graduated from Ravenna Elementary School and Irvine High School (Class of 1948).

After two years at Eastern Kentucky State College, Eugene enlisted in the U.S. Navy; he served 4 years during the Korean War. He trained at Whidbey Island near Seattle, Washington, and was sent to Hawaii for duty. During most of the war, he was stationed at Atsugi Naval Air Station in Japan and spent time patrolling the coast with Patrol Squadron VP772. He and Holbie Holbrook returned to Japan in 2004 for a reunion and tour of the country with daughter, Ellen, and former Navy comrades.

Eugene went back to E.K.S.C. after the war and graduated with honors in 1956, earning a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business Administration. He worked briefly for the Kentucky Department of Revenue in Frankfort, KY before moving to Covington as a Field Auditor for the Internal Revenue Service in Cincinnati, Ohio.

During this period, Eugene wooed and wed Janice Hisle on August 9, 1958. A year later (1959), the young Bush family moved back to Irvine to partner with Eugene's mother, Bess Abney Bush, in the Estill Insurance Agency. Ellen Leslie Bush, their daughter, was born soon after the move.

In 1969, Eugene founded Estill Federal Savings and Loan which is now U.S. Bank in Irvine. He retired as CEO from the bank in 1992 after it merged with First Federal Bank in Richmond. He still walked from his home to the bank every day for a cup of coffee, making sure the bank was operating to his standards as a member of its Board of Directors.

Although retired from banking, Eugene still found time to file income taxes for many clients and to advise them on real estate and other investments. His numerous courses at U.K. about taxes especially when they needed help with audits. Eugene helped many families settle estates and managed finances for elderly friends. He was a life-long member of Ravenna Christian Church where he served as Elder and Deacon.

Eugene was a 32nd Degree Mason for over 60 years, serving a term as the Master of Irvine Masonic Lodge #137. He was also a

member of the Scottish Rite; Irvine Chapter #357, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Oleika Shrine.

At the time of his death, Eugene was the oldest member of the American Legion in Estill County. He also belonged to the Estill County Genealogical and Historical Society.

Eugene believed in giving back to his community. He was elected to the Irvine City Council, was a director for the Irvine Housing Authority, served as a member of the Natural Bridge Park Board, was a member of the Estill County Democratic Executive Committee, and was a Marcum and Wallace Hospital Board member for 13 years. His favorite opportunities for service stemmed from his membership in the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club. He was named Kiwanian of the Year in 1986 and 2000-2001; received the Legion of Honor in 201; the Distinguished Service Award in 2005, 2009, and 2010; and won the George F. Hixson Award in 2007. He was a Kentucky Colonel.

Eugene worked hard at to stay fit. He walked and rode his Schwinn bicycle all over town. His registration every year for the Mountain Mushroom Festival 5K Race meant that the committee had to continue to raise the age limit.

Kenneth Eugene Bush loved Estill County, his family, his church, and his community. He will be missed. Visitation was on Tuesday, August 22 at Ravenna Christian Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Tony White officiating. Masonic Rites took place at West Irvine Cemetery at the graveside. Pallbearers were the American Legion Honor Guard. Honorary pallbearers were Elders and Deacons of Ravenna Christian Church.

Survivors include wife, Janice Bush, daughter, Ellen, and brother-in-law, Leon Hisle, as well as several special cousins and a host of friends.

The family appreciates Eugene's care at Marcum Wallace Memorial Hospital and Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center. Special thanks go to Gene's friends and caregivers, Loraine Campbell and Mildred Gray.

The family requests memorials be made to the Marcum Wallace Memorial Hospital Foundation or Ravenna Christian Church.

James 3:13 gives an apt description of Eugene Bush's formula for living: "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

Friday, August 18, 2017

Chester Ray Abney, 77

Chester Ray Abney, 77, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away Friday, August 18, 2017 at Kettering Medical Center.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Hazel (Tipton) Abney; three sisters and four brothers.

Mr. Abney is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty (Morris) Abney; a daughter, Pamela Williams (Ray) of Kentucky; a sister, Celia Gay; a brother, Dallas; grandchildren: Emily Daniels (Matt) and Matthew; a great granddaughter, Riley; extended family: JT and Yolanda, Kathy and Bob; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was medically retired from Premier Rubber Co. after 15 years of service; was a trustee for Overlook Homes for over 20 years; was an avid fisherman; and attended Airway Baptist Church.



Chester Ray Abney

Family received friends from 3-5 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, at Tobias Funeral Home-Beaver Creek Chapel, 3970 Dayton-Xenia Road, Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home with Dr. D.E. Nickel officiating. <TobiasFuneralHome.com>

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

James A. Combs, 86

James A. "Jim" Combs, age 86, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at Marcum and Wallace Hospital in Irvine, Kentucky.

A native of Happy, Kentucky, born March 9, 1931, he was the son of the late Madgie Combs.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren and his wife, Minnie Combs.

Survivors include Judy Deering (Gary), Heath Combs (Sandy), Anthony Combs (Jill), Duane Combs-Baker (Glenn); 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren; and the mother of his



James Combs

children of 42 years, Ann Combs. <LewisFH.com>

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Mary Woolery Jenkins, 80

Mary Woolery Jenkins, age 80, widow of Larmon, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2017, at the Irvine Health and Rehab Center after a long illness.

She was a native of Estill County, born May 29, 1937, a daughter of the late Louis and Martha Carroll Woolery. She was a homemaker and a member of the Crooked Creek Christian Church.

Mrs. Jenkins was preceded in death by her siblings, Bobby and James Woolery, Christine Abner and Margaret Snowden; as well as a great-grandchild.

Survivors include her children: Judy Rose (Robin Evans), Steve Jenkins (Sherri), Ricky Jenkins (Michelle), and Norman Jenkins Jr. (Vicky); eight grandchil-

dren; eleven great grandchildren; a sister Louise Wiseman (Raymond), and her special friends, Brenda Isaacs and Linda Raider.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 21, at Crooked Creek Christian Church. Burial followed in the Tackett Cemetery. Friends called anytime after 12:00 Noon, Monday, until service time at the church.

Pallbearers were Brandon Jenkins, Joshua Jenkins, Robin Evans, Kevin Rose, Matthew Logsdon, and Gary Bicknell.

Grandchildren served as honorary pallbearers.

Lewis-Abner Home for Funerals was in charge of arrangements. <LewisFH.com>

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

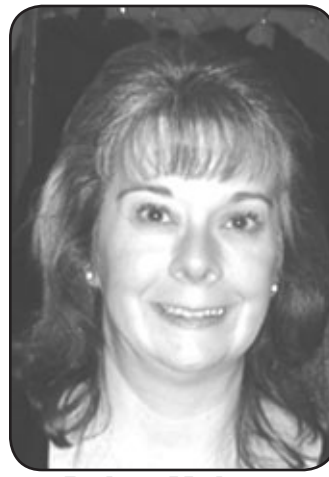
Debra Elaine Malone, 60

Debra Elaine Malone, age 60, wife of Ted Malone, passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Clark Regional Medical Center, Winchester, Kentucky.

She was born June 25, 1957 in Lexington to the late Harry Russell and Mildred Neal Adams. She was a retired nurse.

Survivors include her husband, Ted Malone, Irvine; son, Steven Lutes; sister, Sherry Lynn Borden (Harold); grandchildren, Emmett Lutes, Jace Lutes, and Liliana Lutes; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services were held on Sunday, August 20, 2:00 p.m., Davis & Davis Funer-



Debra Malone

al Home, 777 West College Avenue, Stanton. Visitation was Saturday, August 19, 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial was in Stonegate Cemetery, Stanton. <DavisandDavisFuneralHome.com>

Friday, August 18, 2017

Emma McClain, 91

Emma Katherine McClain, age 91, of White Oak Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Friday, August 18, 2017, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

She was born December 28, 1925, in Parkersburg, West Virginia; a daughter of the late Russell Alfred Sr. and Helen Fries Augustine. She was a homemaker and a member of the River Drive Christian Church. She was also a member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. McClain was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Ralph McClain.

She is survived by two daughters: Anna K. Puckett (Roger), Irvine; and Virginia Marie Elmore (Bill Gibson), Burnside; two sons: Law-

rence R. McClain (Barbara), Florida; and Lewis M. McClain (Terry), New Mexico; a sister, Betty Rollins, West Virginia; eight grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is also preceded in death by two brothers: Ernest G. Augustine and Russell "Bud" Alfred Augustine Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 21, 11:00 a.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Paul Groves. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Sunday, August 20th at the funeral home. Burial services were conducted Tuesday, August 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Joli Elizabeth "Beth" Parks, 44

Joli Elizabeth "Beth" Parks, age 44, of Dry Branch Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, August 19, 2017, at the Baptist Health Richmond following a long illness.

She was born October 11, 1972 in Estill County and was the daughter of Sharon Kay Puckett Parks and the late Joe "Shorty" Parks. She was a former Family Dollar employee and a member of the West Bend First Church of God. She had lived in Estill County all her life.

Survivors, in addition to her mother, include one brother, Jason Todd Parks (Corinna), Berea; and two nieces: Olivia and Abigail Parks.

She had special people in her life including caregivers and aunts, Pat Long, Dianna Puckett, Marilyn Dunaway, Teresa Powell and cousins, Lisa Howell Long and Gary Long. These people always made sure she laughed every day; she was spoiled, but most of all, she knew she was loved by them all.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 23, 1:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. James Combs. Burial will be at the Puckett Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 22nd at the funeral home. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Beverly Edward Reed



Beverly Edward Reed, age 96, went to his Heavenly Father on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

He was born on November 29, 1920 in Millers Creek, Estill County, Kentucky, and was the son of the late Henry T. and Lillie L. Reed. He was a United States Army World War II veteran. He belonged to the Oleika Shrine Temple, Shriners International (Life Member), Lexington York Rite, Web Commandary #1, a Kentucky Colonial, The Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America (50 years of recognition), The American Legion, Supreme Council – 33th Degree – House of the Temple, Knight Templar, and received a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation (Certified May 24, 1991).

Mr. Reed is survived by three daughters: Margaret

Cowden Napier, Fort Myers Beach, Florida; Beverly Hanna (Paul M. Jr.), Vero Beach, Florida; and Patricia L. Reed (Steven P.), Lexington; five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 20, 2:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Keith Hatter. Burial was at the West Irvine Cemetery. Friends called after 1:00 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Bryon Hanna, Paul Hanna, Paul Hanna III, Greg Cowden, J.R. Cowden and Tom Reed.

In lieu of flowers, donations were suggested to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Jimmy Turpin, 74

Jimmy Turpin, age 74, of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at the Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Elmo and Zelma Marie Riddell Turpin.


Mr. Turpin was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Turpin.

He was a member of the Pea Ridge Holiness Church.

Survivors include his son,

Tommy Gilbert; his former wife of 37 years, Sandra K. Charlton; best friend and long-time companion, Darlene Spicer; brothers, Wayne Turpin and Jackie Turpin; sisters, Carolyn Dawes and Virginia Stambaugh; and three grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, August 5th at 12 Noon at the West Irvine Cemetery with Bro. Tony Riddell officiating. <LewisFH.com>



The Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the **Estill County Public Library**, 246 Main Street in Irvine, on Thursday, September 7th and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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