

# OBITUARIES

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Sunday, January 27, 2019

## Donald E. Arthur, 85



Donald Edwin Arthur, age 85, of Waco, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, January 27, 2019.

He was a native of Irvine, born June 26, 1933, to the late Ben and Velma (Smith) Arthur. Donald was a United States Air Force veteran and retired from General Motors in Flint, Michigan with over thirty years of service and many great friendships.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Imogene Flannery Arthur; a brother, Orville Arthur, and a sister Bonnie Arthur.

He is survived by one daughter, Teresa VanWinkle (Roy), three grandchildren, Tommy, Steven and Cynthia



**Donald Arthur**

Goosey; one brother, Wendell Arthur; and a special niece, Tammy Hill.

Lakes Funeral Home of Berea is in charge of arrangements.

<LakesFuneralHome.com>

Sunday, February 3, 2019

## Rudolph Tipton Crowe, 75

Rudolph Tipton Crowe, age 75, of Furnace Junction in Ravenna, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

He was born March 2, 1943 in Estill County and was the son of the late Daniel and Betty Ann Tipton Crowe. He was a retired vice-president with CMS and a 50-year member and Past Master of the Stafford Lodge. He was a farmer, a gun-and-knife collector, and a Kentucky Colonel. He had lived in Estill County all his life.

Mr. Crowe is survived by his wife, LaDell Hall Crowe; two daughters: Elizabeth Griggs (Todd) and Melissa Snowden (Chad), both of Estill County; one

son, Jeffrey Crowe (Shannon Todd Finley), Laurel County; one sister, Janet Dixon, Estill County; three brothers: Shelby Crowe, Esco Crowe, both of Estill County; and Dallis Crowe, Clark County; and six grandchildren: Jakolbi Crowe, Brayden Griggs, Callee Snowden, Mason Griggs, Jaxon Snowden and Jessup Chaney.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bernice Dixon and Imogene Crowe.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Terry Barnes. Burial will be at the Crowe Cemetery.

Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Tuesday, February 5th at the funeral home.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Saturday, February 2, 2019

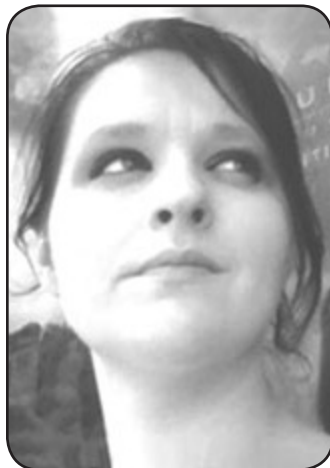
## Wendy Nicole Green, 32

Wendy Nicole Green age 32 of Georgetown, Kentucky, formerly of Magoffin County and Estill County, passed away Saturday, February 2, 2019 at her home.

She was born May 23, 1986 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky to Donnie Green and Jacqueline Highley, who survive.

Survivors also include two sons, William Kyle Rayfields and Jonathan Johnson; two daughters, Haley Nicole McPherson and Zoey Opal Anita Hurley; and two brothers, Donnie Ray Green Jr. and Ramsey Kaden Green, both of Winchester, Kentucky.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel, 900 Parkway Drive in Sal-



**Wendy Green,**

yersville. Burial will follow in the Leonard Risner Cemetery at Johnson Fork, Kentucky.

Friends visited the funeral home after 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2019 and anytime Wednesday prior to funeral services.

<MagoffinCountyFuneralHome.com>

Friday, January 25, 2019

## Charles Hammons, 83



Charles Nelson Hammons, age 83, widower of Arlene Ashcraft Hammons, passed away Friday, January 25, 2019 at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

He was a native of Art-mise, Kentucky, born October 30, 1935, the son of the late Edward and May Fortney Hammons. He was United States Navy veteran, a farmer, a retired truck driver, and a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Other than his wife, he was preceded in death by his sons, Chuck and Danny

Hammons; his brothers, Junior, Stanley, Hugh, Jimmy, and D.B.; and his sister, Cora Lee Smith.

Survivors include his son, Rob Alan Hammons; his grandson, Frank Hammons; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 31st at Lewis-Abner Home for Funerals with Bro. Robert Boyd officiating. Burial followed at the Hammons Family Cemetery. Friends called anytime after 11:00 a.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

<LewisFH.com>

Friday, February 1, 2019

## Neal Shannon James II, 55

Neal Shannon "Banjo Man" James II, age 55, of Stanford, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, February 1, 2019 in Willisburg.

Born August 10, 1963 in Stanford, to the late Neal James and Nancy Poynter James, Neal was a graduate of Lincoln County High School, a former employee of ATR Inc., and a member of Willow Grove Baptist Church. He was a Kentucky Colonel and was a songwriter/musician that led him to become a member of BMI, the largest music rights group in the United States.

He co-starred on "Call of the Wildman" with Ernie Brown Jr., also known as "Turtleman"; which aired for four seasons on Animal Planet, making him a local and national celebrity. His down to earth and easy going personality made him a fan favorite. Because of Neal's kind heart and love of serving the Lord, he volunteered a lot of his time mentoring and helping at Isaiah House in Willisburg. His favorite saying was, "Jesus Rocks!"

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Pearson James; two sons, Kenny James (Brooke) of Virginia, and Ronnie Isaacs II (Stephanie) of Irvine; two daughters, Sara McBride (Adam) of Harrodsburg, and Victoria Miller (Justin) of Stanford; two sisters, Carol Bell and Janice Tillett (Ron), both of



**Neal James II**

Stanford; and nine grandchildren, Josie Luttmann, Chloe Miller, Isabella Miller, Justin Luttmann, Leyna McBride, Joshua McBride, Elizabeth McBride, Benjamin James, and Jacob James.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Donald Lee James; a granddaughter, Laura Shannon James; one niece, Tami Owens; and a special brother-in-law, Joe Bell.

Visitation was Monday, February 4, 2019 at Lincoln County High School Stuart Underwood Auditorium from 5-9 p.m. A private funeral service and interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be given or mailed to Spurlin Funeral Home (411 W. Main Street, Stanford, KY 40484) as donations to help the family with funeral expenses.

<SpurlinFuneralHome.com>

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

## Sara Alene Neal, 90

Sara Alene Neal, age 90, of Barnes Mountain Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at her home following a short illness.

She was born January 13, 1929 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late Enoch and Ida Mae Crowe Stamper. She was a retired Sylvania employee and a member of the Hargett Baptist Church. She had lived in Estill County all her life.

Mrs. Neal was preceded in death by her husbands, Lloyd J. Neal and Gerald Sparks.

She is survived by three daughters: Rhonda Tate (Darrell), Charlene Sparks (Charles), both of Madison County; and Patty Embs (Ray), Estill County; two sons: Scotty Neal (Donna) and Larry Neal (Brenda), both of Estill County; one stepson: Ricky Sparks (Brenda), Estill County; one sister: Anna Margaret Davis, Estill County; 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.



**Sara Neal**

She was preceded in death by two sisters: Delberta Ingram and Velma Allen; three brothers: Junior, Jess and Virgil Stamper; and one grandchild, Stephen Sparks.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 1, 1:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jerry Chaney and Bro. Billy Stamper. Burial was at the Campbell Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Thursday, January 31st at the funeral home.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

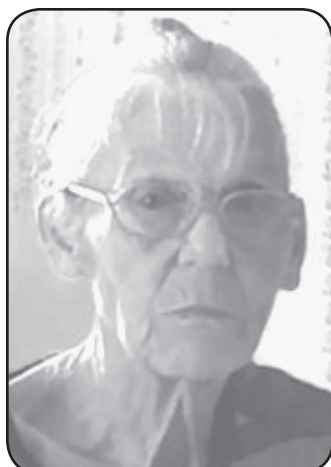
## Joyce Kay Willis Powell, 76

Joyce Kay Willis Powell, age 76, widow of the late Amos Powell, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, Kentucky.

She was born March 17, 1942 in Estill County, Kentucky, to the late John and Maggie Carpenter Willis. She worked in housekeeping and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Mrs. Powell is survived one son, Chris Powell (Irene) of Richmond; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Gail Powell; five brothers: Harry Willis, Carmon Willis, Wesley Willis, Tommy Willis, and Lermon Willis; two sisters: Sue Dixon and Ruby Willis, four grandchildren: Ashley Worsham, Tyler Powell, Charles Powell, and Clayton Powell; and two great grandchildren: Austin Worsham and Sadie Worsham.

She was preceded in death by two sons: Robert Powell and Harold Edward



**Joyce Powell**

Powell; one daughter, Donna Powell; and one brother, Elmer Willis.

Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Davis & Powell Funeral Directors, 616 Chestnut Street, Berea, with Father Tom Farrell officiating. Burial followed at the Silver Creek Cemetery, Gabbardtown Road in Berea. Visitation was held 5-8 p.m., Friday, February 1st at the funeral home.

<DavisandPowellFuneralHome.com>

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

## Janet Lee Richardson, 72

Janet Lee Richardson, age 72, of Barnes Mountain Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at her home following a long illness.

She was born September 17, 1946 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late Walter and Flossie Plowman Harris. She owned Janet's Hair Spot and served on the National Board of Hairdressers. She was a master craftsman and a member of the Baptist faith. She had lived in Estill County all her life.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her husband, Donald Lee Richardson; two daughters: Kendra Resha Tallent (Eddie), Albany, Kentucky; and Karen Renae Puckett (Roger), Irvine; two sons: Donald Lee Richardson II, Irvine; and Leslie Kyle Richardson (Deborah), Georgetown; and eight grandchildren: Tyler Cox, Joshua Richardson, Elayna Cox, Josiah Miller, Andrew Richardson, Jameson Miller, Ben Tallent and Sawyer



**Janet Richardson**

Tallent.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Norma Cox; and two brothers, Billy and Freddie Harris.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 2, 2:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Mark Pearson. Burial was at the West Irvine Cemetery. Friends called after 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

## Harmmon Eugene Witt, 88

Harmon Eugene "Gene" Witt, age 88, husband of the late Cathy Witt, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Versailles, Kentucky.

He was born in Irvine, Kentucky to the late Arthur and Stella Witt on March 10, 1930. Mr. Witt worked at IBM, Clark Equipment, and the city of Richmond. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Richmond and attended Jessamine Christian Church. He was a professional musician who started playing the piano at the age of three. He loved his Lord, his family and music.

Mr. Witt is survived by his son, Doug Osborne (Wanda); a daughter, Sheree Boston (Gary); seven grandchildren: Ian Osborne, Erin Muessig (Travis), Amy Johnson (Brett), Jessica McKenney (Chuck), Adrienne Johnston (Ian), Robby Boston, and Zachary Boston; and a brother, Ray Witt of Irvine.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Mike



**Gene Witt**

Osborne; two sisters, Opal Witt and Alma Witt; and four brothers, Chester Witt, Kenneth Witt, Estill Witt and Frank Witt.

Visitation and reception were from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2019, with a service to follow at Clark Legacy Center, 601 East Brannon Road, Brannon Crossing, Nicholasville. Burial was at Blue Grass Memorial Gardens.

Casketbearers were Ian Osborne, Robby Boston, Zachary Boston, Chuck McKenney, Ian Johnston, Travis Muessig and Brett Johnson.

<ClarkLegacyCenter.com>

## Richardson Thank You

The family of Janet Richardson would like to thank everyone for their kindness during her recent illness and death. Special thanks to Dr. Maher Kassis, Pam Jones, and the staff of Marcum & Wallace Hospital for the wonderful care they took of her. Thanks also to the Hospice staff for their compassion during her last few days of life. Special thanks to Brother Mark Pearson for the kind words spoken at her funeral, and to Sheila and Kaylee Collins for the beautiful song sang in her memory. Special thanks to Estill Schools Central Office friends for the amazing bereavement meal prepared and to Cow Creek Baptist for use of their fellowship hall. Thank you to all who sent flowers, food, made visits, and prayed for our family. Your kindness will be remembered always.

Sincerely, Donald Richardson, Donnie Richardson, Kyle & Debbie Richardson, Kendra & Eddie Tallent, and Karen and Roger Puckett.

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