Obituaries

Myrtle Griffin

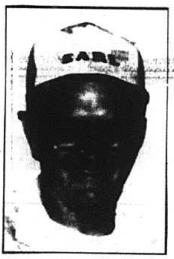
Myrtle Griffin, 72, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 6, 2000, at the Sowder Nursing Home in Brodhead. She was born on September 11, 1927 in Casey County, the daughter of the late Oscar and Etta Cummins Richards. She was a former merchant having operated the Mt. Vernon Hotel and Bus Station, was a former teachers aide in the Rockcastle County Schools, and retired secretary for Hospice. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she taught the Koinia Sunday School Class for several years.

Survivors are one son, Dwight Griffin of Mt. Vernon; two step sons, Albert E. Griffin of Mt. Vernon and David J. Griffin of Stanton; one brother, Russell Richards of Hustonville; two sisters, Lucille Beldon of Hustonville and Anna Sharp of Liberty; one granddaughter, Megan Michelle Griffin of Mt. Vernon. She was preceded in death by her husband, G.H. "Hobe" Griffin.

Services will be Thursday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cox Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Harmon and Rev. J. William Hall officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Koinia Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

Active pallbearers will be Clarence Carter, Harry Harmon, Danny Settles, Tommy Smith, Richie Bray and Douglas Beldon.



Virgil Ballinger

Virgil Ballinger, 75, of Rt. 1, Orlando, died Friday, March 3, 2000, at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born March 30, 1942, in Rockcastle County, the son of Eddie and Lona Abney Ballinger. He was a retired factory worker.

Survivors are his wife, Thelma Adams Ballinger of Orlando; two sons, Randall Ballinger and wife, Wanda of Hamilton, Ohio and Clayton Ballinger and wife, Patty of Arcanum, Ohio; eight brothers, Mitchell Ballinger of Richmond, Indiana, Charlie Ballinger, Dennis Ballinger and Robert Ballinger, all of Camden, Ohio, Marion Ballinger, Bobby Ballinger and Billy Ballinger, all of Hamilton, Ohio and Roy Ballinger of Ross, Ohio; one step brother, Joe McNally of Wildie; six sisters, Edith Hellard, Belle Ballinger, Linda Montjoy and Betty Newcomb, all of Mt. Vernon, Dorothy Shepherd of Fairfield, Ohio and Evelyn Rusk of Norwood, Ohio; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Christine; four brothers, Leonard, Hobert and Casper Ballinger and Edd Norton and two sisters, Mary Clark and America Ballinger.

Services were Sunday, March 5, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Ballinger officiating. Burial was in the Anglin Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Alvin Pigg, Dennis Ray Ballinger, Bruce Ballinger, Billy Ray Ballinger, Marvin Ballinger and Keith E. Ballinger.

Obituaries courtesy of local funeral homes

Hubert Bell

Hubert Bell, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 6, 2000 at his residence. He was born January 16, 1919 in Scott County, Virginia, the son of Orbin Turk and Nora Scarbrough Bell. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for Kentucky Stone Company and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Jalette Price Bell of Mt. Vernon; four sons, Floyd Bell of Mt. Vernon, Larry Bell and wife, Phyllis, of Brodhead; Bobby Bell and wife, Sherrie of Mt. Vernon and Darrell Bell of Louisville; three daughters, Pat Davidson and husband Bobby of Sand Gap; Joyce Houk and husband Bruce of Mt. Vernon and Norene Bell of Mt. Vernon and two sisters, Margie Jones of Brodhead and Helen Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Thursday, March 9 (today) at 11 a.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ with Bro. Ova Baker officiating. Burial will follow in the Lovell Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Floyd Bell, Bobby Bell, Larry Bell, Darrell Bell, Brian Bell and Curtis Gatliff.

Honorary pallbearers are: Bruce Houk, Bobby Davidson, Jeff McClure, Freddie Moore, Troy Hancock and Michael Kirby.

Arrangements are by Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

Samantha Stewart

Samantha Fern Stewart, infant daughter of Sammy and Claudette Saylor Stewart of Rt. 1 Orlando, was stillborn March 3, 2000, at the Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond.

In addition to her parents, survivors are two brothers, Joshua Alexander and Jacob Stewart, both of Orlando; one sister, Christine Stewart of Orlando; her paternal grandparents, David and Hazel Stewart of Orlando; her maternal grandparents, Brenda Akers of Berea and Steve Saylor of Crab Orchard and her maternal great grandparents, Alvin and Theda Saylor of Crab Orchard.

Services were Sunday, March 5, 2000, at the New Hope Holiness Church with Bros. Paul Akers and Herman Cress officiating. Burial was in the Clark Cemetery at Cove Branch.

Dowell and Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Howard Wren

Howard Wren, 87, of Berea, died Saturday, March 4, 2000, at the Berea Health Care Center where he was a resident. He was a Rockcastle County native born June 3, 1912, the son of the late Henry and Emily Bowlin Wren. He was a retired Blue Grass Army Depot employee, WWII U.S. Army veteran, member of the Berea Senior Citizens organization and attended Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors are one brother, Boyd Wren and wife, Claudia of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Delora Davis of Berea and Barbara Rader and husband, Emanuel of Mt. Vernon and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters, Gladys Kindred, Dorothy Kincaid, Yewell Wren, Lucille Owens, Marilyn Mullins and Shirley Wren.

Services were Tuesday, March 7, at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Kenny Davis officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Pallbearers were his nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Bodie Barnett, Cletus Peters, Buddy Gabbard, Ed Blair, Walter Malone and Jesse Mullins.

In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Fairview Cemetery Fund, c/o Fairview Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

John Morris

Herman Johnny (John) Morris, 55, of Hamilton, Ohio and formerly of Rockcastle County died Sunday, December 5th, 1999, at the Mercy Hospital in Hamilton after a long fight with lung and throat cancer. He was born in Rockcastle County on November 18, 1944, the son of the late Brightie and Beckie Turner Morris.

Survivors are one son, Michael Morris of Hamilton; two daughters, Tonia Cook of Marshall, Texas and Barbara Hann of Plano, Texas; two stepdaughters, Tammy Clifford of Newport and Nancy Durbin of Livingston; eight brothers, Jame Morris, Charles Morris, William Morris, Larry Morris, Delbert Morris, all of Hamilton, Ohio, Gary Morris of Madera, Ohio and Ed Morris of Baxter, Tennessee; two sisters, Mary Wesley and Nina Goins, both of Hamilton, Ohio and nine grandchildren, Brandon, Leah, Jake, Ayla, Sammy Dale, Cheyenne, Brandon Wesley, Taylor Leighann and David. He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Sherman Don Morris; twin brothers, Clyde and Carl Morris and a sister, Sarah Wagner.

Services were Tuesday, December 7, at Brown Dawson Funeral Home in Hamilton with Rev. Mike Callihan, Pastor of the Living Word Missionary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Butler County Memorial Park.

Alice Ross

Alice M. Adams Ross, 52, of New Albany, Indiana and formerly of Brodhead, died Friday, February 4, 2000, at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany. She was born on August 10, 1947 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Douglas "Dud" Adams and Media Harris Adams Hoskins.

Survivors are her husband, Johnnie E. Ross; one son, Doug Ross of New Albany; four daughters, Lisa Adams, Jennifer Ross and husband, Samuel, all of New Albany, Barbara Ross of Paoli, Indiana and Sonya Hanifen of New Salisbury, Indiana; one sister, Louise Wilmott of Brodhead; two brothers, James Turner of Indianapolis and Leon Harris of Crab Orchard and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Tanya Ross; two brothers, Johnny and Doug Hoskins and one sister, Bonnie Campbell.

Services were Wednesday, February 9, at Kraft Funeral Home in New Albany. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in New Albany.

Margaret Nickerson

Margaret Charlotte Nickerson, 77, of Berea, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Berea Hospital. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of Clay and Margaret Korbach Ross. She was retired from the Dixie Kitchen Restaurant and was a member of the Episcopal Church of our Saviour in Richmond.

Survivors are her children, Margaret Alameda Barnes of Berea, Ralph William Barnes, Sr., of Danville, Virginia, Sandra Lee Johnson of Mt. Vernon, Roberta Elizabeth Nickerson of Littlebeach, Mississippi, Paul James Nickerson of Vacoville, California; Pauline Rae Nickerson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Carla Denise Nickerson of Owenton and Robert James Nickerson, Jr., of Lexington; three sisters, Carvilla Sprector Carson of Pasadena, Maryland, Natalie Edna Prate of Lake City, Florida and Barbara Virginia Lee Duckett of Sun Valley, Maryland; 38 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and a great aunt, Catherine Korbach, of Crownsville, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Robert James Nickerson, Sr.

Services were Monday, March 6, at the Stallings Funeral Home in Pasadena, Maryland with Rev. Joseph Massanger officiating. Burial was in the Meadow Ridge Memorial Park in Laurel, Maryland. Casketbearers were William Kermit Blair III, Dwayne Stephen Blair, Jr., Robert James Nickerson III, Scott Chattelle, William Kermit Blair II and Steve Blair, Sr.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea were in charge of arrangements.

Donna Fitzgerald

Donna A. Fitzgerald, 42, of Lexington and formerly of Somerset, died Friday, March 3, 2000, at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. She was born on November 20, 1957 in El Paso, Texas, the daughter of Margie Ann Avera Wilson and the late Virgil Walker Wilson. She was a nursing assistant in transitional care unit at St. Joseph Hospital, employed for 11 years. She enjoyed traveling and visiting with friends, superb caregiver - loved giving of herself to others, loving mother and grandmother. She was a member of Devondale Baptist Church in Lexington.

Survivors besides are mother are her husband, Robert Fitzgerald; two daughters, Suzanna Michelle Martinez and husband Valentin of Lexington and Melissa Dawn Whiles and husband, Curt of Ferguson; three brothers, Donald W. Wilson of Pittsburg, Duane W. Wilson of Somerset and Dennis W. Wilson of Nancy; one sister, Deborah Dunaway of Ash Flat, Arkansas; her mother-in-law, Edna Fitzgerald and two grandchildren, Destiny Carlina Martinez and Selena Martinez. She was preceded in death by her father, Virgil Walker Wilson; her father-in-law, Herman Fitzgerald; paternal grandparents, Faylous and Ina Wilson and maternal grandparents, Harold "Bud" and Jewell Avery.

Services were Monday, March 6, at Chapel of Lange & New Bros. Family Funeral Home with Rev. Adrian Parker and Rev. Earl McBryde officiating. Burial was in the Mincey Family Cemetery.

Quintin Mink

Quintin Mink, 81, of Newport Richey, Florida, died Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at his residence. He was the son of McKinley and Bessie Kirby Mink.

Survivors are a son, Wayne Mink of Wisconsin; two daughters, Marilyn Kay Mullane of Clemmons, North Carolina and Glenda Clark of Keavy; one brother, Jack Mink and a sister, Ruby Mink, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Services were Saturday, March 4, at Bowling Funeral Home. Burial was in the Locust Grove Cemetery at Keavy.

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Clarence Williams, Sr.

Clarence J. Williams, Sr., 91, of Cicero, died January 28, 2000, in MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn. He was employed in the shipping and receiving department of Wickes Furniture prior to retiring. He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded an American Defense Service Ribbon; an American European Theater Ribbon; an African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon; three bronze service stars; two overseas service bars; one service strip; a Good Conduct medal and a Bronze Star for his service. He attended Morton High School in Cicero. He enjoyed playing table tennis as a professional.

Survivors are his wife, Lorene; one daughter, Marianne Williams; one son, Clarence J. Williams, Jr.; one brother, Roy Williams; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, February 5 at St. Mary of Czestochowa Church in Cicero. A private burial was in the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago.

Rosa Reynolds

Rosa Lily Reynolds, 92, of Richmond, Indiana and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Saturday, March 4, 2000 at her residence. She was born in Rockcastle County on September 16, 1907, the daughter of John and Laura Elizabeth Owens Thomas. She had been a homemaker and was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church.

Survivors are three daughters, Hattie Gene Clark and Toy Lou Northern, both of Richmond and Elizabeth Carmen Vanzant of Richmond, Indiana; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milford Reynolds; her parents; six sisters and two brothers.

Graveside services were Monday, March 6, at the Johnetta Cemetery with Bro. Sam Hampton officiating.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brandon Northern, Harold Northern, James Northern, Jeffrey Vanzant, and Shane Vanzant.

Doyle Stringer

Doyle "Dobber" Stringer, 82, of Wilmore, died Friday, March 3, 2000, at Thompson Hood Veterans Center. He was born on September 29, 1917 in Hail, Kentucky, the son of Mary Belle Haynes Stringer and Monroe Stringer. He had worked for the State Highway Dept. as Bridge Crew. He was a veteran of World War II and the 1535th Army Air Force. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are two sisters, Ruby Owens and husband, Paul and Elsie Phelps, all of Somerset. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Delbert, Dennie, Guy and Raymond Stringer and one sister, Pauline Tapp.

Services were Monday, March 6, at Chapel of Lange and New Bros. Family Funeral Home with Pastors Gilbert Robinson and Clyde Strunk officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Zion #2 Cemetery.

"Sweet n' Sour"

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answer his calls, he knew each one and often would have some of them on his shoulders while he conversed with them. (This was something else he remarked about the day we reminisced, he could no longer whistle, false teeth do that.) Well, we did get our berries picked and Grandma Holbrook had a big pot of blackberry dumplings ready in no time. The real treat of those dumplings was the dip she served over them. Her dip was something special to us. The spring close by had kept a bucket of milk cold, and when she poured a portion of it in a big blue pitcher and added a mite of sugar, dash of some magic spice, stirred it with a big wooden spoon and poured it over a dish of hot dumplings made from freshly picked berries it was a treat worth remembering. That was the last time either of us visited with Grandma in her own home. She finished her last days with my Mom and Dad.

If ish hadn't picked these memories from the ashes of the past I may not have found them on my own. That is one more reason I miss him. He has taken an important part of me with him, "The memories only he and I shared."

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98 Pont. Gr. Am 2 dr., V-6	$10,990
98 Pont. Gr. Am 4 dr., auto, air	$10,990
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97 Chevy M. Carlo sunroof, leather	$13,700
97 Dodge Intrepid 4 dr., loaded	$8,990
97 Nissan Altima 4 dr., loaded	$11,500
97 Saturn 4 dr., 5 speed, air	$10,500
97 Saturn 2 dr., sunroof	$11,750
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98 Ford Ranger XLT 16K	$9,990
96 Ford F-150 V-8, auto, air, 17K	$16,500
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