

Obituaries



Locie York

Locie Mable Swinney York, 51, of Rt. 3, Brodhead, died Saturday, July 8, 2000, at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born on March 4, 1949, in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Martha Barnes Swinney and the late Leonard

Swinney. She was a homemaker and a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors are her husband of 15 years, John Henry York of Rt. 5, Brodhead; one son, Carl Lee York of Rt. 3, Brodhead; one daughter, Norma Hall of Mt. Vernon; one step-daughter, Mary Elizabeth York; eight brothers, Milton Lee Swinney of Powell County, Everett Swinney of Conway, Clall, Glen, Walter, Leonard, Jack and Denver Swinney, all of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Evelyn Swinney of Mt. Vernon and Christine Amburgey of Berea; two grandchildren, four step grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walker Dale Swinney.

Services were Tuesday, July 11, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Vernon and Elsie Doan officiating. Burial was in the Saylor Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Mark McClure, William Taylor, Barry Hayes, Joe Prewitt, Junior Gray, and Coy Vance.

Cards of Thanks

Harvey Bond

The family of Harvey Bond would like to express our appreciation for the love and support of friends and family during the loss of our father.

A special thank you to Dean Carpenter, Gladys Morris, Ester Fullerton, Elizabeth Miller and Ralph Allen for their songs; Jimmy Miller and Oliver Abney for their words of comfort; Dowell and Martin for their compassion; the staff at Rockcastle Hospital and Dr. Saylor for their excellent care; and especially to Nora Ruth Bond for her eleven year commitment to the care of our father for which there are no words available.

Thank You

Thank you for all the expression of sympathy we received when Jack died. We appreciated the cards, phone calls, flowers and thank you also to Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church for your love, support and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bufford Parkerson & family
Glenn Parkerson & family

Thank you

We would like to send out a special thank you to all of the churches and individuals who gave their love, support, contributions and prayers to me during my illness.

Thank You Very Much,
Brenda & James Price & family

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitcher

Is Divorce the

Unpardonable Sin? "There was a deacon in my church in Louisville who had once robbed a bank," Terry told me. (All characters are fictitious.) "He had served time in prison as a result of his crime. When he got out of prison, he got a job and became a responsible citizen. Several years later my church asked him to serve as a deacon."

"That's OK with me," Terry added. "I have a problem with his serving in that capacity. I am grateful for what has happened in his life. But do you realize that since I am divorced, I cannot be elected a deacon in my church? It's OK for bank robbers to be deacons but not me. I love my church, but I must admit that's very hard for me to take."

"It seems to me," Terry continued, "that we have made divorce the unpardonable sin."

Divorced persons are often confronted with the stigma that goes with being divorced in our society. "It's as if I had a big 'D' tattooed on my forehead," one of them told me. "I feel like everybody looks at me as divorced, first and a person, second. I think they judge me based on my marital history rather than on who I am."

Cheryl says that her relationship to her church has changed since she has become divorced. "I used to teach a Sunday School class," she said. "But after I was divorced, I didn't feel like they wanted me to do that anymore. When I resigned, no one tried to talk me out of it. I guess some of this was just my assumption about what they thought, but no one said anything to me to change my mind."

Martin tells how his divorce affected him. "No one knew that my

wife had a drinking problem. We had managed to keep that a secret. Therefore, when I left, I got the blame. I heard all kinds of questions from people wondering how I could leave such a good woman. They didn't know what my life at home was like, and yet they judged me. I quit going to church soon after that."

Norm had a different story. "Most of the people in my church were very supportive of me," he reported. "Some went out of their way to tell me of their concern. My pastor was the one who seemed to have the most problems with the divorce. I've heard him preach sermons that divorce is sin unless there is adultery involved, so I don't guess it should have surprised me that he became very cool towards me after my wife and I split."

Deborah reports an experience similar to Martin's. "The divorce was a mutual decision by my husband and me. We were both miserable and decided to go our separate ways. The marriage was a mistake right from the start. I felt very uncomfortable in church from that time on. I don't think any of them knew what to say to me so they didn't say anything. I soon stopped going, and I haven't been back in two years."

Divorce is certainly not the unpardonable sin, but it is sometimes treated as if it were. Divorce does not "scar a person for life" nor render him or her unfit for religious service. Thankfully many churches have come a long way in this regard. No longer do they label divorced persons as "second-class citizens." These churches allow persons who have been through the tragedy of divorce to take their rightful place in the church leadership.

Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

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Hello everyone everywhere. Hope you haven't been to disappointed in not seeing the Fairview News for some time. I have just been busy and neglected to write. You know there is a lot to do in the summer time.

Sunday School attendance for July 9th was 145 and worship service attendance was good. We just thank God for all His blessings. Bro. David Akers is still serving as Interim Pastor at Fairview. We really enjoy having him.

Our deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to all those who have lost loved ones lately, including Mrs. Beulah Harbin, sister of Hubert Chasteen and John Shupe, husband of the former Alice Cope. Both Mrs. Harbin and Mr. Shupe lived in Ohio. May God bless and comfort all relatives and friends in this time of sorrow.

Mrs. Edith Mullins of Snider celebrated her 100th birthday, July 2nd with many, many relatives and friends attending. A beautiful dinner was served on the front lawn, and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all. We all love Aunt Edith and wish for her good health and happiness the rest of her life.

And while I'm writing about birthdays I wish to publicly thank all my family, relatives and friends for the gifts and beautiful cards I received on my birthday which was July 5th.

Dorothy Lambert and Mary Lou Reynolds of Augusta, Georgia recently spent a few days here with Dorothy's relatives. They also attended worship services at Fairview on Sunday morning.

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Enjoying a nice trip to Kings Island recently were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Isaacs and two sons and Jeremy Davidson.

Visitors of Mrs. Hallie Alexander during the past few weeks have been J.T. and Doris Gadd, Mrs. Mildred Phillips and Odessa Himes. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson of Hudson, Florida and Mrs. Dianna Robinson of Orlando (Brush Creek). Visiting Mrs. Celia Kirby recently were Hallie Alexander and Irene Alexander.

Some of our most recent friends, Judy Cummins and daughter, Dreama; Moss Linville; Doris Gabbard and of course our children and grandchildren are in and out very often.

We, at Fairview are so thankful to see Buddy Gabbard back at church following surgery in Lexington several days ago.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Cope a few days ago were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cope and Christine Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McCuddy of Winchester visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Ridgell, and her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chasteen Sunday afternoon.

So for this sunny, hot and humid Monday morning, July 10th I will say Adieu and hope to write more soon.

Try to attend church and Sunday School every time you can. Pray for one another, especially for the sick and broken hearted all around us. May your heart be filled with love for God and people. God bless you.

Smithern graduates from Midway College

A Rockcastle County resident was among over 220 Midway College graduates who received degrees at the college's commencement ceremony May 13th in Marshall Gymnasium, McManis Student Center.

Lisa Lee Bullock Smithern received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Dr. Gordon K. Davies, President

of the Kentucky Council of Postsecondary Education, delivered the commencement address.

Midway College, founded in 1847, is Kentucky's only college dedicated to women. Also offered are accelerated evening degree programs for working men and women through the School for Career Development.

Cemetery Notices

Johanna Cemetery

Donations needed for the maintenance and upkeep of the Johanna Cemetery. Send donations to Harold Ballinger, 507 Three Links Rd., McKee, Ky. 40447 or call 256-5495. Memorial and decoration services Sunday, May 28th.

Red Hill Cemetery

Marie Ruppe, Rt. 2 Box 325, Livingston, KY 40445 is still taking care of the Red Hill Cemetery. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

High Dry Cemetery

Donations needed for the upkeep of High Dry Cemetery. Please send all donations to Jonett Phelps, Rt. 1 Box 327P, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Pine Hill Cemetery

Please send your donations for the upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery to: Lorene Mink Ponder, 143 Mason Lake Road, Berea, KY 40403. 606-986-7756.

Smith Cemetery

Donations needed for moving and upkeep of Smith Cemetery on Red Hill Rd. Anyone that would like to donate please send to Smith Cemetery, c/o Marvin Smith, Rt. 2 Box 384, Livingston, KY 40445.

Negro Creek Cemetery
Donations can be made at this time or mailed to Doxie Blanton, Rt. 3 Box 1076, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Sandhill Cemetery

Send donations for care and upkeep of Sandhill Cemetery to Sandhill Baptist Church in care of Teddy Mink, Rt. 5, Box 450, Livingston, Ky. 40445.

Remember

Submitted By Vallie Burton
Remember when Hippie meant big in the hips,
and a trip involved travel in car, plane and ships.

When pot was a vessel for cooking things in,
and a book was what grandma's rug might have been.

When fix was a verb that meant mend or repair,
and being meant simply existing somewhere.

When neat meant well organized, tidy and clean,
and grass was ground covered, normally green.

When lights not people were turned on and off,
and the pill was what you took for a cough.

And camp meant to quarter out doors in a tent,
and pop was where the weasel went.

When groovy meant furrowed with channels and hollows,
and birds were winged creatures like robins and swallows.

When fuzzy was a substance that's fluffy like lint,
and bread came from bakeries, not from the mint.

When square meant a 90-degree angle form,
and cool was a temperature not quite warm.

When roll was a bun, and rock was a stone,
and hang up was something you did to a phone.

When chicken meant poultry and bag meant a sack,
and junk meant trashy cast off's and bric-a-brac's.

When jam was something you spread on your bread,
and crazy meant not right in the head.

And cat was a kitten grown up,
and tea was a liquid you drank from a cup.

And dig meant to shovel and spade in the dirt,
and put on was what you did with a shirt.

And making a scene was a rude thing to do,
It's Groovy, man Groovy but English it's not.

Me thinks that the English language has gone straight to pot.

Author Unknown

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