"Obituaries"

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Herman Parson

Herman Cletius Parson, 78, of Copper Creek Road, Berea, died Friday, August 18, 2000 at his home. He was born in Garrard County on February 21, 1922, the son of the late Harrison and Virgie Bryant Parson. He was a farmer, a veteran of the Army and served in Germany in World War II, where he was wounded in December of 1944 and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors are his wife, Dorothy Singleton Parson; four children, Billy George Parson of Cartersville, Joyce Coyle of Richmond, Indiana, Ronald Ray Parson and wife, Jewell of Berea and Lloyd Herman Parson and wife, Genene of Berea; five sisters, Mayme Lear, Thelma Starnes, Beatrice Towery, Edith Dotson and Opal Howard; eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Carrie Pingleton and two brothers, Bennett and Earnest Parson.

Services were Monday, August 21, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Bruce Alcorn officiating. Burial was in the Cartersville Cemetery.

Bill Baker

William F. "Bill" Baker, 81, of Enon, Ohio died, Saturday, August 19, 2000, at Community Hospital in Springfield. He was born June 20, 1919 in Climax, the son of the late Charley and Feba Himes Baker. He served his country during WWII with the United States Army, was a member of the Lockland Baptist Church in Lockland, Ohio, attended the Christian Center Assembly of God in Yellow Springs, was a member of the Fairborn Masonic Lodge #764 F&AM, Enon VFW and the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors are his sister, Alberta Dees of Richmond, Indiana; two brothers, Marion D. Baker of Huber Heights and Johnny Baker of Mt. Vernon; two step sisters, Opal Whitehead of Richmond, Indiana and Etta Raper of Sebring, Florida; three step brothers, Wilson Hall of Richmond, Indiana, Clarence Hall of Pleasant Hill, Missouri and Elic Hall of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive C. in 1992, six brothers and one sister.

Services were held Wednesday, August 23, at Burcham Funeral Home in Fairborn. Burial was in the Enon Cemetery.

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Cards of Thanks & In Loving Memories

David Cash

The family of David Cash wants to thank the many, many friends who have helped us during David's illness and death.

We want to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Thanks to all for the many visits that he had, the cards, the food, the money and all the prayers that were said for him.

We want to thank Bro. Danny McKibben, Bro. Buford Parkerson, Col. Steve Parker, Linda Whitt, Bill Adkisson, Watson Funeral Home and my sisters, Katherine, Jenny and Judy for helping us through this difficult time.

We also want to thank Hospice, Carl Caldwell, and Shannon Cash for their help. We will never forget all of you.

David F. Cash and family
& Jackie Cash family

James Moore

The family of James Moore would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to each and every person who showed their love and support during the loss of our loved one. All prayers, phone calls, food, flowers and visits gave comfort and encouragement to our family.

We would especially like to thank the following people: James Nicely for his comforting words, Lois Nicely for the beautiful songs, the pallbearers, and the staff of Cox Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

Thank You,
Ella B. Moore and family

LD Bond

The family of LD Bond would like to thank all the people who showed such kindness during his illness and the time of his death. Thank all of you for the flowers, food and donations you gave. Especially thank you for your kind and caring words.

We especially would like to thank George Collins and Billy Medley for the special words they said at LD's funeral.

A special thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home and to doctors and nurses at Marymount Hospital.

We cannot express in words how much we appreciate all of you.

Thank You Very Much,
Irene Bond & children

Nellie Wilmott

The family of Nellie Wilmott wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of sympathy (flowers, food, visits, phone calls, and cards). It means so much to have friends and family like you.

We wish to extend a special thanks to Bro. Don Cummins and Bro. Raymond Offutt for their consoling words, and to Bro. Pete Lamon and Stella for their visits and expressions of love. Also, thanks to Shawn Burdette for such beautiful words in song, and to Cox Funeral Home for everything. They helped make a difficult time easier. Thanks to all the pallbearers and to Pam Burdette for the lovely flowers.

Finally, we could never say thank you enough to Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Sparks and all the caregivers at Charleston Health Care in Danville. We say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to Dr. Brian Ellis and Physical Therapist David Cress. Mom loved you and so do we.

Bobbie, Grace K. & families

In Memory of My Loving Sister, Edna Westerfield Collins

Another sweet soul has gone to meet
their maker.
Oh, look at that beautiful white robe
and that great big smile on her
face.
She has run her race.
She has finished her cause with that
golden brown upon her head.
Holding Jesus by His hand.
All her burdens have been rolled
away.
As she turned around to look, she saw
this Big Book.
As she listened her named was called.
She didn't stumble.
She didn't fall.
She's going to meet them all.
She started to sing.
Her voice was so clear.
The sweetest singing that was ever
heard.
As the gates were opened she saw
Jesus she started to kneel.
She saw all the family marching in.
There stood Christ with his purple
robe.
Edna, you will never grow old.
She went through the gate with all her
family by her side.

Sister,
Lora Westerfield Hamilton

In Memory of Bennett L. Burton, who passed away August 16, 1981

You never said I'm leaving,
you never said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
A million times we've missed you,
a million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
no one can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day you left home,
To not return.

Sadly missed by mother,
Vallie Burton

In Loving Memory of my husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who passed away Feb. 1, 2000

"Happy Birthday" on Aug. 28th
James Loyd Stewart

Remember me in laughter, joy &
cheer
but if you can only remember me
in a river full of tears,
then don't remember me at all.
My past my time I've been with
you,
remains in your hearts, I'm al-
ways with you.
Think of a dove that flies freely
in the sky,
that's what I am an Angel in dis-
guise.
When you think of me, remem-
ber not to grieve for I'm hap-
pier than I've ever been,
waiting for the day we all will be
together again.
Never to endure pain or suffer-
ing,
always and forever to walk
among God's paradise,
so when your feeling alone, re-
member me in laughter, joy &
cheer.

Love and Miss You,
Your Granddaughter,
Melinda Brown and wife
Loretta Stewart and family

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

Saying Goodbye is Painful

My wife and I took our youngest son to college on Saturday to begin his freshman year. It was hard to say goodbye.

I have some idea now about how much my parents loved me. Having my own children and saying goodbye to them, has taught me how my parents must have felt when they said goodbye to me. As I love my children, I know my parents loved me.

My father said that the hardest thing he ever did was to leave me standing outside my dorm at Georgetown College when he and my mother dropped me off to begin my freshman year. My father went through many difficult times in his life, so if this was the hardest, it must have been very hard.

After leaving two sons at college in the last five years, I now know what Dad meant. As we were driving away, I knew I had to leave and I knew it was the right thing to do, but it was not what I wanted to do. I wanted to turn that car around and go back, but there was no going back. Time was moving forward, and my only choice was to move with it.

Coming back home was a sad time. There were all the reminders that he had just been there, from his dirty socks to the books he loved so much. The house seemed huge and quiet. We stayed busy to avoid thinking about what this weekend means for our lives.

I know that sending a child away to college is not the worst pain that can come to us. I am aware that parents whose children have died would love to go through what I am going through now. There is much worse pain, but I still feel the loss.

I have said before that the only thing worse than having your child leave home is having your child not leave home. We do not want our children still living with us at 45 and expecting us to support them. Leaving home is a natural part of growing up, and I would not have it any other way, but it is still painful.

My experiences of the past weekend increase my admiration for single parents. I ask myself what it would be like to go through this alone, and the only answer is "it would hurt even more." My wife is a great support and I cannot imagine going through this without her. Single parents, how do you do it?

This must be an especially difficult time for parents of only one child as well. When all your life has been wrapped up in that one child, turning loose is not easy to do.

It was good to come back to work this morning (Monday). That gives me something on which to focus other than my own loss.

Obviously this begins a new phase in marriage, the "empty-nest syndrome" someone called it. One man told me that he woke up in bed next to a stranger after his children left home. "My wife and I focused solely on our children for so many years that we did not know each other," he explained. The relationship between husband wife becomes even more crucial because there are no children to serve as buffers. Husbands and wives must rediscover each other in order to begin this new phase in their lives. The closing of one chapter marks the beginning of another.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Livingston Homecoming Committee we would like to sincerely thank Buzz Carloftis, Fiscal Court, Scott Berryman and all the prisoners who are on the work-release program. We appreciate all their hardwork in helping us clean up for our homecoming. You guys all did a wonderful job and we thank each of you.

From all the members of the Livingston Homecoming Committee

Dear Editor,

The Cedar Rapids Dolphins have completed another very successful season. Thanks to all the parents who have helped in a multitude of jobs at swim meets, practices, pot lucks, on the scene, behind the scenes and just by bringing your child to participate in this terrific sport.

Special thanks to Tracy and Tammy Gabbard and Debra Brown for a wonderful Memory Book that is something our children will cherish. Thanks to Coach Jessica Albright for leading us to not only a winning season, but by a very close margin over the Knox County Piranas (sic), a Lake Cumberland Swim Association Championship. The team's trophy this year is a personalized deluxe beach towel and for next swim season a championship t-shirt.

Thanks, too, to Tammy Cox and Debbie Brown for decorating for our final dinner and for the video presentation of Dolphin meets past.

Congratulations to each Dolphin for all personal and team accomplishments this year. We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing you next year for the 2001 version of the Dolphins.

Respectfully,
Dolphin Swim Board

Dear Editor,

I am writing because no one else will listen to me and I am hoping that some of your readers will assist me in my protest to get the county roads in Rockcastle County fixed. Not the ones that have been blacktopped twice this year, but the ones that haven't had anything done to them since four years ago. One of the responsibilities of being an adult is to vote. Vote in representatives to represent me and my county, now we have done that in this county as in other counties. But what bothers me is when someone goes into office such as Judge Buzz Carloftis, the only help we can see that he is giving is to the people who he wants to help and not everyone.

On Emmett Foster Road, which has been deeded as a county road, there is 'chunks' of blacktop that has came up and literally busted my oilpan. I have had to replace two of the tires on my car due to the 'eating' effect the road does to the rubber on the tires. Now I am aware that all roads 'eats' at your tires but Emmett Foster Road is helping its self to second and third propositions of your tires everytime you drive over it.

I live on this road with my husband, daughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law and his wife. Along with us lives two handicapped people who cannot travel on this road. If any of us were to get sick and need to go to the hospital we would probably get killed trying to get off of this road.

Last year, when I called Mr. Carloftis and asked him to repave that road he sent a pickup truck with one man in it down here and he tossed out blacktop like you would toss out grass seed in a field. And of course, it was picked up by the tires that were traveling on the road. Then he sent a load of gravel to go on the road, which still has blacktop on it. Now in my experiences on this earth one of them is to never put rocks on a paved road it will cause you to get hurt. Now this has also been proven here, almost. And what I mean by almost is the caution that the drivers of this road use. When you go over the hill heading off of Emmett Foster Road you will come to a junction with Hwy. 25.

I am not asking anyone to donate anything but time. I want this county to become what all counties are suppose to be. I am attempting to have the office holders in Rockcastle County do what they are suppose to do or to get up and let someone else have the air conditioned, newly refurnished office that we get just sit there and count the hours till time to go home do the same thing. It will take a lot of hard work and a lot of pushing. But as a mother, I feel like I have to do everything in my power to make this a better place for my family. And I intend on starting with ROCKCASTLE COUNTY! Please call me at 453-9461 if you have any questions, comments or if you would just like to tell me your story.

Christie Foster
Mt. Vernon, KY

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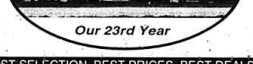

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