

Obituaries

Vernon Pennington

Vernon Keith Pennington, 69, died Saturday, February 3, 2001. He was born March 26, 1930, in Corbin, the son of Abe L. and Emma Owens Pennington. His parents and several years were spent in the Reno Valley and Mt. Vernon area where he enjoyed the music of the Valley, especially that of his brother, Glenn Pennington and sister-in-law, Lily May of the original Coon Creek Girls.

Vernon served in the Korean Conflict in 1952-53 with the Army and retired from Parker Seal Company after 28 years of employment. He was a faithful member and actively involved at the Bethel Baptist Church. He was previously professed faith in Jesus Christ in October, 1967 and was active at the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife of 46 years, Lorene Pennington; two sons, Melvin L. Pennington and wife, Connie and Rev. Arvil L. Pennington of Rochester, Virginia; granddaughter and great granddaughter, Judy and Shelli York of Berea; nieces and nephews, Barbara Pennington Greenleaf of Lancaster and Jimmy and Bobby Pennington of Lexington and first cousins, James F. Pennington of Winchester and Velma Owens of London.

Memorial services were Wednesday, February 7, at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Kenny Davis and Rev. Randy McPherson officiating. Burial was in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Corbin.

Lucy Knuckles

Lucy Coffey Knuckles, 78, of Berea, died Friday, February 2, 2001 at Berea Hospital. She was a native of Rockcastle County, born April 24, 1922, the only daughter of the late Jim and Lula Potter Coffey. She was a loving mother and homemaker. She attended Miracle Revival Church of God and Narrow Way Church of God in Jesus' Name.

Survivors are three sons, Harold Knuckles and wife, Opal of Clover Bottom, Harold Knuckles and wife, Elsie and Joe Knuckles, all of Berea; eight daughters, Thelma Louise Williams and husband, Ed and Geraldine Faye Sturgill and husband, Johnny, all of Berea; Lois Marie Bowman and husband, Jacob of Mt. Vernon; Sharon Rose Bowman and husband, Bill of Sand Gap; Brenda Sue Hanaway and husband, Michael of Berea and a granddaughter who she raised as a daughter, Lorena Vanwinkle and husband, Donivan of Berea; one brother, Willie Coffey of Berea; 27 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Elgie Knuckles, who passed away in 1983; one daughter, Marjorie Aylene Coffey; five brothers, Stanley Coffey, Andrew Coffey, Leonard Coffey, George Coffey and John Coffey and one grandson, Eugene Brinegar.

Services were Tuesday, February 6, at Williams Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. John Gross, Bro. Stanley Vanwinkle and Bro. Clyde Coffey officiating. Burial was in the Scalfold Cane Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Junior Bowman, Donivan Vanwinkle, Ray Land, Doug Knuckles, Stevie Knuckles and Joey Bowman.

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Jimmy Croucher

Jimmy Croucher, 62, of Burdette Street, Berea, died Saturday, February 3, 2001 at the Berea Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County; to the late Ed and Juanita King Croucher.

Survivors are his wife, Shelby Lake Croucher; three children, Teresa Croucher of Berea, Tim Croucher and Tony Croucher, both of Lexington; three sisters, Angie Coffey and husband, Ralph of New Mexico, Anna M. Grey of Berea and Jean Swartz and husband, Larry of Dayton; one brother, Billy L. Croucher of Berea; three grandchildren, Adam Croucher of Berea, Carey Croucher and Mat-

thew Croucher, both of Lexington. Services were Tuesday, February 6, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Mark Sarver officiating. Burial was in the Davis-Witt Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adam Croucher, Charlie Croucher, Willie Croucher, Robbie McHone, Kenneth McHone and Eddie McHone.

Honorary bearers were Bobby Teague, Brian Pearson, Clanton Davidson, Jamie Alexander and Dusty Isaac.

Clay Cash

William Clay Cash, 68, of John Cash Road, Crab Orchard, died Sunday, February 4, 2001 at an apparent heart ailment. He was the husband of

Lucille Measel Cash, whom he married July 18, 1953. He was born September 22, 1932, in Lincoln County, the son of the late John and Lovonia Wallace Cash. He was a member of the Goodhope Baptist Church for more than 40 years. He was a member of the Crab Orchard Masonic Lodge #636, a retired farmer and welder for Long-Airco formerly of Brodhead. He also drove a school bus for Lincoln County for 11 years.

Survivors are his wife, Lucille Cash of Crab Orchard; three sons, Dean Cash of Crab Orchard, Richard Cash and wife, Jill of Brodhead and Vince Cash and wife, Jennifer of Sanford; two sisters, Ruby Taylor of Brodhead and Mac Adams of Crab Orchard and five grandchildren, Josh Martin, Samantha Muse, Taylor

Muse, Matthew Cash and Zachary Cash. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lovonia Wallace Cash; one sister, Jewell Brown and one brother, Kermit Cash.

Services were Wednesday, February 7, at McKnight-Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Cecil Roundtree officiating. Burial was in the Orlavia Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Josh Martin, Wayne Taylor, Adam Burdine, Don Long, Jack Chaffin and Mike Measel.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Bleivins, Raymond Todd, James Weaver, Matthew and Zachary Cash and Taylor Muse.

James Léger

James Floyd Léger, 65, of Orlando, died Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at his residence. He was born December 27, 1935 in Rockcastle County, the son of Robert and Leta Proctor Léger. He was a forklift operator for Pepsi Cola Company in Lexington and a member of the Brush Creek Holiness Church.

Survivors are his wife, Loretta Durham Léger of Orlando; two sons, Rick Léger and wife, Pamela of Richmond and Keith Léger and wife, Angie of Orlando; two brothers, Isaiah "Ike" Léger of Hamilton, Ohio and Delbert Léger of Calloway; two sisters, Zelma Gray of Orlando and Linda Ballinger of Hamilton, Ohio and three grandchildren, Chastel, Shane and Kendra Léger. He was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Services were Saturday, February 3 at Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bros. Olin McGuire and Wayne Creech officiating. Burial was in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Jerry Reynolds, Hurl Wellen, Truman Reams and Nelson Bond.

Myrtle Adams

Myrtle Abney Chastain Adams, 88, of Berea, died Thursday, February 1, 2001 at the Berea Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County, to the late Morgan and Ella Abney. She was a member of the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors are her children, Phyllis Von of Berea, Francis Conn and husband, Bradley of Mt. Vernon, Lois McHone and husband, Arnold of Berea, Bruce Chastain of Berea and James Chastain and wife, Odessa of Richmond; three sisters, Flossie Peters, Evelyn Bullens and Ella Abney, all of Berea; three brothers, Everett Abney of Berea, Cecil Abney of Mt. Vernon and William Abney of Berea; 22 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Cal Chastain and Earl Adams; one son, Donald Chastain and six brothers and sisters.

Services were Saturday, February 3, at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea. Burial was in the Chastain Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Calvin Chastain, Jimmy Lee Dooley, Bill Chastain, Bruce Chastain and Anthony Chastain.

Albert Abrams

Albert Abrams, 69, of Green Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center in Carrollton, died Sunday, February 4, 2001. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Robert and Lona Young Abrams. He was a Veteran with the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors are his brothers and sisters, Wilma Gilstrap of Salem, Indiana, Alma Simpson of Madison, Indiana, Ovie Abrams of Salem, Indiana, Ray Abrams of Lancaster, Donnie Abrams of Berea and Nelson Abrams of Hamilton, Ohio.

Services were Wednesday, February 7, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Three Links.

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