

Obituaries



Paul Lee Childress

Paul Lee Childress, 81, of Mt. Vernon died Wednesday, January 8, 2003 in Somerset. He was born in Mt. Vernon on January 25, 1921, the son of George and Sally Bullock Childress. A retired employee of the Blue Grass Army Depot, Mr. Childress was also a former volunteer fireman, a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, a decorated World War II Army veteran and a member of the VFW.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and caring friend to all who knew him. He was always willing to help family, friends and neighbors whatever their needs.

Survivors are a daughter, Paula Curry (Gil) of Cody, Wyoming; a grandson, Gilbert Leigh Curry of Chicago, Ill.; a granddaughter, Heather O'Brien (James) of Berkeley, California and a great grandson, Toren Jacob O'Brien. Also surviving is his longtime devoted companion, Violet Shook.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Lucy "Boots" Childress; five brothers, Charlie, Jess, Russell, Dooley and Daniel Childress and three sisters, Pearl, Mary and Elizabeth "Little Sis."

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 10 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home chapel by Bro. Eddie Nation. Burial with military honors was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Wayne Bullock, Frank Cameron, George Childress, Stephen Childress, Harold Tidwell and Don Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were: James Calhoun, Ed Deatherage, Bill Deyhouse, Bill Moore, Clayton Ponder and James Austin Taylor.



Bruce F. Cook

Bruce Franklin Cook, 83, died Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at his home at Clinax after a lengthy illness.

He was born December 17, 1919 at Johnetta, the son of the late Clayborne and Lona Ballinger Cook Baker.

Mr. Cook left his home in Kentucky in his 20s and went to Ohio to look for work. He spent approximately 40 years in Ohio and was a retired manager of the Campbell Avenue Nursing Home in Hamilton, Ohio and was also a professional baker for Wonder Bread Bakery.

After retiring, Mr. Cook moved back to Kentucky 24 years ago and, along with farming a little, volunteered his services in 1994 to Rockcastle Water Association, his service purpose for this work was to get water to his friends and neighbors by donating a building or whatever it took to get the people water.

A member of Three Links Christian Church, Mr. Cook was also a Kentucky Colonel and treasurer of the Rockcastle Water Association.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Jo; four sisters: Zelma Mullins of Roundstone, Hazel Fowler of Cincinnati, Ohio, Isabelle Abney of Shirley, Ind. and Nancy Ann Mullins of Greenhill; three brothers, Fred Cook of Three Links, Ed Baker of Orlando and J.B. Baker of Greenhill and several nieces and nephews.

Bruce was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 9 at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Jack Martin officiating. Burial was in Upper Clinch Cemetery.

Palbearers were John Rodefer, Randy Corey, Sherman Mize, Danny Baker, James "Buck" Baker and Gilbert Van Winkle.



Sylvester Carl Miller

Sylvester Carl Miller, 38, of Orlando, died Friday, January 10 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Madison County on April 4, 1964, the son of Milton and Macie Cope Miller and was a self-employed mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Miller of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Frances Miller of Orlando; three brothers, Victor Miller of Richmond, Ind., Wayne Miller of London and James Miller of Orlando; six sisters, Elsie Scott and Christine Stevens, both of Hamilton, Ohio; Louise Carr and Eula Mae Allen, both of Ft. Myers, Fla. and Vickie Miller and Sandy Sowder, both of Pine Hill; one stepson, Josh Nagel; one step-daughter, Kristin Day and a very special friend, Gloria Barnett of Orlando and her sons and grandchildren, Rodney Owens, Brandon Barnett, Anthony Barnett, Nathaniel Barnett and Hanna Barnett.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14 at the Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bro. Olen McGuire. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Phillip Barnett, Robert Chesnut, Morris Clark, Alvin Hayes, Bob McGuire, Wayne Miller, Little Wayne Miller, Josh Nagel, Steve Pittman and Billy Renner.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Paula Cummins

Mrs. Paula Cummins, 52, wife of Clyde Cummins of Rt. 1, Brodhead, died Thursday, January 9, 2003 at the Ephraim McDowell Medical Center in Danville.

She was born February 18, 1950 in Nicholasville, the daughter of Mabel Stinson Masters and the late Cecil Spurlock. She was a homemaker, enjoyed fishing and working in her flower beds and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Besides her mother, Mrs. Cummins is survived by her husband, Clyde Cummins of Rt. 1, Brodhead; four children: Virgil Ray Masters (Mureline) and Marvin Ambrose Walker, both of Nicholasville, Jesse Earl Walker of Lancaster and Amanda Michelle Baker (Chris) of Mt. Vernon; one brother, John Sherrow (Carolyn) of Nicholasville; a sister, Bonnie Durham (Robert) of Nicholasville; four grandchildren, Brittany, Zackary, Brandon and Shelby; a special aunt, Edith Hughes of Nicholasville as well as a host of other family, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 11, 2003 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel in Brodhead with Bro. Wayne Henson officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Palbearers were Coy Kirby, Christopher Baker, Billy Cummins, Jimmy Cummins, Marvin Walker, Jesse Walker and Doug Deatherage.

Bettie Clark Vaughn

Bettie Clark Vaughn, 76, of Cornelius Road in McKee, died Friday, January 10, 2003 at her residence.

She was born February 27, 1926 in Jackson County, the daughter of the late Milt and Lillie (McDaniel) Carpenter.

Survivors include her children: Dennis Clark of Anville, Jim Clark of Mt. Vernon, Milt Clark of Indiana, Russell Ford and Marie Bray of Gray Hawk and Sallie Ascherman of Indiana; stepchildren: John Thomas Clark of Indiana, Gertrude White of Amelia, Ohio and Lucene Clegmont of Milford, Ohio; nine brothers and sisters: Johnny Carpenter, Elizabeth Hacker, Amy Shelton and Jeanette Gibbons, all of McKee, Saul Carpenter and Maude Clark, both of Livingston, David Carpenter of Lancaster, Andrew Carpenter of Ansville, Elias Harrison of Waverly; 16 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild, Patricia Gail Clark; her husbands, Roy Clark and Albert Vaughn and by four stepchildren, Cull Clark, Leroy Clark, Stanley Clark and Henry Clark.

Mrs. Vaughn was a member of the Cornelius House of Prayer. Funeral services were held Monday, January 13, 2003 at Lakes Funeral Home chapel in McKee with Bro. Lawrence Cornelius and Bro. Dean Carpenter officiating. Burial followed in the Red Hill Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

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Nora A. Smith Davidson

Nora A. Smith Davidson, 76, of Crab Orchard, died Monday, January 13, 2003 at the Rockcastle County Hospital.

She was born March 25, 1926 in Lincoln County, the daughter of the late John W. and Louise Diet Smith. She was a member of Bethel Church of Christ and a retired appliance inspector for General Electric in Louisville.

Survivors include one son, Steve Davidson of Crab Orchard; a granddaughter, Cecelia Gail Davidson of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Berdija

Beulah S. Long

Funeral services were held for Beulah Simpson Long Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at the Mt. Zion Church of Christ in Crab Orchard.

Mrs. Long is survived by her husband, Lois V. Long; a son, Donald Lee (Freda) Long; a grandson, Donald Lee (Wendi) Long, II; two great grandchildren, Cody and Abigail, a brother, J.L. Simpson and six nieces, Kenneth Brown, Lucille Brown, Loretta Reynolds, Juanita Prowse, Donna Downey and Norma Schmidt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bryan and Nellie Weaver Simpson; a daughter, Lois Jean Long and a brother, Tom Simpson.

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