

Obituaries



Christine Purcell Ramsey

Mrs. Christine Purcell Ramsey, 90, of Route #4 Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 9, 2003 at the Koot County Hospital in Barboursville, KY after a long illness.

She was born on March 23, 1912 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late John and Florence Roberts Purcell. She enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Rose Hill Christian Church.

Survivors are: four nephews; John M. Purcell of Mt. Vernon, Robert, Jim, and John E. Purcell all of Michigan; two nieces, Bonnie Cole of Georgia and Sue Purcell of Michigan. Several great nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Allen Ramsey; five brothers, Bernard, Monroe, Everett, Arvin, and Floyd Purcell; and by one sister, Dorothy Purcell.

Service were held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery.



Ricky Dee Bussell

Ricky Dee Bussell, 16, of Maple Hill Drive, Somerset, died Friday, February 7, 2003 from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Ricky was a sophomore at Southwestern High School in Somerset, 3rd baseman and pitcher on the Southwestern Baseball Team, a former quarterback on the 8th grade football team, a member of the golf team and DECA and also a member of the High Street Baptist Church.

Ricky was born June 10, 1986 in Fayette Co., the son of Cindy Caldwell Sears of Somerset and Debra (Rick) Bussell of Science Hill.

Other survivors include two sisters, Kristi Fraley (Shannon) and Ashley Bussell (Stevie Bradley), both of Science Hill; a brother, Samuel Sears of Somerset; his paternal grandparents, Debra Sr. and Mary Bussell of Brodhead; his maternal grandfather, Freeman Caldwell of Waynesburg; maternal great grandmother, Julia Caldwell of Waynesburg; a nephew, Colton Brooks Fraley of Science Hill and a very special girlfriend, Lora Hall of Nancy.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 11 at the Oak Hill Baptist Church in Somerset with Rev. Dan Brown and Bro. Clay Hall and Bro. Luke Lykins officiating. Burial was in the Double Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers were members of the Southwestern High School baseball team. Honorary pallbearers were J.D. Bussell, Derrick Bussell; Spencer Childress, Mark Gregory, John Gregory, Eric Burton, Adam Gass, John Fraley and Tommy Stogdill.

Memorials are for the Southwestern High School Baseball Booster's Club, c/o Rodney McAninch, 1765 WTLO Road, Somerset, Ky. 42503.

Barnes and Derrin Funeral Home in Waynesburg was in charge of arrangements.

David Kidwell

Mr. David Kidwell, 73, of Rt. #3 Mt. Vernon died Monday, February 10, 2003 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead after a long illness.

He was born on January 17, 1930 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Ernest and Neil Gadd Kidwell. He owned and operated Kidwell's Junkenyard for 10 years, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a member of the Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one son, James "Willie" Kidwell, and wife Judy of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Mrs. Linda McWhorter, and husband Don, Mrs. Betty Lou McFerron, and Mrs. Julia Ann Blackburn all of Mt. Vernon; two step-daughters, Mrs. Carol Bentley Baker of Tennessee, and Mrs. Nancy Kirby of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Henry Kidwell and wife Wendy of Brodhead; two half-brothers, Robert Kidwell of Texas, and Lester Logsdon of Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. Alan Dixon and husband, George of Michigan; 11 Grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, one step-grandson, James Lee Allen Sandusky raised by Mr. Kidwell, and two other step-grandsons and seven step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susie Stevens Kidwell; two sons, William David, and Bobby Gene Kidwell; two sisters, Mary Belle and Doris Jean Kidwell; one brother, Roscoe Kidwell, and one grandson, Timothy McWhorter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday (today) at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Billy Medley and Dwayne Carpenter officiating. Burial will follow in the Scaffold Cemetery.

Charles William French

Charles William French, 71, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington. He was born on September 6, 1931 in Rockcastle County, the son of Mrs. Mae Dash French Taylor of Mt. Vernon and the late Alvin French.

He was a disabled veteran who enjoyed fishing, gardening, farming and was a member of the Mt. Vernon Church of God.

Besides his mother, survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Doris Adams (Tommy) of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon; a brother, Robert French of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Mrs. Laura Hayes of Mt. Vernon; one granddaughter, Dayline Adams of Lexington; five nieces and one nephew; two great nephews and one great great niece.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 14 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Owen and Bro. Randall Adams officiating. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery.

John Halcomb, Jr.

John Halcomb, Jr., 64, of Richmond, Indiana, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at the Reid Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on April 25, 1938, the son of John Halcomb, Sr. and Offie Fry Halcomb and was a former employee of Wallace Metal Products and a retired employee of Premdor. He was a charter member of North 27 Worship Center where he served as a trustee and an elder.

Besides his wife of 44 years, Ruth Halcomb, he is survived by a brother and a sister, Lee Halcomb and Dorothy Hatfield, both of Richmond and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 8, 2003 at North 27 Worship Center in Richmond by Bro. Robert Johnson. Burial was in the Goshen Cemetery.

This obituary courtesy of the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.



Patty Elaine Daniels

Patty Elaine Daniels, 52, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at her home.

She was born in Berea on May 9, 1950, the daughter of Colston and Margie Lawrence Blanton, was a nurse at the Rockcastle Hospital and a member of the Freedom Baptist Church.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one son, Bobby Daniels (Angel) of Brodhead; three daughters, Sharon Faye Cromer (Freddie) of Brodhead; Karen Rae Huff (Jackie) of Berea and Brenda Daniels of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Charles Blanton (Shirley) of Florence and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Shawn Madden with burial in the Freedom Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charlie Lawrence, Teddy Lawrence, Dennis Lawrence, Herbert Ray Lawrence, Eugene Lawrence and Bobby Lawrence.



Mrs. Ruby Riddle Ponder

Mrs. Ruby Riddle Ponder, 87, of Tucson, AZ, and formerly of Mt. Vernon and Lexington, died Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at the Tucson Medical Center.

She was the widow of Caleb Ponder and had taught elementary education in the Lexington schools and later kindergarten at Sayre School. She moved to Tucson after her husband's death in 1989.

Mrs. Riddle was a devout Christian and an active member, at various times, of Gardemide Christian Church and the southside and North Lexington Churches of Christ. When her son, John, pioneered Christian Faith Center in Tucson, she became a member and was an active participant in ministering to the homeless, even until age 87.

Besides her son and daughter-in-law, Eva, she is survived by three grandchildren, Jennifer, Anna and Joel; a brother, Dr. John James Riddle (Martha), of Los Angeles, CA and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday, February 14, 2003 at 11 a.m. at Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday (today).

Lee Ander Chasteen

Lee Ander Chasteen, 72, of Linda Lane in Berea, died Saturday, February 8, 2003 at the Berea Hospital.

Mr. Chasteen was born in Rockcastle County to Henry and Nora Johnson Chasteen, was a self-employed carpenter and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Neal Chasteen; four stepdaughters, Marilyn Lutes (Gary) of Beattyville, Audrey Sue Lewis (Paul) of Richmond, Earlene Kane (Tim) of Berea and Karen Steinhilber (Richard) of Richmond; six sisters, Emily Coffey of Louisville, Reecie Botkin of Berea, Edna Walter of Berea, Mary Chaney of Maples, FL, Mattie Willis (Hershel) of Berea and Betty Chasteen of Berea; five step grandchildren and two step great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, Mr. Chasteen was preceded in death by three brothers: Johnny, Ernest and Virgil Chasteen.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Philip Holman officiating. Burial followed, with full military honors, in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Dale Botkin, Daryle Coffey, Brian Chasteen, Donna Chasteen, Wayne Willis and Paul Chasteen.

Harold Powers

Harold Powers, 75, of 217 River Drive, Stanford, died Sunday, February 9, 2003 at the Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

Mr. Powers was born February 25, 1927, the son of Emory and Celeste Lane Powers, was a farmer and the husband of Cordia Hampton Powers. Besides his wife, survivors are three brothers, Jermal Powers of Mason, Ohio, J.B. Powers of Lockland, Ohio and William Powers of Crab Orchard; six sisters, JKuanita, Godfrey of Stanford, Annette bussell of Brodhead, Lufene Perry of Crab Orchard, his twin Lydia Rogers of Mt. Vernon, Nellie Brown of Goshen, Ohio and Dorothy Rowe of New Vienna, Ohio and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Powers was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Debbie Lynn; three brothers, Lilburn, Carvis and Carlos and one sister, Clarice Brown.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 12, at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel in Crab Orchard with burial in the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Doug Hampton, C.J. Hampton, Kevin Bussell, Earl Brock, Wayne Rogers and C.J. Peirce.

Cards of Thanks

Rolla Cornelius

The family of Rolla Cornelius would like to thank relatives and friends for the compassion you have shown us during the loss of our loved one. Your acts of kindness and expressions of thoughtfulness were a

comfort in our sorrow. We would also like to thank all those involved with his care during his illness and death.

Your services were greatly appreciated.

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