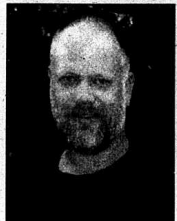


Obituaries



Todd Fields

Todd Fields, 41, of Pena Blanca, Cortes, Honduras, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Friday, March 28, 2003 at Solola, Guatemala. He was born September 26, 1961 in Louisville, the son of Bob and Eddie Wehrmeyer Fields of Mt. Vernon. He was a Missionary of Global Outreach International.

Besides his parents, survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lynnell Hammons Fields of Honduras; two daughters, Savannah and Sophia Fields, both of Honduras; two sisters, Mrs. Tamara Kohn of Jerusalem, Israel and Mrs. Valerie Arrington of Terrace Park, Ohio; five nephews, six nieces and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Kelley of Mt. Vernon.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, April 5, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon with Bro. Terry Lester, Bro. Jeff Arrington, Bro. Joe Kom, Bro. Eddie Hammond, Bro. Kenton Parkey and Earl Hammons officiating. Burial was in the Fields Family Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Kenneth Pillon, Walter Browning, Richard Anderkin, Billy Dowell, Mark McFerron, David Pennel, Robert Owens, Eddie Thompson, David Craig, Scott Hansel, David Cummins.

Carl Eugene "Gene" Ruppe

Carl Eugene "Gene" Ruppe, 63 of East Bernstadt, died Thursday, April 3, 2003 at Marymount Medical Center in London. He was born in Harlan on December 5, 1939, the son of John W. and Mary Elizabeth Pittman Ruppe. He had been a truck driver for Carpenter's Trucking Co. and was a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife of 31 years, Dorothy Story Ruppe; three sons, Steve Ruppe, Stacy Ruppe and Carl Eugene Ruppe, Jr.; two daughters, Regina Hull-Brown (Philip) of Mt. Vernon and Kristy Lynn Sanders of Livingston; two brothers, Robert Ruppe and Fred Ruppe, both of Livingston; two sisters, Lois Mullins of Livingston and Minnie Florence Garner of Florence and several grandchildren, including local boy Brandon Lee Reynolds, Brandy Layne Reynolds and Rachel Coan Killen.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 6 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Bruce Ross officiating. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Phil Hull-Brown, Brandon Reynolds, Art Parker, David Martin, Jack Sowers and Johnny Lee Mullins. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting www.dowellmartin.com.



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Ruth Elizabeth Shepherd

Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Shepherd, 80, of Rt. 2, Livingston, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Urbana, Illinois on September 22, 1922, the daughter of James Luther and Rhoda Taylor Ayers, had been a waitress and homemaker and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church.

She is survived by two sons, Glen Pemberton (Daisy) and Luther Pemberton, all of West Alexandria, Ohio; two daughters, Lois Ann Stapleton (Ray) of Richmond, Indiana and Barbara Muncy (William) of Livingston; two stepsons, Larry Shepherd of Livingston and Doug Shepherd of Providence; three stepdaughters, Dolores Tully of Havlock, N.C., Tina Hudson of Phoenix, Arizona and Barbara VanWinkle of Dawson Springs; two brothers, Allen Czerwonka of Doniphan, Mo. and Harold Czerwonka of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Dorothy Boaz of Greenville, Tennessee and Mary Sullivan of Doniphan, Missouri. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harley Pemberton, her second husband, Gilbert Shepherd and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4 at the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Gary Kern. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Doug Pemberton, Darrell Pemberton, Billy Middleton, John Pemberton, Billy Muncy and Joe Mayfield. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting www.dowellmartin.com.

Franklin G. "Jerry" Brooks

Franklin G. "Jerry" Brooks, 61, of Brodhead, widower of Glenna Fletcher Brooks, died Saturday, April 5, 2003 at his residence.

He was born August 13, 1941 in Brodhead, the son of George and Matilda Frith Brooks. He was a member of the Brodhead Christian Church, had been a truck driver for the Kentucky State Hwy. Department and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors are two brothers, Donnie Brooks (Mary) of Lebanon, Ohio and George W. Brooks, Jr. of Ft. Meyers, Florida; his significant children, Mrs. Paula Hays (Chris) of Somerset and Whitney Sexton of Frenchburg; several nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Sherri Turner of Tipp City, Ohio and a special cousin, Kaye Rigby of Brodhead as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 9 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Cleidith Thacker officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Contributions are suggested to the Scleroderma Association or the Rockcastle Animal Shelter.

Loretta T. McWhorter

Loretta Taylor McWhorter died March 26, 2003 at Louisville. She was the daughter of Emmett and Bertie Taylor, a 1945 graduate of Brodhead High School, a retired

school teacher and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two children, Brenda Kay DeVine (Benny) and Gregory Taylor McWhorter, a granddaughter; one great granddaughter and three sisters, Illa Burns of Atlanta, Georgia, Josephine Burdette of Richmond, Indiana and Bonnie Martin of Anderson, Indiana.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles McWhorter.

Burial was in Louisville Memorial Gardens, West.

Jewell Hamm Albright

Mrs. Jewell Hamm Albright, 92, of Hwy. 70, Brodhead, widow of Ambros Albright, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 10, 2003 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 11, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials suggested to: Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10200 Linn Station Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40223.

Vernon Dean Bussell

Vernon Dean Bussell, 63, of Brodhead, died Thursday, March 27, 2003 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

He was born July 5, 1939 in Brodhead, the son of Oscar and Clelia Whitaker Bussell. He was a roofer by trade, a member of the Protestant faith and his hobbies included fishing.

Those left to mourn his passing include his four children: a daughter, Kim Sandlin (Earl) of Brodhead; three sons, Wilburn Bussell (Wendy), Jason Bussell and Mike Bussell (Tammy) all of Dry Ridge; five sisters, Rissie Cromer (John D.) of Brodhead, Retha Lunsford of Forest Park, Ohio, Lorene Wallen (Lewis) of Lockland, Ohio, Lou Pate (Paul) of Reading, Ohio and Clara Braymeyer of Newport, N.C.; three brothers, Jim Bussell (Barbara) of Brodhead, Bobby Bussell (Joetta) of Loveland, Ohio and Orville Bussell (Betty) of Seaman, Ohio; four grandchildren and the mother of their children, Loretta Brock Bussell of Dry Ridge.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Blair and a brother, Melvin Bussell.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 30 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Orville Shepherd officiating. Burial was in the Roberts Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Wilburn, Jason and Marty Bussell, Johnny Cromer, Andy Mason and Mark Denney.

Betty Gregory

Betty (Barnes) Gregory, 69, died Friday night at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina, California from complications from pneumonia.

She was born October 25, 1933 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of James and Hazel Barnes. She moved to Baldwin Park, California in 1958. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Amos, of Baldwin Park, California; her daughter, Karen Lorraine and husband Randall, of Chino, California; her son Carl Gregory and his wife JoAnn, of Las Vegas, Nevada; two brothers, Donald Barnes, and Ronald Barnes, both of Rockcastle County; and by one grandson, Carl Ryan Lorraine.

Services were held at the Pierce Brothers Mortuary, 2333 W. Merced Avenue, West Covina, California, 91790, on Friday morning March 28th, 2003.

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