

Obituaries



Loyd Alva Griffith

Loyd Alva Griffith, 82, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the Winchester Center for Health & Rehabilitation in Winchester. He was born in Rockcastle County on August 7, 1921, the son of William and Eliza Hurley Griffith. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors are three daughters, Virginia Earls (William) of Winchester, Colleen Langford (Gary) of Mt. Vernon and Joyce Day (Gary) of Xenia, OH; a brother, Sherman Griffith of Glen Cove, a sister, Gertrude Cole of Mt. Vernon; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Holt Griffith, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 14 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Wayne Henson. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kevin Day, Mike Day, James Earls, William Earls, Bobby Hurd, Gary Langford, Jr. and Gary Langford, Sr.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Griffith may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

Susie A. Smith

Susie A. Smith, 93, of Wildie, died Saturday at the Rockcastle County Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Susie was born in Jackson County, to the late Green and Rachel Cook Abrams. She was a homemaker and member of the Cave Springs Christian Church.

In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Jesse James Smith and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Margaret Ricketts of Richmond and Virginia Wolfe of Wildie; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Kenton Parkey officiating. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tim Wolfe, Mark Ricketts, Tom Foley, Michael Ricketts and Mark Ricketts. If you are unable to attend services you may sign the register book at www.lakesfuneralhome.com.

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Ernest Mason

Ernest Monroe Mason, 66, of Mt. Vernon, a former Rockcastle County Magistrate, died Saturday, December 13, 2003 in Anderson County, TN.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 17 at 2 p.m. at the Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bro. Allen Hensley and Olen McGuire. Burial followed in the Briar Field Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A more complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Mason may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

William "Shorty" Moore

William "Shorty" Moore, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 12, 2003 at the home of his son. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 24, 1922, the son of George and Bertha Bullock Moore. He was a retired boiler fireman engineer at the Bluegrass Army Depot.

Survivors are two sons, Estell "Tober" Moore of Mt. Vernon and Donnie "Buck" Moore of Bowling Green; one daughter, Lydia Alcorn (Eddie) of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Robert Moore of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren and a special friend, Odie B. Phillips.

Services were held Tuesday, December 16 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Weaver. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tommy Moore, Virgil Alcorn, Eddie Alcorn, Roger Guinn, Glen Smith and Randall Reynolds.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Moore may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com



Bernard Hall

Mr. Bernard Hall, 87, of Brodhead died Saturday, December 13, 2003 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on November 26, 1916 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Herbert and Sybil Bethurum Hall. He was raised in Brodhead but resided in Jefferson County much of his life, moving back after his retirement as an electrician with B. F. Goodrich Company in Louisville. He was a graduate of Brodhead High School, a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church, and was an avid supporter of Christian Missions.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Judy Hall of Louisville; a very special friend, Ruby Adams of Brodhead; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren; one sister, Lillian Edwards of Falls Church, Va. He was preceded in death by his first wife, June Baker Hall and by his second wife, Mondell Russell Hall and by two brothers, Byron Brooks Hall and Herbert Hall.

Services were held Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at the Watson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jim Craig officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Steinkamp, Jason Dishon, Todd Ralston, Alan Gostley, Edward Daugherty and Marshall McKinney.

Virginia Smallwood

Mrs. Virginia Smallwood Powell Smallwood, 30, of Conway Road, Berea, died Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at her home. Mrs. Smallwood was a homemaker and a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors are her parents, Boyd and Thelma Gadd Powell of Conway; her husband, Pershing Smallwood of Berea and a daughter, Hazel Powell of Berea.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13 at the Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Jason Ivey officiating. Burial followed in the Leager Cemetery at Conway.

Tim Cottrell, Benny Cromer, Gary Cromer, Terry Cromer and Arlys McFerron.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Cottrell may be made by visiting her online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

James Walter French

James Walter French, 90, of Madisonville, died Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at his home.

He was born May 16, 1913 in Mt. Vernon to George Washington and Lola Dean French. He was a member of Greater Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, was a retired carpenter and cabinet maker for French Construction and a World War II Army veteran, having served with the 94th Cavalry. He served in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France and Central Europe and received the AME Theater Ribbon and four Bronze Stars.

Survivors are his wife of 58 years, Glenna Faye Ramsey French; one daughter, Janice Faye Smith of Madisonville; two sons, Jackie Ray French of Madisonville and Joe French of Hanson; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, F.L. French in 1946, four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13 at Berea-Snyder Funeral Home in Madisonville with Rev. Ronald Hendricks and Bro. Danny Strader officiating. Burial followed in the Hanson Cemetery in Hanson.

Chester Baker

Chester Baker, 77, of Flat Gap Road, Berea, died Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the VA Medical Center in Lexington.

Mr. Baker was a farmer, a well driller and former factory employee. He was also a US Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his significant other, Lilly Dobbs of Mt. Vernon; five sisters, Hazel Blanton (of Paint Lick), Edna Mae Lear of Junction City, Lena Rucker and Margaret Lamb, both of Berea and Lucy Jones of Owensboro; a special daughter, Kathy Feller (Chuck) and two special grandchildren, all of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Baker was preceded in death

by his parents, John Henry and Mary Lee Hamilton Baker; two brothers, Russell and Johnny George Baker (Jay) and two sisters, Stella Anglin and Gladys Manney.

Funeral services for Mr. Baker were held Monday, July 15 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Cecil Burns officiating. Burial, with military honors, followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Pallbearers were: Chuck Feller, Eddie Lear, Tim Saylor, Randall Thacker, Buram VanWinkle and Bill VanWinkle.



Fairy Dooley Freeman

Mrs. Fairy Dooley Freeman, 98, of Bradenton, FL and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, December 8, 2003 in Bradenton. She was born at Three Links on February 4, 1905, the daughter of James Franklin and Florence Phillips (Doley). She was a retired owner of an office-leasing business, a member of Three Links Christian Church and was active in the St. John's United Church of Christ in Reading, OH.

A graduate of Miami Jacobs College in Dayton, OH, Mrs. Freeman taught school in Rockcastle County and later moved to the Cincinnati area and bought Associated Offices and won local and national acclaim as a successful pioneer among women in business.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Addie Martin of Three Links; a very special niece, Anna Lee McDaniel (Frank) and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William O. Freeman, three sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 13 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Martin. Burial was in the

Phillips Cemetery at Three Links. Pallbearers were her nephews. Condolences to the family of Mrs. Freeman may be made by visiting her online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

Church News

Watch Night Service

Climax Holiness Church invites everyone to our Watch Night service on Wednesday, December 31st starting at 9 p.m. If you have a song or a word for the Lord come and let's put God first when the new year comes in. For information call the pastor Bro. Robert Miller at 758-4723. Climax Holiness Church will not be having services on Thursday, December 25th or Thursday, January 1st. May God bless everyone.

Christmas Play

Brush Creek Holiness Church's Christmas Play "Twas the Night Before Jesus Came," will be given Sunday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Bro. Olen McGuire and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Monthly Singing

Ree Hill Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m. Pastor, Larry Mink and congregation invite everyone.

Christmas Cantata

Freedom Baptist Church adult choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata entitled "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Sunday morning, December 21 at 11 a.m. On Sunday night, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., the youth and children will be presenting their Christmas program. Bro. Albert McKinney and congregation invite everyone to attend these special services.

Christmas Because

The young people of the Livingston Holiness Church will be presenting Christmas Because Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the program with us. Pastor James Miller and congregation welcome you.

Live Nativity

Faith Assembly of God in London invites you to "A Celebration of Light" a drive-through live nativity! Thursday through Saturday, December 18-20, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. nightly.

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