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Every life touches so many other lives ...

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CARRIE ADAMS

Homemaker and quilt maker

Carrie S. Adams, 102, of Middletown, passed away Tuesday (Nov. 4, 2003), in Middletown.

She was born in Pound July 1, 1901, a daughter of Johnny and Arminda (Gibson) Sturgill, and lived most of her life in Pound, working side by side with her family on the farm. She was a homemaker, making quilts and other handmade hems. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Everett Kiser and Bert Adams.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; sisters Vadna Cole of Middletown, Mary Haynes of Pound, Cassie Ohler of Baltimore, Md., and Naomi Shortt of Pound; and brothers Calvin Sturgill of Norton, Ernest Sturgill of Middletown, Roy Sturgill of Pound, Sidney Sturgill of Pound, and Benjamin Watson Sturgill of Middletown.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary (Robert) O'Hair of Middletown, and Vadna Irene (Dayton) Vanderpool of Carlisle; grandchildren William (Norma) O'Hair of Middletown, Cara (Bill) Hines of Middletown, Rowena (Kenny) May of Carlisle, and Phillip Vanderpool of Carlisle; great-grandchildren Michael O'Hair, Patrick O'Hair both of Roy, Utah, Benjamin Wilcox of Middletown, Sarah Wilcox of Carlisle, Christopher O'Hair and Thomas O'Hair both of Middletown; and great-great-grandchildren Cody, Calope, Corey, and Canaan.

SPENCER O. ADAMS

Veteran of World War II



Spencer Oreenfield Adams, 75, of Wise, went home to be with the Lord Monday (Oct. 27, 2003) at his home.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Air Force, worked at the Wise Hospital for several years, was a manager for several different Payless Stores for several years and worked for the United States Forestry Division for 14 years.

He loved the Lord and knew him as his personal Savior and was of the Pentecostal Faith.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his parents, James Taylor and Dicy Roberts Adams; three sisters, infant Peggy Jo Adams, Lenore Kilgore and Virginia Franklin; one brother, James Taylor Adams Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Charlotte Adams; and a very special pet Birman Cat that he lovingly named "Babys Adams"; sons, Jimmy Adams of Kansas City, Mo., Mark Adams of Wise, twins, Brent Adams of Newport, Ind. and Kent Adams and Spencer Todd Adams both of Wise and Billy K. Shuler Jr. of Denton, N.C.; daughters, Pam Adams of Wise, Caroline Litton of Woodway, Janice Gray of Lexington, N.C. and Paula Collins of Wise; 26 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Naomia Mullins of Wise, and Eva Pegram of Winston Salem, N.C.; brother, Simpson Adams of Ohio.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Wise with Pastor Cliff Bowman officiating.

Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton, with military graveside rites being conducted by the Norton VFW Post 4301.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home in Wise.

SHIRLEY ADDINGTON

Charter member
of the Stevens Church of God

Shirley Faye Addington, 74, of Wise, went to be with her Lord on Thursday (Oct. 9, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton, surrounded by her family.

She was a charter member of the Stevens Church of God and a



faithful servant of the Lord for more than 56 years. She was a devoted Christian, wife, mother, sister and

grandparent. She lived almost her entire life in the Stephens community. She was a neighbor who loved others and was loved by many.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Billy Joe Addington; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Phillis Addington of Norton and David and Olivia Addington of Wise; brother Harry Dotson of Wise; sister Joan Fleming of Clintwood; grandchildren Alicia Yates, Jarad Underwood, Nathanael Addington and Jonathan Addington; great-grandson Ethan Johnson; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, in Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Wise, with Pastor Cliff Bowman and Dr. George Aichel officiating.

Burial followed in the Wise Cemetery, Wise.

MARY KATHERINE AKERS

Mary Katherine Akers, 64, of Coeburn, died Tuesday (Oct. 7, 2003) at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Hazel Faye Jones Reynolds; a son, Thomas Wesley Akers and a brother, Clarence Wesley Reynolds Jr.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, W. B. "Hotch" Akers; daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Kenneth Plaster and Linda and Danny Sexton, all of Coeburn; sister, Martha Ann Roesch; Sandusky, Ohio; special aunt, Penny McCartney, Sandusky, and special cousin, Janette Smith, Willard, Ohio; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nephews and several nieces.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Friday at Estes Funeral Home chapel and funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Early Hall officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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RUBY P. ARNOLD

Member of the Eastern Star

Ruby P. Arnold, 79, of Mantua, Ohio, formerly of Norton, passed away Saturday (Sept. 13, 2003) at Maplewood Care Center, Streetsboro, Ohio.

She was born May 19, 1924 in Dante, to James and Lakie Bates Williams.

Mrs. Arnold was a retired employee of Chrysler Corporation and was a member of the UAW and the Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Ray Arnold; a daughter, Alberta Jean Arnold; two sisters, Calie McCray and Erma Mead; two brothers, Bill Williams and Jerry Williams; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Joann Arnold, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Les and Connie Arnold, Fostoria Ohio; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday Sept. 18, at Laurel Grove Cemetery, Norton, with Rev. Greg Sergent officiating.

Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise, in charge of local arrangements.

HERBERT R. ARQUETTE JR.

Employee of Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.

Herbert R. Arquette Jr., 54, of Wise, passed away Saturday (Dec. 27, 2003) at his home.

He was the Operational Manager at Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. in Norton.

Mr. Arquette was of the Protestant faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Arquette.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert R. Arquette III of Greentown, Ind. and Nick Arquette and wife Carmon of Coeburn; one daughter, Michele Robinette and husband Curtis of Norton; his mother, Dorothy June Waikel of Fort Wayne, Ind.; one brother, Loydd Waikel of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; longtime companion, Cheryl Ombres of Wise.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Wise with the Rev. Roger Sloce officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

GERRY ARWOOD

Of the Christian faith

Gerry Tammy Arwood, 62, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Friday (Oct. 31, 2003) at Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol, Tenn.

Tammy had lived in Big Stone Gap since 1972, coming from Michigan. She was a hair dresser and was of the Christian faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Amanda Perise; one brother, Sam Perise; one daughter, Amanda Grace Arwood.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Jane Mitchell and husband Steven, Big Stone Gap; son, Billy Arwood and wife Yvonne, Pennington Gap; grandchildren, Elizabeth Madison Arwood, Stephanie Nicole Mitchell, Savannah Marie Arwood, Steven William Mitchell; sisters, Sadie Saragusa, Independence, La., Mary Jane Hinijosa, Marrero, La; one brother, Joseph Lee Perise, Tickfaw, La.; special friends, Jim Taylor and Roger Massingill.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap.

Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery, Norton.

Pallbearers will be Charles Massey, Gregory Massey, Stanley Trinkle, William Ray Dean, Joseph Saragusa and Sam Saragusa.

Honorary pallbearer is Mark Mullins.

REV. HOWARD ASHWORTH

Pastor and evangelist in Tennessee and Virginia for the past 53 years

Rev. Howard Ashworth, 83, of Norton, died Tuesday morning (Sept. 30, 2003) in Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap, after an extended illness.



He was a pastor and evangelist in Tennessee and Virginia for the past 53 years. He was a member of the Ramsey Freewill Baptist Church. He served his country during World War II. He worked in his early years as a heavy equipment operator. He had lived in Kingsport and Greenville, Tenn. many years before moving back to Norton in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the mother of his children, Nadiene "Jean" (McArthur) Ashworth, three sons, Howard Jr., John and David Ashworth and by his parents, John and Pearl (Starnes) Ashworth, four brothers, Lonza, Bascom, Andrew and Leonard Ashworth and two sisters, Lakie Ramey and Earchel Osborne.

Survivors include his loving wife, Rena Orender Ashworth; daughters, Mrs. Lonnie (Charlotte) Horne, Jonesborough, Tenn., Mrs. Howard (Peggy) Ramey, Church Hill, Tenn.; son, Pete Ashworth and his wife Wendy, Church Hill, Tenn.; grandchildren, Greg Horne and wife Janie, David Ramey and wife Shellie, Charlotte Ramey and fiancé, Johnny Whaley; great-grandson, Colton Horne; stepsons, Ronald Orender and wife Sandy, Norton, Sam Orender and wife Linda, Burbank, Calif.; step granddaughters, Rhonda Miller and husband Eric, Erica Morgan and husband Roger; Kimberly Sterling and husband Danny, Maggie Orender, Samantha Orender; step great-grandchildren, Kala Morgan, Marley Sterling, Tristan Miller; sisters, Mrs. Milum (Maudie) Lawson and Laura Conkin; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends; sister-in-law June Ashworth, Kingsport.

The family will receive from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton.

Services will be conducted 1 p.m. Friday in the Ramsey Freewill Baptist Church with Pastor Ralph McFarland and Rev. Keith Williams officiating. Pastor John and Martha McCarroll will minister in music.

The body will lie in state one hour prior to services.

Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tom Ashworth, Bob Ashworth, Paul Ashworth, Jim Ashworth, Dan Good and Kenneth Ramey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ramsey Freewill Baptist Church, 1165 Liberty Ave. SE, Norton, VA 24273 or to Hospice.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

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PEGGY AUGUSTA

Peggy Ann Augusta, 56, of Norton, died Wednesday (Oct. 15, 2003) in Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital.

Survivors include her mother, Udell Dean, Norton; sister, Nellie Wireman, Norton; nieces, Jackie Scott, Norton, Anita Stinnett, Wise; great-nephew, Cody Scott; great-niece, Courtney Stinnett; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Hensley officiating. Burial followed in the Wells Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

DELBERT AUSTIN

Delbert Austin, 80, of Pound, passed away Monday (Aug. 11, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

He was of the Baptist faith and was co-owner of Looney's Grocery Store in the Mill Creek section of Pound for 40 years. He was the son of the late Ira and Melissa (Strange) Austin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, J.O. Looney; a sister, Beulah Edwards; and his stepfather, Charley Looney.

Survivors include sisters, Vernell Wells, Stevensville, Md.; brother, Carl Austin, Pound; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound, with Revs. Burns Robinson and Greg Cyphers officiating.

Interment will be in Sunny Dale Farm Cemetery, Pound.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

HAROLD BAILEY

Former coal miner for Virginia
Department of Forestry Service

Harold Bailey, 81, of Pennington Gap, and formerly of Keokee, died Friday (Nov. 21, 2003) at Lee Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Leona Mines, and had lived in the Dale Vale community of Keokee and was a lifetime resident of Lee County. He was a former coal miner for the Virginia Department of Forestry Service.

Mr. Bailey was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean War, and was awarded four Bronze Stars. He was a member of VFW Post 10298 of Pennington Gap.



He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Mattie Barker Bailey; one sister, Nellie Ruth Straight; four brothers, Earl, Oscar, Junior and Billy Joe Bailey.

Survivors include his brother, Jimmy Ray Bailey and wife Kathy of Mechanicsville; sister, Darlis Williams of Dayton, Ohio; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of Province Funeral Home, Pennington Gap with Paul Davis Jr. officiating.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the American Legion Cemetery in Big Stone Gap.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

**KATHERYNE
CHOCKLETT BAILEY**

Missions, civic volunteer

Katheryne Chocklett Bailey, of Gladys, died Monday (Aug. 25, 2003) at her son's home in Richmond.

Born in Sugar Hill, she was the daughter of the late Reverend George A. Chocklett and Virginia Veaus Chocklett.

Mrs. Bailey was the wife of the late Reverend David L. Bailey, Sr. She served with him in Kentucky mission work under the Kentucky Baptist Board and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She also worked alongside him in other churches he served as pastor in Appomattox County, Newport News, Norton, Tazewell, and Gladys, Virginia where she was a member of Kedron Baptist Church. Mrs. Bailey served as Baptist Women's Missionary Union Superintendent in two associations in Virginia and one in Kentucky.

Mrs. Bailey's last work before retirement was Executive Director of the Lynchburg Volunteer Bureau, 1968-1979. Civic Leaders of America conferred the 1968 National Award on her. She was selected to appear in the 1971 edition of "Personalities of the South." Earlier in her career she had taught school in the Norton City School System and had served as a medical assistant and church

secretary. She was active in civic and community affairs throughout her lifetime.

Survivors daughter, Betty Rackley of Moseley and her husband, Dr. Joel A. Rackley; sons, Dr. David L. Bailey Jr. and his wife, The Reverend Judith B. Bailey, of Richmond and Dr. Robert W. Bailey and his wife, Mary Frances of Birmingham, Ala.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kedron Baptist Church, Gladys with the Rev. W. Shelton Miles III, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Republican Grove, officiating, assisted by Mrs. Bailey's sons and daughter. Burial will be in the Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home Appomattox, is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be made to the David L. and Katheryne C. Bailey Scholarship Fund of Bluefield College, 3000 College Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605.

VIOLET BAKER

Member of Green Valley
Baptist Church

Violet Baker, 84, of Clintwood, passed away Thursday (Oct. 23, 2003).

She had lived most of her life in Dickenson County and was a member of Green Valley Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Mrs. Baker was preceded in death by her husband, Walter D. Baker, sister, Opal Mullins, brothers, Charles and Roy Ward, and two daughters-in-law, Glenda Baker and Joddy Baker.

Survivors include children, Patricia "Trish" Newberry of Bristol Tenn., Ronald Jack Baker and wife Connie of Clintwood, Joyce Hayes of Lebanon, Doug Baker and wife Nancy of Lebanon, Sheila Phipps and husband Ron of Clintwood, Walter Eugene Baker and wife Mavis of Clinchco and Larry Baker of Lebanon; special friend, Happy Hixon of Clintwood; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Baker Cemetery, Baker Ridge Section, Clintwood.

Pallbearers were: grandsons, Kenny Newberry, Jeff Newberry, Greg Baker, Mike Baker, Chuck Baker, Shane Baker, Alex Baker and Josh Baker.

Honorary pallbearers: Russell Phipps, Leonard Fletcher, Effie Molinary, Ron Phipps, granddaughters, Tammy Canter, Kim Newberry, Rhonda Lee Poston, Robin Davis, Melissa Hayes, Christy Fleming, Misty Stanley, Tina Hillman, Amy Lynn Smith, Stephanie Jean Martin and Jennifer Ann Baker.

JANET BARKER

Janet Carole Barker, 42, of Wise, passed away Monday (Nov. 10, 2003) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

She was a graduate of J.J. Kelly High School, attended Clinch Valley College, attended Mt. Empire Community College Nursing Program and attended Hopkins Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She was a former employee of B&M Sales and Bob Mullins Ford.

Surviving are her parents, Jack and Leota Stallard Barker of Wise; two brothers, Michael Barker and Scott Barker, both of Wise; maternal grandmother, Lavina Stallard of Wise; special aunts and uncles; and special nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise.

Memorial services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with the Revs. Michael Hunsucker, Eddie Roberts and Worley Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720 or to the charity of one's choice.

MARVIN "BUDDY" BARKER

Teacher, coach, principal

Marvin Burchette "Buddy" Barker, 78, of Big Stone Gap, passed away unexpectedly Saturday (Nov. 15, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn.

"Buddy," as he was known to many of his friends, graduated from Big Stone Gap High School, Emory & Henry College and George Peabody College. He was very active in many sports while in school and excelled in several. While at Emory, Buddy played football for the Wasps and participated in the Tangerine Bowl.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Air Corp at the University of North Carolina.

Marvin B. was a teacher, coach, principal, supervisor and director of education for 43 years, 42 of those were in Wise County. He started the football program at Pound High School. He was a choir director and Sunday School teacher at Pound Methodist Church for many years, as well as a member of the musical group, Southlanders.



Buddy was an avid golfer and a passionate college football watcher and follower.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sally Robinson; his parents, Dave and Anna (Burchette) Barker; and a sister, Joan Barker.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Cecelia Munsey; daughter, Susan Bolling; brother, David Barker and his wife Margaret Ann; two stepdaughters, Nancy Shoop and Linda Munsey; three grandchildren, Chesney, Brandon and Aaron; and three stepgrandchildren, Michael, Sara and Leah.

Calling hours will be from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Ronnie Mutter officiating.

Inurnment will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Roy Noel, Jim Gilley, Douglass Cochran and J.E. Body.

RICHARD W. BARKER

 U.S. Navy veteran of World War II

Richard W. Barker, 78, of Coeburn, died Thursday (Dec. 25, 2003) at Heritage Hall Health Care Center in Big Stone Gap.



Mr. Barker was a retired dockworker of Gateway Transportation and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Luther and Mollie Cook Barker; Brothers, Jessie Barker, Sidney Barker and Dorsie Barker; Sisters, Annie Salyers, Oma Bumgardner, Marie Massey and Vada Puckett.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Burton Barker; sons, Allen Richard Barker, David Barker and Larry Barker, all of Wabash, Ind.; daughter, Dinah Fay Simpson, Wabash; sister, Dolly Moore, Coeburn; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 29, at Estes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Curtis Bond officiating. Burial followed in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

GLEN ALLEN BARNETTE

Loved to hunt and fish

Glen Allen Barnette, 29, of Big Stone Gap, passed away unexpectedly, to be with the Lord early Friday morning (Nov. 28, 2003).

Glen was born April 11, 1974. He was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap and a graduate of Powell Valley High School, class of 1993. Glen loved life, his family and friends, and most of all, Glen loved to hunt and fish. He will be missed, cherished and loved by his family and friends. Always and forever, Glen will be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. We love you.

Glen attended the Appalachia Pentecostal Church at Appalachia.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Willy and Lilly Cooper of Hiltons and his grandfather, John D. Barnette of Big Stone Gap.

Survivors include his parents, Coy and Yolanda Barnette, Big Stone Gap; one brother, Charles Robert "Bobby" Barnette, Big Stone Gap; one sister, Stephanie Ruth Barnette, Big Stone Gap; grandmother, Mary Jane Barnette, Big Stone Gap; two children, Jonathan Trevor Barnette and Lauren Elizabeth Barnette, Harrisburg, N.C.; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Roy Smith officiating.

CHARLOTTE C. BARTLEY

Former employee of Kilgore Grocery

Mary Charlotte Culbertson Bartley, 78, of Coeburn, died Sunday (Nov. 30, 2003) at Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Bartley was a former employee of Kilgore Grocery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Emmitt and Hattie Osborne Willis; first husband, Kermit Culbertson, Sr.; sister, Lucille Strong.

Survivors include her husband Roy K. Bartley; daughter, Gwinda Reid, Big Stone Gap; son; Evangelist Bud Culbertson, Mt. Carmel, Tenn.; brothers, Tommy Willis, Westerville, Ohio and Charles E. Willis, Jr., Mineota, Texas; sisters, Carolyn Sutton, Whitsett, N.C. and Janice Padgett, Duncanville, Texas; grandson, Kenny Culbertson, Rogersville, Tenn.; granddaughter, Allyson Burden, Tulsa, Okla.; great-grandchildren, Miriam and Lydia Culbertson.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, after 6 p.m. at Estes Funeral Home Chapel, where funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Alvin Meade officiating. Burial will be Wednesday, at 11 a.m. in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Norton.

ANNA S. BEVERLY

Anna Sue Beverly, 66, of Clintwood, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 30, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

She was a former resident of Springfield and had resided in Dickenson County since 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband, Zachariah Beverly; and one daughter, Wanda L. Pulliam.

Survivors include her children, Lucian Woodson of California, Brenda Robinson of Fredricksburg, Willie Woodson of Northern Virginia, James Lester Tyree of Dumfries and Jean Hamilton of Clintwood; sisters, Lena Smith of Mexico, Eloise Woodson of Charlottesville; brother, Howard Smith of Springfield; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2 at the Beverly family cemetery, Rt. 3, Pine Creek section, Clintwood with clergyman Lester Mullins officiating. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family or to Mullins Funeral Home, P.O. Box 928, Clintwood, Va. 24228.

JAMES A. BLEDSOE

James A. Bledsoe, Sr., 68, of Big Stone Gap, died Sunday (Nov. 9, 2003) at Lee Regional Medical Center in Pennington Gap.

Mr. Bledsoe was born in Keokee, lived most of his life in Appalachia, and been a resident of Big Stone Gap since 1992. He was a self-employed electrician and of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.H. and Sarah E. (Stanley) Bledsoe; a sister, Madeline Johnson; and his first wife, Feba J. Bledsoe.

Surviving are his wife, Diana C. Bledsoe; two sons, James "Jim" A. Bledsoe, Jr. and wife Violet of Big Stone Gap and Kenneth R. Bledsoe and wife, Janice of Appalachia; one daughter, Judy Ann McCloud and husband Joe of Big Stone Gap; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, John Bledsoe of Norton; two sisters, Helen Maness of Appalachia and Ollie Dickenson of Big Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews; two step-daughters, Carrie Palmer and husband Eddie of Livingston, Mont. and Debbie Blanco of Sarasota, Fla; one step-son, William H. Johnson and wife, Andrea, of Sarasota, Fla.; and two step-grandchildren.

Family received friends 1-3 pm Tuesday at Holding Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted at 3 pm Tuesday in Holding Funeral Home Chapel with Greg Townsend, minister, officiating. Burial followed in Riverview Cemetery, East Stone Gap. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

RUBY B. BLEVINS

A homemaker

Ruby B. Blevins, 84, of Chatsworth, Ga, passed away Saturday (Nov. 1, 2003) at Chatsworth Health Care Center, Chatsworth.

Mrs. Blevins had lived in Big Stone Gap before moving to Chatsworth. She had lived in Georgia 24 years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Blevins; a daughter, Beatrice Rose; and parents, Patton and Vaughy Stapleton.

Survivors include a son, Lloyd Roger and Mary Kimberlin of Tunnel Hill, Ga.; daughter, Robertta Kimberlin of California; sisters, Della Mae Boyd, Lucille Gibson and Edith Lane, all of Indiana, Loretta McMellon of Church Hill; brother, Pat Stapleton of Jonesville; several nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Paul Floyd officiating.

Burial will follow in the Stapleton family cemetery, St. Charles.

EMILY BOGGS

Emily Boggs, 62, Norton, died Monday (Nov. 3, 2003) in Wellmont Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, Tenn.

She was a former resident of Corbin, Ky. She was preceded in death by her mother, Opal Letterman and her father, Franz Kuhlman.

Surviving are her husband, James E. Boggs, Big Stone Gap; son, James E. Boggs, Jr., Howell, Mich.; daughters, Irene Bohnert, Norton, Kathy Carr, Covington, Ky., Reba Wilson, Lynchburg, Debra Boggs, Corbin; son, Donnie Boggs, Lynchburg; sisters, Phyllis Plank, Napa, Calif., Janet Sullivan, Mediso, Calif.; brothers, Carl Kuhlman, Randy Kuhlman, Gary Kuhlman, all of Ind., Gary Stillabower, Empire, Calif.; several grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral home, Norton.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday in the Adams Cemetery, Eolia, Ky.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

JAMES BOGGS

James Boggs, 65, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Tuesday (Nov. 25, 2003) at the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap, after an extended illness.

He was a former resident of Corbin, Ky., and was born and raised in Eolia, Ky.

Mr. Boggs was preceded in death by his parents, Esser and Virgie Boggs; his wife of 43 years, Emily Boggs, who passed away Nov. 3, 2003; brothers, Delmer and Elmer Boggs; granddaughter, Wilma Kaye Boggs; nieces, Tracey Collier Gay and Pauline Boggs; a nephew, Jimmy Lester Adams; and a sister-in-law, June Boggs.

Survivors include daughters, Virgie Irene (Dale) Bohnert, Norton, Wilma Kathlene (Kathy) Carr, Covington, Ky., Reba Ann (John) Wilson, Lynchburg, Deborah Leona Boggs, Richmond, Ky.; sons, James Edward Jr. (Denice) Boggs, Howell, Mich., and Donald Ray Boggs, Lynchburg; 13 grandchildren; three step grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Wilma (Olie) Watkins, Walled Lake, Mich., Dorothy Aguayo-Boggs, Grand Blanc, Mich., Learie Mae (Leo) Bowman, Willis, Mich., Laura (Dave) Adams, Leesburg, Fla., Jewel Adams, Eolia, Ky., and Connie (Delmon) Collier, Seymour, Ind.; brothers, Junior Ray Boggs, Shelbyville, Ind., Willard (Jenny) Boggs, Partridge, Ky., Richard (Janet) Boggs, Marvin Dudley (Louise) Boggs, both of Eolia; several nieces and nephews; a host of friends and loved ones.

ROSE ANN BOGGS

Member of the Indian Creek
Freewill Baptist Church

Rose Ann Boggs, 62, of Wise, dearly beloved, went to rest in the hands of God Tuesday (Jan. 6, 2004) at Norton Community Hospital.

She was a member of the Indian Creek Freewill Baptist Church and served the Lord as a Sunday School teacher, pianist and a faithful witness.

Mrs. Boggs was preceded in death by her parents, Brian and Buna Ratliff; two brothers, Donal Ratliff and Eugene Ratliff; one granddaughter, Grace Ann Still.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Nile Boggs; four children, Roland Keith and wife Rebecca Lynn Boggs, Amanda Nilene Boggs, Leona Carol and husband Cameron Scott Marshall and Tondalea Grace and husband David Adam Still; two grandsons, Landon Keith Boggs and Nicholas Scott Marshall; one great-grandson, Ethan Nathaniel Boggs; three brothers, Charles and wife Charlene Ratliff, Bill and wife Sylvia Ratliff and Gary and wife Tina Ratliff; two sisters, Linda and husband Butch Harmon and Deanie and husband Duane Evans; one sister-in-law, Angie Ratliff; several nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9 at Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Wise with Rev. Eddie Sturgill and Elder Stacy Potter officiating.

Burial will follow in the Ora Brummitt Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

KATHERINE E. BOLLING

Kern Memorial United Methodist
Church member

Katherine Edwards Bolling, 92, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., died Saturday (Feb. 7, 2004) at NHC HealthCare of Oak Ridge.

Born April 4, 1911, in Sandy Ridge, she was the daughter of James Wade Edwards and Mazilphia Hillman Edwards. She was one of 11 children.

Mrs. Bolling was a graduate of Radford College, returning to her homeland in southwest Virginia to teach children, all during the Depression Era. In this setting, Mrs. Bolling met and married the principal of the school, Connie C. Bolling, where she was teaching.

Mr. Bolling moved his family to Oak Ridge in 1943, remaining there to the present.

Mrs. Bolling was a charter member of Kern Memorial United Methodist Church. She enjoyed church work and was an active participant in the children's program at Kern Methodist. Her family said she considered it her obligation to contribute to the lives of the young, teaching Sunday school there for 22 years. She held offices on the district level in Children's Work.

She was one of several women who established and nurtured the church's Women's Society of Christian Service, now the United Methodist Women. Mrs. Bolling served many offices in the organization, including that of president and held district offices in the group.

After Mr. Bolling's retirement, the couple traveled extensively in Canada and the United States including Hawaii, all joyous times for them, her family said.

She was known to be an expert seamstress, a lover and cultivator of flowers, especially wildflowers, of which she had a wide collection.

She treasured her friends from her church, those in the '43 Club, many in the Oak Ridge Woman's Club, where she was member, her neighbors on Cedar Lane and a score of others making their homes in Oak Ridge, according to her family.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bolling is survived by her daughter, Sandy Bolling Garrett, of Oak Ridge; and by a sister, Jewell Mabrey, of Columbus, Ohio; several nieces and nephews, as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 at Kern Memorial United Methodist Church with the Revs. William Mooney and Mark Flynn officiating.

Jeff Heidle provided special music.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

The family requests that any memorials be in the form of contributions to Kern Memorial United Methodist Church organ fund, 451 E. Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.

MICHAEL ANTHONY BOND

Michael Anthony "Tony" Bond, 31, of Coeburn, died Saturday (Oct. 18, 2003) at residence in Coeburn.



He was preceded in death by a brother,

Chris Bond.

Survivors include his wife Katherine Bond; five step-children, Ranson, W. Va.; father, Michael "Mickey" Bond and step-mother, Virginia Bond, Coeburn; mother, Patricia Paul and step-father, Russ Paul, Blacksburg; sister, Melanie Bond Shields, Stuarts Draft; half-sister, Krystal Hutton, Blacksburg; step-brothers, Nathan Salyer and Daryl Salyer, both of Coeburn; nephews, Kodi Shields and Dustin Shields; niece, Jasmine; several aunts and uncles.

Calling hours are from 5-9 p.m. Saturday at Estes Funeral Home, Coeburn. The cremains will be buried at a later date.

DOROTHY E. BOONE

Loving mother

Dorothy E. "Dot" Boone, 77, of Coeburn, went to be with the Lord Sunday (December 7, 2003).

She was a loving, Christian mother and was preceded in death by her husband, James "Bud" Boone; her parents, Garland and Etta Mae Bryant; and a sister, Gail Greear.

Surviving are a daughter, Delana Davidson of Piney Flats, Tenn.; three sons, Harry Boone, Tommy Boone and Richard Boone, all of Coeburn; two sisters, Betty Rowland Nuckles of Abingdon, and Maxie Stewart of Florida; two brothers, Tommy Bryant of Lebanon, and Dan Bryant of Coeburn; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

A special thank-you to Linda Mullins and the staff of Mullins Adult Home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel in Coeburn with Rev. Lee Kidd and Rev. R. J. Rose officiating. Graveside Services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

The family will receive friends after 6 p.m. Tuesday, until time of service.

Sturgill Funeral Home in Coeburn is in charge of arrangements.

REV. EMERSON G. BOSSARD

Minister of the gospel for 58 years

Rev. Emerson Grover Bossard, 91, passed away Friday (Dec. 26, 2003) at the home of his son, Rev. George E. Bossard in Warren, Ohio.

He was a former resident of Stonega and Big Stone Gap. He was a minister of the gospel. He has been a pastor for 58 years at various churches on the east coast from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. He was a former pastor of the First Baptist Church on Wyandott Ave., Big Stone Gap.

Mr. Bossard was preceded in death by his wife, Alberta Bossard; and a son, James E. Bossard.

He was a unique man in serving the Lord in his everyday living, loving and helping those who were considered an outcast, comforting and helping those in need and preaching the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ until his death.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, George E. and Jean Bossard of Warren; Thomas E. and Jackie Bossard of Windsor, Conn.; daughter, Queen Esther Bossard of Big Stone Gap; six grandchildren, Edward M., Christina M., Townya C., Jonathan M., Daniel M. and Marcus E. Bossard; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 at the First Baptist Church on Wyandott Ave., with the Rev. Leroy Cain of Columbia, S.C. officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak View Cemetery, Big Stone Gap.

The family will receive friends at the Roy A. Green Funeral Home, Appalachia from 6-9 p.m. Friday and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

ALTON BOWERS

Retired staff sergeant
with the U.S. Army

Alton Darral Bowers, 64, of Redbud Place, Lenoir, N.C., died Wednesday (Feb. 11, 2004) at Frye Regional Medical Center.

Born March 28, 1939 in Wise County, he was a former resident of Appalachia and was a retired staff sergeant with the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hobert and Ida Bell Bowers; two brothers, Gerald Bowers and Norman Bowers; and one sister, Arnetta Blevins.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda (Judy) Bowers, of the home; son, Randy Bowers, Hickory, N.C.; daughters, Donna Baker, Granite Falls, N.C., and Dina Mcelyea, Lenoir, N.C.; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; brothers, Bernace Bowers, Gate City, Rheabon Bowers, Virginia Beach and Hobert Jr. Bowers, Big Stone Gap; sisters, Lena Rae Mullins, Appalachia and Anna Jewell Smith, Kentucky, Glenda Fern Lane, Cynthania, Ky., and Violet Bledsoe, Big Stone Gap.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Roy A. Green Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John McCarroll and Elder Don Estridge officiating.

Burial followed in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens with military graveside services conducted by Norton VFW Post No. 4301.

Pallbearers were Chris Baker, Jeff Mcelyea, Justin Estes, Joey Puig, Joe Clark and Brian Shelton.

030 Boyd Jr, Sidney C 'Porkey'

SIDNEY C. BOYD JR.

Attended Dunbar Methodist Church

Sidney C. "Porkey" Boyd Jr., 39, of Coeburn, passed away Sunday (Oct. 26, 2003) at his home.

He was a former employee of Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. and Glen's Finer Homes. He attended Dunbar Methodist Church.

Mr. Boyd was preceded in death by his grandparents, Reece and Violet Boyd; grandmother, Inez Bailey and a nephew, Justin Collins.

Survivors include his girlfriend, Jolettia Adkins of the home; his parents, Sidney (Buddy) Boyd Sr. and Brady Boyd of Dunbar; sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Kenny Collins of Dunbar; special nieces, Kayla and Kristin Collins of Dunbar; brother, Reece Matthew Boyd of Dunbar; grandfather, Elic Bailey of West Virginia.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Wise, with the Rev. Tony Nunley officiating.

Burial will follow in the American Legion Cemetery Big Stone Gap.

The Family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Sturgill Funeral Home Wise,

LAURA BOYD

Lifelong resident of Appalachia

Laura Boyd, 93, of Appalachia, passed away Sunday (Nov. 23, 2003) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

She was a lifelong resident of Appalachia.

Mrs. Boyd was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Boyd, and her parents, John and Sally Templeton.

Survivors include nephews Gary Brooks of Appalachia and Turley Brooks of Radcliff, Ky.; niece Edith Fritz of Big Stone Gap; several great-nephews and great-nieces.

Services were held at Gilliam Funeral Home Chapel in Big Stone Gap at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 with Rev. Donnie Pickett officiating.

Burial followed in Glencoe Cemetery in Big Stone Gap.

MARY BRANHAM

Charter member of Trinity Life Center

Mary Elizabeth Mullins Branham, 66, of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Jan. 3, 2004) at the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl G. and Thelma Mullins; two brothers, Paul B. Mullins and Joe Mullins; a sister, Betty Vaughn.

Mrs. Branham was born in Clintwood and moved to Coeburn in 1962, where she made her home until the time of her death. A woman of generous spirit and heart, she devoted much of her life to raising her four children and caring for the needs of many other children whom she encountered throughout her life.

A gentle and kind shepherd is how all will remember her. She was a charter member of the Trinity Life Center Church.

Survivors include her devoted husband, Willie Leland Branham; four children, Ricky Lee Branham and wife Linda of Florida, Robert Mitchell Branham of Coeburn, S. Denise Francisco and husband Mike of Troy, Mo., and Julia E. Beverly and husband Greg of Kingsport; seven grandchildren, Ashley Branham, Lauren Branham, Michael Francisco, Emily Beverly, Nick Branham, Ryan Branham and Michelle Francisco; a brother, John Mullins of Fredericksburg; four sisters, Mona Mullins of Bristol, Joyce Lightstone of Wilmington, N.C., Earlene Phillips of Dante, and Mabel Lawhorn of Florida.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Life Center Church, Coeburn, with the Rev. John McCarroll officiating.

Entombment followed in the Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood.

**HUBERT F.
"BUCK" BUCHANAN**

Veteran of the U.S.-Army

Hubert F. "Buck" Buchanan, 84, of Coeburn passed away Tuesday (Feb. 17, 2004) in the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital Big Stone Gap, after an extended illness.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator for the Clinchfield Coal Company.



A veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II with a staff sergeant ranking, gaining a Bronze Star, French Honor-Croix de Guerre and numerous proud metals.

Mr. Buchanan was a Deacon and member of the Dry Fork Freewill Baptist Church, a member of the UMWA. A past member of the Grace Quartet as a base singer, Coeburn Rescue Squad and a Little League Coach, gaining many friends over the years.

Surviving are his loving and caring wife of 52 years, Barbara J. Buchanan; four sons, Larry and his wife, Fay Buchanan of Castlewood, Rodney and his wife, Sherry Buchanan, Joel Buchanan and Barry and his wife, Missy Buchanan all of Coeburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan and Fay Buchanan of Coeburn; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by the family that he loved so deeply.

Services will be conducted 1 p.m. Friday in the Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel, Coeburn with the Rev. D.J. Couch officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens Coeburn, with Military Graveside Rites by the Norton VFW Post 4301.

ELMER C. BURGESS

Member of the Ebenezer United
Methodist Church

Elmer C. Burgess, 68, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away Sunday (Nov. 23, 2003) following a year-long battle with cancer.

He was a former resident of Bluefield, W.Va. and a graduate of Bluefield College and Virginia Tech where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering. He was licensed as a Professional Engineer in the state of Kentucky. He retired from the coal and limestone mining industries in 1993 and began a second career as a Certified Home Inspector and building contractor.

Mr. Burgess was preceded in death by his parents, Myrtle and Tom Burgess.

Elmer was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Burkhart Mining Society, and the Kentucky Chapter of Registered Professional Engineers. He will be remembered for his volunteer spirit and the love he showed for God, his family, and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife and soul mate, Connie Lovelace Burgess; sons and daughters-in-law, Butch and Dawn Burgess of Tampa, Fla.; Scott and Brenda Burgess of Springfield, Tenn.; Anthony and Melissa Burgess of Knoxville, Tenn.; six precious grandchildren: Tom, Ryan, Gregory, Ashley, Murphy, and Grant; brother and sister-in-law, Curtis and Dorothy Burgess of Bethlehem, Pa.; sister and brother-in-law, Mary "Sis" and Herman Garbee of Lynchburg; and his very special extended family, June and Vic Jones of Norton, Tom and Freda Lovelace of Draper, and Pam Burgess of Knoxville.

JOYCE BYRD

Registered Nurse for 30 years

Joyce Gilliam Byrd, 72, of Carrollton, Ga., died Monday (Nov. 24, 2003).

Mrs. Byrd was born July 15, 1931 in Scott County, daughter of the late W.B. Gilliam and Vernie Mullins Gilliam.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Fidelis Sunday School Class and treasurer, Margaret Marchman's Circle, taught Mission Friends for 21 years, Nursery Sunday School teacher for 15 years, and extended Nursery.

Mrs. Byrd was a Registered Nurse for Tanner Medical Center for 30 years.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Dexter Byrd; sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas Edward and Cheryel A. Byrd of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., and Bryan Eugene and Ligia C. Byrd of Irondale, Ala.; grandson, Davison Alan Bryd; granddaughter, Michelle Brittany Byrd; step-grandsons, Mathew Lanham, Andrew Lanham, brothers, Silas W. Gilliam of Wise, Clarence E. Gilliam of Goochland, Emory M. Gilliam of Pound; sister, Shirley G. Willis of Wise and Bethel Joan G. Young of Mojave, Calif.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 26 at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Steve Davis, Rev. John Autry and Rev. Larry Insko officiating. Music was provided by Mrs. Annette Griffin.

Pallbearers were Dr. David Griffin, Louis Warford, Raol Calas, Lee Laster, Verne Borders and Richard Entrekin. Honorary pallbearers were the Fidelis Sunday School class, Ray Adams, Bobby Jones, and Bobby Holmes.

Interment followed in Carroll Memory Gardens.

Almon Funeral Home, Carrollton, was in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES WESLEY CARICO



Veteran of World War II

Charles Wesley Carico, 86, of Coeburn, died Monday (Jan. 5, 2004) at Heritage Hall Health Care Center in Big Stone Gap.



Mr. Carico was a coal miner and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Nathan and Melvina Kilgore Carico; his first wife, Mary Ruth Hampton Carico; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Lawson Carico; daughter and son-in-law, Carmen and Darrell Logan of Lancaster, Ky.; daughters, Connie "Misty" Carico and Jola "Bitsy" Carico, both of Big Stone Gap; stepsons, Donald Lawson of Coeburn and Everette Lawson of Bristol; grandsons, David Logan and Matthew Logan, both of Lancaster, Ky.; brother, Kenneth Carico of Lakeside, Ohio; several stepgrandchildren and several stepgreat-grandchildren; several nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Estes Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Revs. Glen Hammacker and Rick Whitten officiating.

Burial will follow in the Edwards Cemetery in Coeburn.

LINDA SUE CARTY

Member of Rachel Chapel
Freewill Baptist Church

Linda Sue Carty, 52, of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Sept. 27, 2003).

She was a life long resident of Dickenson and Wise County and was a member of Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Coeburn High School.

Mrs. Carty was preceded in death by her daddy Otis Luther and one grandchild Payton Chase Carty.

Survivors include her husband Avery Carty; her mother Rhoda Luther Carty; son Ray Carty of Clinchco; daughter Meledy Smith of Coeburn; brothers Dale Luther of Williston N.D., Otis Boone Luther, Robert Luther and Mathew Luther, all of Coeburn, Teddy Luther of Rogersville, Tenn.; sisters Kitty Clark of Coeburn, Vicky Keen of Pounding Mill, Nora Robertson of Big Stone Gap; special grandchild Cameron Carty.

The body will be taken to the church at 10 a.m.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church with Clergymen Tarncy Mullins, David Kilgore and Robert Phipps officiating. Burial will be in the Stanley Kennedy Cemetery, Rt. 2 Coeburn, Caney Ridge section.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Mullins, Bill Knoski, Bill Clark, Vincent Marshall, Elmer Carty and Ricky Keen.

Mullins Funeral Home is serving the Carty Family.

AGNES CHILDRESS

Member of Calvary Missionary
Baptist Church, Stonega

Agnes Marie Childress, 79, of Appalachia, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday (Dec. 30, 2003) at the home of her son, Ronnie Childress in Stonega.

A lifelong resident of the area, Agnes was a member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Stonega. She was a member of the church choir and taught Sunday school for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Haley Spears; husband, Lawrence Frank Childress; brothers, Albert Spears, Kadle Spears, Billy Spears, Eckel Spears and Burley Spears; sisters, Beulah Spears, Lois Dickenson and Lucille Shuffler.

Survivors include her sons, Ronnie and daughter-in-law, Janice Childress, Stonega and Don and daughter-in-law, Cheryl Childress, Big Stone Gap; daughter, Teresa and son-in-law, Dennis Stanley, Big Stone Gap; seven grandchildren, Duane Childress, Rickey Childress, Keith Childress, Kevin Childress, Chris Childress, Tracie Bowers and Brad Stanley; six great-grandchildren, Ashlee Childress, Brandee Childress, Evan Childress, Jillian Childress, Autumn Childress and Tessa Marie Bowers; one stepgreat-granddaughter, Brittany Howington; sister, Olean Reed, Indiana; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, with Pastor Rick Phillips officiating.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

039 Childress, Marty Allen

MARTY CHILDRESS

Former employee
of Nationwide Crating Co.

Marty Allen Childress, 41, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Tuesday (Aug. 26, 2003) at Petersburg.

He was born Nov. 13, 1961. He was a lifelong resident of Wise County and the son of the late Edward "Hack" and Leona (Lawson) Childress. He was a former employee of Nationwide Crating Co. of California and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Childress.

Survivors include his step-mother, Marie Childress of Big Stone Gap; sisters, Teney McConnell and Brenda Mawk and husband Stoney, all of Big Stone Gap and Connie Sloan of Clinchport; brothers, Randy Childress, Imboden, Tony Childress and Dewayne Childress, both of Big Stone Gap and David Childress and wife Mary of Stickleyville; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Alan Collier officiating.

Burial followed in Shupe Family Cemetery, Jasper.

Pallbearers were Stoney Mawk, Tony Childress, Gary Arwood, Travis Bishop, Michael Vaughn, Leroy Fogarty, Earnest Maggard, Shawn Dickenson and David Childress.

VIRGIE E. CHURCH

Member of the Pound Fork Primitive Baptist Church for 57 years

Virgie Elizabeth Church, 96, of Clintwood, passed away at the home of a daughter in South Point, Ohio, Thursday (Oct. 23, 2003).

She was born in Dickenson County, March 25, 1907, the daughter of the late Aaron Bee Vanover and Martha Jane Hall Vanover, a member of the Pound Fork Primitive Baptist Church in Clintwood for 57 years.

She was preceded in death by



her parents;
her husband,
Elder Volley
Church; a
son, Kendall
Church;
brother,
Edwin
Vanover;
three grand-
children,

Glenda S. Riley, James Church
and Kenneth Church.

Survivors include two sons,
Haster and Avery Church of
Columbus, Ohio; six daughters,
Ina Jean Hill and husband Shelton
of Clintwood, Velva Mullins and
husband Bill of Wise, Connie
Sharon Mullins and husband
Roger of South Point, Ohio, Edna
Brooks and Lorene Carter both of
Clintwood, and Nettie Riley of
Stewartstown, Penn.; one sister,
Velva Vanover of Clintwood; 36
grandchildren; 50 great-grand-
children; and several great-great
grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at
11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003 at the
Clintwood Funeral Home chapel
with Elders Roger Fuller, Ronnie
Rose and Corbin Hampton offici-
ating. Burial followed in the
Phipps Memorial Cemetery,
Clintwood. Grandsons served as
pallbearers. Deacons of the
church served as honorary pall-
bearers.

041 Clark, Billie Andoff

BILLIE A. CLARK

Retired from Westmoreland Coal Co.

Billie Andoff Clark, 78, of Mendota, passed away Friday (Oct. 10, 2003) at his residence.

He was a former resident of Dunbar, and was retired from Westmoreland Coal Company.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Holding Funeral Home chapel. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

ISAAC HUBERT CLARK

Member of the Freedom of Worship Church for over 50 years

Isaac Hubert Clark, 84, of Norton, died Saturday (Nov. 8, 2003) in Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital.

He was a member of the Freedom of Worship Church for over 50 years. He was a resident of the Josephine community of Norton before becoming a resident of Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital Long Term Care.

Mr. Clark was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Norton VFW Post 4301 and Wise DAV Chapter 56.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Frank Clark, Lester Clark, J.D. Clark and sisters Pauline Phillips, Irene Stidham and Nadine Salyers.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Agnes Clark, Norton; daughter and son-in-law, Joann and Lonnie Fields, Norton; grandsons, Allen Fields, Clark Fields and William Fields; brother, Robert "Bob" Clark, Greenbackville; special niece and caregiver, Ann Culbertson, Norton; several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 6-9 p.m. Monday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Freedom of Worship Church with Revs. Eddie Fultz and Robert Fultz Jr. Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery where Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by Norton VFW Post 4301.

SANDRA KAY CLARK

Sandra Kay Clark, 54, of Wise, passed away Monday morning (Aug. 18, 2003) at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

She was born at Esserville, and was a lifelong resident of the area. Sandra was a licensed cosmetologist and had most recently worked for a local home health care agency. She attended the Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church, Wise. She was a daughter of the late Hadley and Pauline Clark.

Survivors include sister and her husband, Paula Clark Martin and Joe, Wise; brother and his wife, Jerry W. Clark and Shirley of Charleston, S.C.; nephews, Joseph Clark Martin, Wise, Timothy W. Clark and Brenden P. Clark, both of Summerville, S.C.; nieces, Samantha Pauline Martin, Wise, and Kayla Nicole Clark, Summerville, S.C.; special aunt, Vivian Bolling, Cocoa, Fla.; special cousins, Kenny Bolling and Michael Bolling, both of Cocoa, Fla.; and a host of friends.

Calling hours are from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church, Wise, with Rev. Tommy McAmis and Elder Stacy Potter officiating. Burial will follow at the Wise Cemetery, Wise.

Friends will serve as pallbearers.

The body will be taken to the church one hour prior to service.

EDNA CLAWSON

Member of Mount Hope
Baptist Church

Edna Irene Clawson, 79, of the Long Hollow community, Jonesville, passed away Tuesday (Feb. 17, 2004) at Lee Nursing & Rehabilitation Center after a short illness.

She had been a resident of Lee County, all her life and was of the Baptist faith. She was a member of Mount Hope Baptist Church.

Mrs. Clawson was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Maggie McQueen Goins; two sisters, Cleo Oakes and Cloe Fleenor; and one brother, Cleve Goins.

Surviving are her husband, Alonzo Clawson of Jonesville.; two sons and daughters-in-law, L.C. and Judy Clawson of Wise, Billy Wesley and Bessie Clawson of Church Hill; one sister, Pearl Skidmore of Jonesville; three grandchil-

dren, Kimberley Clawson and Brandon Clawson of Church Hill, Mardy Clawson and wife Karen of Meadowview; one great-granddaughter, Kaitlin Clawson of Meadowview; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Calling hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Sturgill Funeral Home in Pennington Gap.

Services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. L.J. Ellis officiating.

Committal graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Miller's Chapel Cemetery, Jonesville.

Family and friends are asked to meet at the funeral home by 12 noon Saturday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be selected from family and friends.

SAMUEL L. CLIFTON

U.S. Army veteran of World War II

Samuel L. Clifton, 84, of Imboden, died Saturday (Nov. 8, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

A lifelong resident of Imboden, he was a Holiness minister for over 50 years. He was a retired coal miner with the Westmoreland Coal Co., serving over 38 years, and was a member of the UMWA District 28, Pine Branch Local.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served in the European theatre.

Mr. Clifton was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Marie Kilgore Clifton; and his parents, Samuel and Eva (Brown) Clifton.


Survivors include two sons, Samuel C. Clifton and wife Brenda, Big Stone Gap and Eddie Clifton and wife Cathy, Stonega; two grandchildren, Crystal Gail Clifton, Stonega and Tony Shackleford, Big Stone Gap; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted at 8 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, with the Revs. Billy Pelfrey and Frank McMahan officiating.

Committal services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday to go in procession.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

CHARLES A. CLISSO

 Korean War Veteran

Charles Alfred Clisso Sr., 70, of Wise, died Friday morning (Dec. 26, 2003) at his home.



He was a member of Norton VFW Post 4301, Wise DAV Chapter 56 and Korean War Veterans Chapter 250. He attended

the Apostolic Faith Church.

Mr. Clisso was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Allie Rossie Clisso; his first wife, Patricia Clisso; brothers, Willie and Robert Clisso; sisters, Louise Clisso, Kathleen Roberts and Jean Baker Priode.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Clisso, Wise; daughters, Lois Muilenberg, Lisha Bowler, both of Grand Rapids, Mich., Chrissy Drake, St. Louis, Mo.; sons, Charles Clisso Jr., Wise, Chad Clisso, Grand Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, five stepchildren, Stevie Messer, Dennis Messer, Russell Messer, Jane Galbraith and Marie Guinn; 10 step grandchildren; brothers, Frank Clisso, Hobert Clisso, both of Norton, Clyde Clisso, Wyoming, Mich., Don Clisso, Wise; sisters, Josie Crabtree, Connie Day, Sharon Clisso, all of Wise, Faye Frazier, Acworth, Ga.; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home with Revs. John McFalls and Jim Farmer officiating. Burial followed in the Huff Brummitte Cemetery where military graveside rites were conducted by Norton VFW Post 4301.

WHEELER EDEN COFFEY

Oldest active member
of Zion Road Baptist Church

Wheeler Eden Coffey, 93, of Morganton, N.C., died Wednesday (Sept. 17, 2003) at his residence following a period of declining health.

Born March 1, 1910 in Avery Co., N.C., he was a son of the late Cleveland and Mary Ramsey Coffey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Polly E. Townsend Coffey; his second wife, Annie Lee Crunip Coffey; a half brother; and 15 grandchildren.

Mr. Coffey was the oldest active member of Zion Road Baptist Church.

Survivors include son, James F. Coffey of Lenoir, N.C.; daughters, Mary Rainey and Nancy Adams, both of Big Stone Gap, Julie Orange of East Stone Gap, Shirley Lawson of Dryden, and Rosalee Carswell of Mt. Airy, Md.; stepson, Charlie C. Coffey of Beech Mountain, N.C.; stepdaughters, Pauline Sprouse and Christine Clark, both of Morganton, and Shirley G. Burse of Spruce Pine, N.C.; 52 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren, and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home with Rev. Micah Piercy officiating.

Burial followed in the Calloway Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Burke County, P.O. Box 1029, Valdese, N.C. 28690, or to Zion Road Baptist Church, 2328 Zion Road, Morganton, N.C. 28655.

JAMES MONROE COLE

Attended Rocky Mount Church
of God of Prophecy

James "Jim" Monroe Cole, 63, of Collinsville, died Monday (Sept. 22, 2003) at Martinsville Memorial in Martinsville.

He attended the Rocky Mount Church of God of Prophecy.

Mr. Cole was preceded in death by his father, George Cole; and a brother, George W. Cole.

Surviving are his mother, Millie Harvey Cole; daughters, Lorie, Beth, Ruby and Cindy; brothers, Lawrence Edward Cole, Martinsville, and Thomas Harvey Cole, Fieldale; sisters, Judy Harvey, Coeburn, Mary Lou Watson and Brenda Sue Perdieu Kinny, both of Rocky Mount; special friend, Margaret Terry, Martinsville; six grandchildren; several nephews; several nieces.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Estes Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Revs. Curt Bond and Charlie Couch officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

JUNE COLEMAN

June Frances Coleman, 78, of Big Stone Gap, died Sunday (Aug. 17 2003) at Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

She had lived in Big Stone Gap since 1971, coming from McDowell County, W. Va. She was a homemaker mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Coleman was of the Baptist faith and attended West End Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Earl and Frances Johns.

Survivors include her husband, David Lee Coleman, of the home; sons and daughters, David Charles Coleman, California, Cathy Lea Coleman Beason and Frances Jean Coleman Mullins, both of Big Stone Gap, Michael Edward Coleman, Morristown, Tenn.; grandchildren, Graham Beason, Joseph Coleman, Jonathan Coleman, James Coleman, Michael Coleman, Amanda Beason Williams; great-grandchild, Mackenzie Leigh Williams; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Gary Arnett officiating.

EMMITT LEE COLLIER

Retired coal miner

Emmitt Lee Collier, 92, of Wise, passed away Monday (December 8, 2003) at the Bristol Wellmont Medical Center in Bristol, Tenn.

He was of the Baptist faith, a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dixie Henderson Collier; two granddaughters, Kelly-Jean Collier and Dana Ann Collier; and a grandson, Justin Lee Collier.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Hall Collier; six sons, Virgil Collier (Betty), Lester Collier (Sharon), Ronnie Collier (Retha), and Jerry Collier (Pat), all of Wise, J.D. Collier (Margaret) of Mt. Airy, N.C., and Elmer Collier (Nancy) of Dryden; three daughters, Della Amburgey of Wise, Alice Gala (Al) and Thomasine Carr of Louisville, Ky.; three stepchildren, David King of Coeburn, Ronald King of New Jersey and Colette Turner (Jim) of Bristol, Tenn.; 29 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, at Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel in Wise with Rev. Jerry Collier and Rev. Ricky Mullins officiating. Burial will follow in the Collier Family Cemetery in Wise.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 10, at the funeral home.

Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise is in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES G. COLLIER

Native of Blackwood

Frances Golda Collier, 75, of Norfolk, formerly of the Norton area, died Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) at a Norfolk hospital.

A native of Blackwood, she was preceded in death by her husband, Burling J. Collier. She was a lifetime member of the Sommer Avenue Church of Christ in Norfolk.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Leon E. and Shirley Collier, Virginia Beach and Dennis J. and Caren Collier, Norfolk; a brother, Leo Bailey of Chesterfield; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law and their spouses, Virginia C. and Paul Lawson of Powell Valley, Joann and Buford Sluss, Nickelsville, Joyce and Bill Bledsoe, Memphis, Tenn., Beulah Collier of Powell Valley and Gladys Salyers, Eden, N.C., and brothers-in-law and their wives, Jessie and Rose Collier, Powell Valley, and Howard and Nell Collier, Colonial Heights, Tenn.; a niece, Darlene Shumaker of Kingsport, Tenn.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 27, at the American Legion Cemetery in Big Stone Gap, with Pastor Jim

JAMES K. COLLIER

U.S. Army veteran

James Kyle Collier, 67, of Huntsville, Ala., formerly of Norton, passed away Tuesday (Nov. 18, 2003) at Cogburn Nursing Center in Huntsville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie Carol Stapler Collier; father, Creed Collier; mother, Martha Collier Wampler; stepfather, Bruce Wampler; two brothers, Bobby Collier and Herbert Collier.

Mr. Collier was SFC in the U.S. Army and served his country from 1956 until 1980. While serving in Germany he received the National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and good Conduct Medal (6th AWD).



Survivors include daughter, Jasmine Collier of Berlin, Germany; three brothers, Darrell Collier of Rockville, Md., Gene Collier of Blacksburg, Freddie Collier of Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; two sisters, Judy Gibson and Faye Messer, both of Norton; two stepdaughters, Lana C. Stapler and Janice Marie McAdams, both of Huntsville; one stepson, Steven R. Stapler of Huntsville; and his dog, Charlie, his best friend and long-time companion.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 at Twickenham Funeral Home East.

Burial followed in Twickenham Memory Gardens, Hampton Cove, Ala., with Pastor Donnie Scarlett officiating.

PHYLLIS COLLIER

Active in charitable activities and community projects

Phyllis Jane Harbor Collier, 56, of Kingsport, Tenn., passed away Thursday (Oct. 23, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Phyllis was born in Jonesville on Aug. 23, 1947 to parents, Paul and Martha Rhea Harbor, both of whom preceded Phyllis in death, resided in Big Stone Gap for several years of her adult life and had resided in Kingsport, for the past 10 years. She was dearly loved and will be sadly missed by all of her family and numerous friends.

Mrs. Collier was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and she was employed by First Tennessee Bank as a Vice-President and Branch Manager.

Phyllis was very active in numerous charitable activities and community projects, which included the Mountain Empire Community College Foundation, the United Way, Kingsport Girls Club, Kingsport SHOUT Program, Kiwanis Reading Program, the Downtown Kingsport Association, the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, the Wise County Chamber of Commerce, The Gap Corp. and was currently vice-president of the Kiwanis Club in Kingsport. She received many awards that recognized her contributions including being named the Wise County Citizen of the Year.

Survivors include her devoted husband and best friend, Louis Collier Sr.; daughter and son-in-law, Dianna and Kevin Bolinskey, of Charlottesville; stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Louis Jr. and Sandy Collier, of Salem, Steven and Shelley Collier, of Kingsport; grandchildren, Nathan, Chase, Logan, Amanda, Mekenzie, David, Sam and Sydney; sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara Sue and Jim Poff, of Troutville, Judy and Frank Fisher, of Reidsville, N.C., Polly and Rodney Smith, of Martinsburg, W.Va.; brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Sandy Harbor, of Norfolk.

A memorial service was held Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kingsport with the Rev. Patrick Bone officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Wanda Grills, 1217 Radcliffe Avenue, Kingsport, Tenn. 37664.

DOLLIE COLLINS

Dollie Collins, 86, of Norton, died Friday (Oct. 17, 2003) at her residence on Kentucky Avenue.

She was of the Protestant faith.

Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husband, Willis Collins; two sisters; two brothers; her mother and father; and one grandson, Rick Ayers.

Survivors include daughters, Dorothy Hall, Norton, Ernestine Bates and her husband Donald, Greensboro, N.C., Linda Ayers and her husband Doyle, Norton; brother, Delmar Wilson and his wife, Margaret, Tacoma; sister, Eula Smoot, Waldorf, Md.; 11 grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and friends.

Calling hours were from 6-9 p.m. Monday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home chapel.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Danny Mullins officiating. Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

EUGENE COLLINS

U.S. Army Veteran

Eugene "Gene" Collins 68, of Radcliff, Ky., died Thursday (Aug. 21, 2003)



at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown.

He was a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts as well as several tours in Germany, and was retired after serving 20 years civil service at Ft. Knox, Ky.

He was a member of veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10281, American Legion Post NO. 112 and the Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Solly and Zona Napier Collins, Norton; as well as two brothers, Ernest and Arnold Collins and two sisters Eva Collins and Edna C. Jackson.

Survivors include his wife Deborah Collins; daughter, Darla Jean Heighton and husband Dwayne of Canton, Ohio; sons Bill Gene Collins and wife Dr. Cindy Cannon of Kingsford, Mich., and Kevin Lee Collins of Florida; sister Evelyn C. Hoskins, Norton; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, with full military honors. Burial was at North Hardin Memorial Gardens in Radcliff. Nelson-Edelson-Bennett Funeral Home in Radcliff was in charge of all arrangements.

GENELLE COLLINS

Genelle Collins, 87, of Norton, died Monday (Jan. 5, 2004) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

A native of Wise County, she was the daughter of the late James Franklin and Maggie Thompson Starnes.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Jim Flanary, Norton; two sons, James Collins Jr., Detroit, Mich., and Jerry Collins, Norton. Other family include grandchildren, Debbie Flanary Rife, Michael Flanary, Patrick Flanary, Glen Collins, Liz Ann Fultz, and Jerry Collins; great-grandchildren, Katie Maine, Jamie Flanary, Brandon Pleasant, Zachary Fultz, Madison Fultz, Zachary Collins, Rachel Collins, Joseph Collins, Cameron Collins, Austin Collins; and a great-great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Abigail Maine.

Visitation and services were held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton with the Rev. Larry Coeburn officiating.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Norton. Family and friends will gather at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home to travel to the cemetery for burial rites.

LENA COLLINS

Employee of Magic Mart

Lena May Clark Collins, 46, of Wise, went to be with the Lord on Thursday (Nov. 6, 2003) at Holston Valley Medical Center after battling cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) since Jan. 6, 2003.

She was employed by Big Stone Gap Magic Mart for three years and Norton Magic Mart for four years. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Archie Clark; stepdad, Luther Clark; and a brother, James "Nubbie" Clark.

Survivors include her loving husband of 28 years, Patrick Monroe Collins of Wise; her loving daughter, Stacy Lorraine Collins of Wise; her loving son and daughter-in-law, Glen Shane and Sarina Collins of Wise; her mother, Polly Clark of Wise; sisters and brothers-in-law, Christy and Marvin Craiger of Wise, Regina Clark of Hallandale, Fla., Paula Sue and Tim Martin of Wise; brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl Wayne and Carol Sue Dean of Norton, Donnie and Rhonda Clark of Wise; half-brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Evelyn Wheatley of Florida; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Randy and Judy Collins of Waynesfield, Ohio, Morris and Joyce Collins of Dearborn Heights, Mich., Glenna Phillips and Roger Fisher of Ocala, Fla., and Charlotte and Cary Daughtery of Melvindale, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; a very special friend (who feels like a son)

Jerrett Hubbard of Wise; some great chemo nurses at Norton Southwest Regional Cancer Center, Nancy Smith, Leslie Gilley and Carla Lane.

REBEL COLLINS

Rebel (Revel) Stanley Collins, 81, of Wise, passed away Tuesday (Aug. 19, 2003) at her residence with her family by her side.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Rebel was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vinson Collins; her parents, Calvin and Dusta (Hamilton) Stanley; and two sisters, Nora Cox and Genette Stallard Mullins.

Survivors include daughter, Mary Sue Collins Middleton, Wise; son, Jerry V. Collins, Wise; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Opal Stallard, Statesville, N.C., Rita Stallard, Roanoke, Lorene McCarthy, Pound, Zella Hubbard and Odra Collins, both of Wise; brothers, Eugene Stanley, Wise and Nolan Stanley, Pound; a host of friends and loved ones.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Lighthouse Worship Center, Wise, with the Revs. Roger Barker and Sam Slemp officiating.

LEE CONLEY

Attended the Church of God
of Prophecy

Lee Conley, 74, of Castlewood, passed away Thursday (Dec. 18, 2003) at Russell County Medical Center.

He spent most of his life in Dickenson and Wise counties and attended the Church of God of Prophecy.

Mr. Conley was preceded in death by his wife Mamaw Jean Conley.

Survivors include three daughters, Frances and husband Don Mullins of Pound, Patsy and husband Tom Kunchick and Crystal and husband Don Kunchick, all of Pennsauken, N.J.; one son, Billy Conley of Birchleaf; one daughter-in-law, Carolina Conley of Breaks; sister, Nora Hubert of Avondale, Ariz.; one brother, Hassell Conley; uncles, Dallas Conley and Edd Conley, both of Pound, Hassell Conley of Cable, Ky.; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; one very special home nurse, Joyce Kiser of Lebanon.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at Mullins Funeral Home chapel, Clintwood, with clergymen Lacy Justice and Carl Burmeier officiating.

Burial followed in the Phipps Memorial Cemetery, Clintwood.

Friends and family served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Milton, Dr. Easton and Dr. Henry.

HENRY COOPER

*He touched many lives in his lifetime.
His family loved him, and so did God*

Henry Randolph Finest Cooper, 100, of Norton, died Tuesday (Dec. 16, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.



Born to the late Luke and Mary Cooper in Tuscaloosa, Ala., he was raised from the age of 12 by his uncle, J a m e s Loving, following his parents deaths. he was a retired coal miner and foreman with Bethlehem Steel in Jenkins, Ky.

Married to the late Mae Francis Turner Cooper, he adopted and raised five children and also took care of many other children in his neighborhood.

Mr. Cooper gave his life to Christ at an early age, and became a deacon in his church. He an remained active deacon of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Norton until his death.

He touched many lives in his lifetime. His family loved him, and so did God

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Ora D. Henderson, Mary Green and John of Rapidan, Rosa Lee Price and Mancey of Norton and Lora Washington of Orange; sons and daughters-in-law, Henry D. Cooper and Pam of Norton and Joe Lewis Cooper and Pat of Columbia, Md.; several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Toni Keys of Norton.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Norton, with the Rev. Lowell Parker officiating. Burial will be in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the church from noon until time of the funeral service.

Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home of Norton is serving the Cooper family.

GARLAND COUNTISS

Retired farmer

Garland Countiss, 90, of Hardin County, Ky., died Monday (Nov. 3, 2003) at his residence.

Born Sept. 12, 1913 in Norton, he was the son of the late John F. Countiss and Emma Gibson Countiss. He was a retired farmer, former owner and operator of dry goods store and grocery in Virginia, a member of Stephensport United Methodist Church, and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Countiss; sister, Wilma Graham of Bristol, Tenn.; four nephews, Gary Allen, Gerald Maysey, James Roller and John Allen; eight nieces, Libby Schroeder, Marlo Sutton, Auvinneen Roller, Jane Allen, Marcelynn Fields, Norma Jean Countiss, Joyce Countiss, Janice Countiss.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Trent-Dowell Funeral Home in Hardinsburg, Ky. with the Rev. J. Alton Lawhorn officiating.

Burial will follow in the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Calling hours are 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and after 8 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

LOWELL COX

Retired from Dickenson County
School Board

Lowell Cox, 75, of Clintwood, passed away Tuesday (Nov. 11, 2003) at his home.

He was a life-long resident of Dickenson County, was retired from the Dickenson County School Board and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Cox was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cox, one sister and two brothers.

He is survived by three brothers, Fred Cox of Clintwood, Thelmer Cox of Speedwell and Danny Cox of Millboro and one sister, Sally McDowell of Hiltons.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel, with Rev. Lewis Mullins officiating.

Burial followed in the Cox Family Cemetery, Jakes Branch Section, Route 2, Clintwood.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Skeens, Thurman Large and Jimmy Kelley.

ELSIE H. CRABTREE

Operated Crabtree Grocery Store

Elsie Holback "Terry" Crabtree, 92, of Clintwood, died Monday (Oct. 20, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

She attended the Primitive Baptist Church, had owned and operated Crabtree Grocery Store and had lived most of her life in Dickenson County.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Truda Ann Roberts; and her great-grandson, Christopher Taylor.

Survivors include her daughters, Thelma Roberts of Clintwood, Maxine Raines of Fredricksburg and Joann Dotson of Rutledge, Tenn; sister, Ollie Carter of Bean Station, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Jr. Davis officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 in the Stonewall Memory Gardens Cemetery in Manassas with Craig Polson officiating. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers will be Houston Chester, Bennie Vanover, David Reedy, Junior Branham and Wayne Powers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clintwood Volunteer Rescue Squad.

JORDAN BOSTIC CRABTREE

Jordan Bostic Crabtree, age 21, of Clintwood, passed away Monday (Aug. 18 2003).

He was a life long resident of Dickenson County and was a Clintwood High School graduate of 2000. He was also an employee of Travelocity.

Survivors include his parents, J.B. and Velma Crabtree of Clintwood; sister Jade Alexandra Crabtree of Clintwood; brothers James Mack Crabtree and Jeremy Luke Crabtree, both of Clintwood; nephew James Hunter Crabtree of Clintwood; maternal grandmother Ruby Bostic of Prater.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow in the J.B. Crabtree Cemetery, Rt. 2, Clintwood with Ronnie Mutter and Theo Yates officiating.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers,

MACK CRABTREE

Member of Valley View
Freewill Baptist Church

Mack Crabtree, 84, of Clintwood, passed away Monday (Dec. 22, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

He was a life-long resident of Dickenson County and a member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Clintwood Masonic Lodge 66, treasurer of the Dickenson County Fox Hunters Club, a member of the Dickenson County School Board and a member of the Cumberland Mountain Trail Riders Association. He was a retired coal miner from the Pittston Coal Co.

Mr. Crabtree was preceded in death by his son, William Daniel "Danny" Crabtree, his parents, Daniel Robert and Cordelia (Stanley) Crabtree, brothers, Ked, Van Buren and Carter Crabtree, and sisters, Leora, Violet and Magalene.

Survivors include his wife, Zetta Vanover Crabtree of Clintwood; daughters, Janie Gallion of Elizabethton and Mackie Mullins of Abingdon; sisters, Merlin Fleming of Clintwood, Lucille Shoupe of Strasburg and Josephine Wheatly of Helena, Ohio; grandsons, Danny Mullins and wife Amy, and Derek Mullins; great-grandson, Jackson Wyatt Mullins, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 26, at the Valley View Church, where a Masonic service was conducted. Funeral services followed with Ministers Lynn Vanover, Keith Dotson and Joe Glenn Sluss officiating.

Entombment was Saturday, Dec. 27, at 11:30 a.m. in the Temple Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Castlewood.

Pallbearers were James Mullins, J.B. Crabtree, Muncie Mullins, Clyde Hill, Donnie Rife, Ikie Jeff Willis, John Keith and Everette Branham Jr.

Honorary pallbearers: nephews, Ronnie Mack Dotson, Jerry Kyle Dotson, Darrell R. Fleming, Bill Fleming, Charles Fleming, Buford Fleming, Freddie Wheatly, Feral Colley, Freddy Crabtree, Noah Meade and Frank Anderson.

Mullins Funeral Home assisted the Crabtree family.

JUNE CREED

Member of Grand Avenue
Church of God of Prophecy

June Holifield Creed, 78, of Coeburn, died Saturday (Sept. 6, 2003) at her daughter's residence in Church Hill, Tenn.



Mrs. Creed was a member of Grand Avenue Church of God of Prophecy.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Louis Creed, Sr.; her parents, Harrison and Virgie Alice Moore Holifield; a son, Paul Harrison Creed; a granddaughter, Sarah Salyers; brothers Ted Holifield, Junior Holifield and Raymond Holifield; sisters, Bessie Smith, Violet Coleman, Thelma Holbrook and Dollie May Holifield.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Glen Grimes, East Stone Gap, Shelby Jean and Clinton Salyers Jr., Castlewood, Virgie Alice and Bud Phillips, Churchill and Thelma Kathleen and Daniel Baker, Coeburn; son and daughter-in-law, Robert Louis Creed Jr. and Tammy Creed, Coeburn; daughter-in-law and son-in-law, Velda and Paul Freund, Loveland, Ohio; grandchildren, Brianne, Kristie, Tiffine, Nikki, Samantha, Derek, Caleb, Haley and Emma; great-grandchildren, Brylee and Masey; Brother, Charles Holifield, Defiance, Ohio; sister, Pansy Dandy, Defiance, Ohio; special friends, Rev. Samuel and Carolyn Hall, Coeburn and several nephews and several nieces.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, at the Church of God of Prophecy with Rev. Samuel Hall officiating. Burial followed in the Temple Hill Memorial Park in Castlewood.

Estes Funeral Home, Coeburn was in charge of arrangements.

MILDRED ANN CRESS

Owner of J&M Produce

Mildred Ann Cress, 68, of Pound, passed away Friday (Sept. 26, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn., after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Cress was of the Pentecostal faith.

She was a devout Christian, loving mother, retired nurse, and current business owner of J&M Produce in Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Cress was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Treadway; her parents, Allen Roberts and Bessie Bailey

Surviving are her spouse, Joel Cress; daughters, Barbara Davis, Round-O, S.C., Linda Treadway Brown, Ft. Myers, Fla., Janet Sidden, Clemmons, N.C.; stepdaughters, Karen Smith and Tonya Cress, both of Ermine, Ky.; stepsons, Keith Cress and Matthew Cress, both of Ermine, Ky.; sons, Robert Treadway and Billy Treadway, both of Okeechobee, Fla.; sisters, Ruthie Davidson and Betty Dodson, both of Eccles, W.Va.; brother, Cameron Roberts of Mabscott, W.Va. Close to her heart were numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with Elder Donnie West and Timothy Collins officiating.

Interment will be in Henry Stidham Cemetery, Pound.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

MAXINE CULBERTSON

Worked 40 years for Paul's Restaurant and Pastry Shop in Norton

Margaret Maxine Culbertson, 74, died Monday, (Nov. 10, 2003) in Emory East Side Hospital, Snellville, Ga.

A former resident of Norton, she had made her home in Snellville since 1996 to care for her ailing mother. Maxine worked for more than 40 years at Paul's Restaurant and Pastry Shop in Norton. Maxine was preceded in death by her Mother, Lester Culbertson, father Joe W. Culbertson, brothers Bob Culbertson, Charles Culbertson and Joe Bill Culbertson and sister Betty Kilbourne.

Survivors include sisters Barbara Johnson of Lagrange Georgia, Nancy Whitaker of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; brothers Carl Culbertson of Pensacola Fla., Jeffery Culbertson of Snellville and Bill Culbertson of Dacula, Ga.

The family received friends Friday, Nov. 14, at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton. Graveside funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

MARY LOU CUMMINGS

Of the Baptist faith

Mary Lou Cummings, 58, of Big Stone Gap, went home to be with the Lord after a lengthy illness Tuesday (Nov. 18, 2003) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap.

She was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include a cousin, Skeeter Jo Brown of Adaleville, Ky.; a host of friends at Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc. and Heritage Hall Health Care in Big Stone Gap.

Calling hours are from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Friday at Baker Funeral Home in Pound.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 in the Dewey Memorial Cemetery, Pound with Rev. Randy Carter officiating. Friends will meet at Baker Funeral Home at 12:30 p.m. for the procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be friends.

070 Damron, Julia

JULIA DAMRON

Attended the Rural Missionary
Baptist Church, Coeburn

Julia Damron, 82, of Coeburn,
passed away Thursday (Dec. 25,
2003) at Rose Lawn Rest Home,

Castlewood.

She was preceded in death by
her husband, Elihu Damron; four
brothers; two sisters and a
grandchild.

Mrs. Damron attended the
Rural Missionary Baptist
Church, Coeburn.

Survivors include a son,
Ronnie Damron of Coeburn; a
daughter, Kathleen (Katie)
Damron of Coeburn; three sis-
ters, Glenda Sluss of Coeburn,
Minnie Archer of Wise and
Clautte Hayes of New Hope; two
sisters-in-law, Loretta Johnson of
Big Stone Gap and Nicky
Johnson, of Wise; two grandchil-
dren; and several nieces and
nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m.
Sunday in the chapel of Sturgill
Funeral Home, Coeburn with the
Rev. Willie Ratliff officiating.

Burial followed in the Laurel
Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section
of Norton.

WRIGHT DAWSON

World War II veteran

Wright H. Dawson, 89, formerly of Norton, died Wednesday (Oct. 29, 2003) in Carrollton, Texas, after a long illness.

Mr. Dawson was born and raised in Esmont. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Dawson moved to Norton in the late 1940s. He was a member of the Norton United Methodist Church. He worked for the Humble Oil and Refining Company (now Exxon) from 1948-1971. He served as Executive Director of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority from 1971-1980.

Survivors include four children, sons and daughters-in-law Donald M. and Priscilla Dawson of Tallahassee, Fla.; James R. and Lauri Dawson of Ventura, Calif.; and Robert W. and Linore Dawson of Berwyn, Penn.; daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Mark Beaman of Carrollton; one sister, Margaret Stein of Palo Alto, Calif.; one brother, Martin Dawson of Richmond; nine grandchildren: Laura Dawson Fisher, Andrew D. Dawson, Clint R. Dawson, Brittany Dawson, Brett A. Beaman, Chelsea Janet Beaman, Jordan Marie Beaman, William A. Dawson and Benjamin Dawson; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Janet Murdy Dawson.

THELMA DAY

Thelma Marie Day, 72, of Dunbar, died Tuesday (Aug. 19, 2003) from Norton Community Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She was a member of Dunbar Methodist Church.

Mrs. Day was preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt and Eva Mullins, her son, Douglas M. Day, one sister and seven brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Paul M. Day, Dunbar; sons, Gerry Day, Orange Park, Fla., Roger Day, Norton; daughters, Shelby Summers, Norton, Deanna Garland, Graford, Tex., Patty Varner, Keokee, Hope McNeil, Wise, Regina Wilson, Dunbar, Jamie Cox, Church Hill, Tenn.; 22 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Mullins, Kokomo, Ind.; sisters, Irene Craiger, Duffield, Helen Day, Dunbar, Pauline McElroy, Big Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Tony Nunley officiating. Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton. Pallbearers will be grandsons and sons-in-law.

OLA WAYNE DEAN

Retired coal tipple operator
with Elite Tipples

Ola Wayne Dean, 53, of East Park Avenue, Norton, died Monday (Jan. 5, 2004) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

He was a retired coal tipple operator with Elite Tipples.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guylas and Phyllis Dean Chisenhall.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Stapleton Dean; loving children, daughter, Christy Dean, and son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Kim Dean, all of Norton; his grandchildren whom he greatly loved, Daphne, Preston and Justin Dean; a sister and brother-in-law, Ginger and Jeff Bootz, Eustis, Fla.; brother and sister-in-law, David and Linda Wells, Norton; aunt, Earlene Davidson, Norton; and uncles, Ralph Dean, Norton, and Robert Dean, Hayes, N.C., his mother-in-law, Edith Stapleton, Norton; and a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton with the Rev. Darrell Bolling officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wells Cemetery at Esserville.

ORBIN DEAN

U.S. Army veteran

Orbin Dean, 85, of Roanoke, died Saturday, (Dec. 13, 2003), at his home after a short illness.



He was a native of Wise County. He was the last sibling of the late Russell Morgan and Etta Collins

Dean. He owned the Weather Wise Doors and Windows, and after a short retirement he worked for Food Lion. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II.



He is survived by his wife, Beulah E. Dean; three daughters,

Jerilyn Bennett and husband, John; Glenda Burton and husband, John; and Judy Davenport and husband, Ken; four sons, Bobby Dean and wife, Patty; Billy Dean and wife, Sheila; Harry Dean and wife, Marie; and Ronald Dean and wife, Carol; 18 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, in Castlewood Funeral Home chapel, in Castlewood, with the Rev. Kermit Evans officiating.

REV. DENVER K. DEAN

Pastor of several Freewill Baptist
Churches in the area

Rev. Denver K. Dean, 81, of
Wise, passed away Monday (Dec.
1, 2003) at his home.

A lifetime resident of Wise
County, he was the
Pastor of several
Freewill Baptist
Churches in the
area, the last being Bethel Chapel.
He was a retired coal miner from
the Old Ben Coal Co. Dixiana
Mines, a member of the UMWA, a
veteran of World War II, serving in
the U.S. Army and was the recipi-
ent of the Bronze Star.

Rev. Dean was preceded in
death by his wife, Betty R. Dean; a
granddaughter, Hannah Renee'
Murray.

Survivors include one son,
Denver Richard (Ricky) Dean Jr.
of Wise; three daughters, Dennis
Castle of Big Stone Gap, Wilma
Harlow of Sharpsburg, Ga. and
Billie Schoenfeld of Bean Station,
Tenn.; one brother, Ray Dean of
Norton; two sisters, Georgia
Chisenhall of Wise and Ruth Craft
of Payne Gap, Ky.; eight grandchil-
dren; eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 1
p.m. Wednesday at the Sturgill
Funeral Home chapel, Wise with
the Revs. Eddie Sturgill and Roger
Freeman officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wise
Cemetery Wise.

The Family will receive friends
from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the
Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise.

Memorial contributions may be
made to Hospice & Palliative Care
P.O. Box 349 Norton, Va. 24273.

EMMITT CARY DINGUS

U.S. Army veteran



Emmitt Cary "Stud" Dingus, Sr. 69, of Coeburn, died Wednesday (Oct. 29, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

Mr. Dingus was a retired welder at Packmore Manufacturing and a U.S. Army veteran.

His wife Neoma, his parents, Wesley W. and Tempie Louise Greear Dingus; brother, Thomas Dingus and sisters, Nannie Belle Kiser and Viola Edwards, preceded him in death.

Survivors include sons, Emmitt Dingus Jr., Coeburn and Wesley Dingus, Wise; step-daughters, Shirley Kilgore, Bristol, Tenn., Frances Reeves and Janice Reeves, both of Wise and Peggy Harvey, Coeburn; step-son, Buford Lundy, Aurora, Ill., Roger Lundy, Coeburn and Ronnie Dameron, Coeburn; brother, Robert Dingus, Cocoa, Fla., James Dingus, Virginia Beach and Barney Dingus, Coeburn; sister, Edna Perry, Coeburn and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Sammy Hall officiating.

Burial followed in the Dingus Cemetery in Coeburn.

FREDERICK "KED" DORTON
U.S. Army veteran



Frederick "Ked" Dorton, 81,
of Pound,
passed away
Thursday (Dec.
4, 2003) at
Norton
Community Hospital with his
family by his side.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America Local Union 9967 where he served as president of the Mine Committee and the Grievance Committee, a member of V.F.W. Post 9600, a member of D.A.V. Chapter 35, a member of the American Legion 66, and a member of Hamilton Chapel Church.

Mr. Dorton was preceded in death by his parents, William Farley Dorton and Nora Boggs Dorton.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Bolling Dorton; daughters Regina Suzann Dorton-Butin of Palm Springs, Calif., Marla Marie Dorton of Pound; son, Curtis Lee Dorton of Greenville, Tenn.; sisters, Grace Sturgill of Pound, Dora Mullins of Wise, Beatrice Sturgill of Pound, Margaret Ann Potter of Tipp City, Ohio, Myrtle Beverly of Pound, and Mary Jane Ackern of Greenville, Tenn.; brother, Fletcher Dorton of Coeburn; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones.

Services were held Sunday, Dec. 7 at Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel, Baker Funeral Home, Rev. Clyde Roop officiating. Interment was at Crouse Cemetery, Pound with a military graveside service.

ADA ANN DOTSON

Of the Baptist faith

Ada Ann Dotson, 90, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2003) in the Johnston Memorial Hospital, Abingdon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, General Lee Dotson, a daughter, Georgia Helen Dotson, a son, Homer Dotson. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include six daughters and four sons-in-law, Ina Mae and Ballard Weddle of Abingdon, Lillian and Max Osborne of Bernville, Penn., Joyce Akers of Fredericksburg, Dorothy Dotson of Kingsport, Tenn., Laura and Tom Pruitt of Smyrna, Del. and Brenda and Rodney Bennett of Norfolk; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Carroll and Sadie Dotson of Wise, Cline Dotson of Abingdon and Roger Dotson of Coeburn; four stepbrothers, two stepsisters, 32 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Sturgill Funeral

Home chapel, Coeburn with the Rev. Clifford Bevins officiating. Burial will follow in the Slempp Dotson Mullins Cemetery, Coeburn.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

CARTER DOTSON

Recipient of two Purple Hearts and one
Bronze Star

Carter Dotson, 78, of Brook
Park, Ohio died Tuesday (Sept. 30,
2003)

Born March 3, 1925 in Pound,
he was the son of the late Thomas
and Ida Fleming Dotson.

He was also preceded in death
by 17 brothers and sisters.

He served in World War II and
was the recipient of
two Purple Hearts and
one Bronze Star.



Mr. Dotson was retired from
Gougliers Machine Shop in Kent,
Ohio.

Survivors include his dearly
beloved wife Eunice Stallard
Dotson; daughter Carolyn (Steve)
Miller; grandchildren Gretchen,
Scott (Sarah) and Christopher;
great-granddaughter, Ilsa; and
brother Roscoe (Betty) Dotson of
Abingdon; several nieces and
nephews.

Services were held at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Unity Free
Will Baptist Church with Revs.
Lester McMahan and Russell
Varner officiating

Burial was in Sunset Memorial
Park in North Olmstead, Ohio.

Two honor guards presented
the flag to Eunice at the interment.

Pallbearers were Steve Miller,
Gretchen Miller, Scott and
Christopher Miller, Donald South
and Kevin King.

DONALD H. DOTSON

Retired from Clinchfield Coal Co.

Donald H. Dotson, 85, of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Sept. 6, 2003) at his home.

He was born Feb. 24, 1918, one of six children born to Jett and Hettie Dotson. He was a retired employee of Clinchfield Coal Company, a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, Coeburn, and spent his retirement celebrating life with his family.

His beloved Magalene and wife of 63 years preceded him in death; also a brother, Paul Dotson. From the beginning of their life together both recognized there was a greater power and with love, trust and encouragement, their lives were an unshakable example of unconditional love.

Survivors include sons, Ronnie Dotson and Jerry Dotson; daughters, Donna Dotson and Jamie Conley; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Wayne Dotson; sisters, Ruby Dotson, Ada Dotson and Lucille Mullins.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn.

Services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jack P. Weikel officiating.

Entombment will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Hospice Department of the Wellmont Foundation, P.O. Box 1069, Kingsport, Tenn. 37662-9968.

SCOTTIE DOTSON

Employee of Bostic Ford, Lebanon

Scottie Christopher Dotson, 32, of Wise, passed away Saturday (Jan. 3, 2004) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

He was a graduate of J.J. Kelly High School and was an employee of Bostic Ford, Lebanon, Va., in the body shop.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila Skeens Dotson; one son, Christopher Wayne Dotson of the home; father and mother, Conley and Lola Stidham Winebarger of Wise; three brothers, Russell Dotson of Wise, William Winebarger of Dungannon, Va., and Josh Winebarger of Wise; one sister, Sheila Barnette of Dallas, Tex.; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise with the Rev. Darrell Bolling officiating. Burial will follow in the Wise Cemetery.

SARAH A. DUTY

Member of Lick Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Sarah Ann Duty, 89, Clinchco, passed away Sunday (Oct. 26, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

She had lived most of her life in Dickenson County and was a member of Lick Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Allen Duty; sons, Charlie Duty, Howard Duty and Barnet Duty.

Survivors include daughters Sylvia May Rose of Clinchco, Nannie Gaye Rose of Louisa and Martilla Holbrook of Dante; a son, James Duty of Clinchco; brothers, Arvil Lee Stevens of Clinchco and Elder William E. Stevens of Baltimore, Md.; one sister, Iva Jean Stanley of Clinchco; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with elders Roger Fuller, Franklin Viers, Harrison Smith and Bill Stevens officiating.

Burial followed in the Stevens Family Cemetery, Rt. 1 Neely Ridge Section, Clinchco.

Grandsons and grand-sons-in-law served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Lee Mullins and Bobby Hammons.

great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Romona Cox, Dayton, Ohio; brother, Gene Clarkston, Kingsport.

Services were held Wednesday at 8 p.m. chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with Michael Owens ministering.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Glencoe Cemetery. Family and friends are asked to assemble at the funeral home at 1:30 p.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

EULA S. DYE

Of the Baptist faith

Eula Stewart Dye, 86, of Hickory, N.C., died Saturday (Oct. 4, 2003), at her residence.

Born Aug. 23, 1917 in Norton, she was the daughter of the late Emory and Margaret Sneider Stewart. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Clifford James Dye; and daughter, Nancy Faye Berry in 1996.

Mrs. Dye was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include son, Robert Lee Dye of Deland, Fla.; daughters, Margaret McKee, Sylvia Joyce Marsh, Mary Lou Huffman, Shirley Ann Conley and Janice Sue Stallard, all of Hickory; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Bass-Smith Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Mark Marshall officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park. Pallbearers are Richie Turner, Floyd Turner, Jimmy Turner, Scott Conley, Bill Conley and Gerald White.

NINA F. EASTERLING

Homemaker

Nina F. Robinson Easterling, 62, of Wise, passed away Tuesday (Sept. 2, 2003) after an extended illness at Grace Health Care of Abingdon.

Mrs. Easterling was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harding and Elsie Carty Robinson; and a son, Billy Easterling.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond H. Easterling; daughters, Jeanette Easterling of Richmond and Elizabeth Colling of Wise; brother, Dewey Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, Nicolby Collins, Colton Collins and Audreyanna Easterling; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Calling hours are from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Baker Funeral Home in Pound.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Robinson family cemetery.

Friends and family will serve as pallbearers.

KIMBERLY R. EDEN

Kimberly Renea Worley Eden, of Clintwood, passed away at home Saturday (Oct. 28, 2003).

Survivors include her parents, Shirley Kelly and stepfather Blaine Kelley of Clintwood; her father, Hon Lee Worley and stepmother Wanda Worley of Dante; sons, Jason Rawls, Jeremy Quaid Eden and Jesse Blaine Eden all of Abilene, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, in the Rolley Kelly Family Cemetery, Route 3, Clintwood Brush Creek Section, with Clergyman Joe Glenn Sluss officiating.

Pallbearers will be Shaun Hall, Brandon Hall, Kenneth Kelley, Allen Kelley, Cecil Kelly and Kyle Phipps. Honorary pallbearer: Glenn Minton.

Mullins Funeral Home is serving the Eden family.

THOMAS HUBERT EDWARDS



Veteran of World War II

Thomas Hubert Edwards, 85, of Cromona, Ky. went home to be with the Lord on Monday (Dec. 22, 2003).

He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Mr. Edwards was a devoted and adored husband and father, a retired coal miner, an avid fisherman, a proud American, and a veteran of World War II, serving March 1941 to September 1945. He became a Christian at the age of 82. He never met a stranger and had a smile and a story for everyone. His presence will be sorely missed by all who love him, but joyfully celebrated in Heaven.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 58 years, Irene Underwood Edwards; son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Bett Edwards of Appalachia; daughter and son-in-law, Tamra and Ken Sorrels of Wise; grandchildren, Noel Baker, Russell Edwards and Thomas Sorrels; step-grandchildren, John and Carrie Reece; great-grandson, Jason Baker; sister, Jacqueline Hughes, of Norton; special friends, Lonnie and Sandy Davis; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and family too numerous to name.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Polly & Craft Funeral Home chapel, Jenkins, Ky, with Rev. Wendell Austin and Danny Mullins officiating. Entombment followed at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap, with military rites by Pound VFW 9600 and Jenkins American Legion Post 66.

Pallbearers were friends and family members.

Dorothy "Peg" Edwards

Retired factory worker

Dorothy Mae "Peg" Edwards, 74, of St. Paul, died unexpectedly Friday (Nov. 7, 2003) at Bon Secour St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

Mrs. Edwards was a retired factory worker of New

Departure, Sandusky, Ohio. Also a Duel member of Coeburn O.E. S. Chapter 153 and Bristol Chapter 28, Past worthy matron of both chapters. Retired UAW Local 913, Sandusky, and member of Friendship Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Washington and Annie Wise Allott Meredith; son, Richard Dale Walton; brothers, Theodore Meredith and George W. Meredith, Jr.; sister, Mariorie Joan Smith.



Survivors include her husband, Joel Edwards; daughters, Jo Ella Samstag, and Kimber Lee Notestine both of Sandusky; sons, William Patrick Walton and Jeffery A. Walton, both of Sandusky; step-daughters, Jo Ann Edwards, Massilon, Ohio, Vivian Crockett, Clyde, Ohio and Rosalie Fraust, Sandusky; step-son, Hobert Edwards, Bellevue, Ohio; brothers, John Richard Meredith, Thomas Max Meredith and David Elmer Meredith, all of Sandusky; sister, Patricia Lee Ross, Westlake, Ohio; 22 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, several nephews and nieces.

Visitation was held at Estes Funeral Home in Coeburn on Sunday with an Eastern Star service held at 7:30 p.m.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Sandusky.

Burial followed in the Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Huron, Ohio. Also a visitation was held on Tuesday at Groff Funeral Home in Sandusky.

STELLA P. ESTEP

Member of Davis Chapel Freewill
Baptist Church

Stella P. Estep, 81, of Norton, died Friday (Oct. 10, 2003) at Indian Path Medical Center.

Born to the late Charlie and Eliza Akers, she was a resident of Norton since she was a small child. She was the widow of Emmitt Estep.

Mrs. Estep was a member of Davis Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Ramsey.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Eddie Joe and Reedy Estep of Gate City; and granddaughter, Paige Estep.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton with the Rev. Danny Mullins officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Ramsey at 11 a.m. Monday.

WILLIAM ESTEP

Retired correctional officer
from Camp 18 in Coeburn

William R. (Bob) Estep, 78, of Wise, passed away Wednesday (Nov. 19, 2003) at his home.

He was a retired correctional officer from Camp 18 in Coeburn, a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, serving in the U.S. Army. He was of the Freewill Baptist faith.

Mr. Estep was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Estep, who passed away Jan. 20, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Michelle and Patrick Eugene Gilley Sr. of Wise; three sisters, Oma Bledsoe, Pauline Dingus and Gladys Estep, all of Coeburn; three grandchildren, Halee Gilley, Samuel Gilley and Patrick Eugene Gilley Jr.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with the Rev. Palmer Blevins officiating.

Burial followed in the Boatwright Cemetery in Ft. Blackmore, with military graveside rites conducted by the Norton VFW Post 4301 of Norton.

JERRY ESTRIDGE

Retired postmaster at Keokee

Jerry David Estridge, 62, Appalachia, passed away Monday (Sept. 1, 2003) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap.

He was born Nov. 11, 1940 in Woodway and was raised in Inman.

He was a retired postmaster at Keokee with 32 years of service.

Mr. Estridge was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Georgia (Doll) Estridge; brother, William Estridge; brother-in-law, Tom Tucker; and nephew, Monte Estridge.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Joyce Honeycutt Estridge; daughter and son-in-law, Endora and Jackie Johnson, Laurel, Miss.; daughter, Colleen Estridge, Appalachia; his buddy, Sophie; sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lettie (Toots) and Jack Wilder, Inman; sisters, Agnes Linville, Waynesville, Ohio, Audrey

Tucker, Chatsworth, Ga.; brothers, Joel Estridge, Linzey Estridge, Randall Estridge and Tim Estridge, all of Big Stone Gap and Lanny Estridge, Appalachia; brothers and sisters-in-law, Johnny and Shirley Estridge, Derby, Don and Darlene Estridge, Inman; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at noon Thursday in the chapel of Roy A. Green Funeral Home, Appalachia.

Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

REBECCA NICOLE FERGUSON

Rebecca "Becca" Nicole Ferguson, 12, of Clintwood, passed away Monday (Aug. 11, 2003) at Johnson City Medical Center.

She was a life long resident of Dickenson County and was a student at Clintwood Elementary School starting in the 7th grade. She was also a member of the Chips Program.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her father Steve Ramey, maternal grandparents Joyce J. Mullins and Eugene Mullins; her maternal great-grandparents Carlie and Hester Mullins.

Survivors include her loving mother, Sherry Edwards of Clintwood; brother Curtis Edwards; sister Joyce Ferguson all of the home; aunt Patty Mullins and fiancée Harold "Chip" Miller of Clintwood; uncles Larry Wayne (Homey) Mullins of Johnson City, and Ricky Mullins of Texas; great uncles, Bobby Ferguson and wife Jessie of Georgia, Larry Leftwich of Clintwood, ~~Jerry Leftwich~~ and wife Heidi of Germany, Danny Mullins and wife Rita of Clintwood; great aunts, Nina Zupancic and husband John of Laplanta, Md., Vivian Ramey and husband Roger of Clintwood, Donna Childress and husband Johnny, Faye Holloway of Clintwood, Beth Taylor of Ohio and the late Lousie and her husband Gene Ramey; maternal great-grandmother Magdaline Elliot of Norfolk; special friends Sid and Doris Stanley of Clintwood, and Garman Gilbert along with a host of friends and cousins.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel. Burial followed in the Phipps Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Greg Cyphers officiating.

CHRISTINE FIELDS

Member of Peuther Chapel
Freewill Baptist Church

Christine Fields, 75, of McClure, passed away Friday (Dec. 26, 2003) at Clinch Valley Medical Center in Richlands.

She was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and a member of Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded

in death by her husband Boyce Fields and a sister Fern Johnson.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Robinson of North Tazewell, Carol Ruth Smith of Tazewell; brothers, William C. Rose of Clintwood, Roy Rose of Rt. 1 McClure; sisters, Irene Fields of Westland, Mich., Verna Sutherland of Ypsillanti, Mich.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 27, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Joe Glenn Sluss officiating. Graveside services were held Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Fields Family Cemetery, Rt. 1, McClure. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

EVA WELLS FISCHER

Eva Wells Fischer, 98, of Norton, died Friday (Aug. 15, 2003) in Northside Rehabilitation Hospital, Johnson City, Tenn.

She was a member of the Norton Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Women's Circle, and a member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Fischer was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Fischer and a son, Dr. Fred R. Edens.

Survivors include daughter-in-law, Nina M. Edens, Johnson City; grandsons, Fred R. and Dorcas Edens Jr., Johnson City, J. Wesley and Gina Edens, Boones Creek, Tenn., John and Pat Edens, Gray, Tenn., Christopher A. and Amy Edens, and Timothy S. Edens, all of Hickory Tree, Tenn.; granddaughter, Theresa E. and Ron Jelléy, Johnson City, Tenn.; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Norton Presbyterian Church with Rev. Mike Porter officiating. Burial will follow in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Norton Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 96, Norton, Va. 24273.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ROBERTA LEE FLEENOR

Of the Baptist faith

Roberta Lee Fleenor, 85, of Blountville, Tenn., formerly of Big Stone Gap, went to be with the Lord Monday (Oct. 27, 2003) at her residence.

She had lived in Blountville since 1978, coming from Chicago. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who gave all she had to her family. We all love her very much and will miss her more than words can express.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Ray Fleenor; a granddaughter, Sherry Fleenor; two brothers, Harold and Hershel Clarkston; and sisters, Audrey Shook and Christine Ealey.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Fleenor, of the home; sons, Arthur Fleenor Jr., Berrien Springs, Mich., Wayne Fleenor, Blountville, and Harold Fleenor, Hillcrest, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; 26

BRUCE R. FLEMING

U.S. Army veteran

Bruce R. Fleming, 77, of Pound, entered into rest Friday (Dec. 19, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton, with his family by his side.

Mr. Fleming served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Pound



VFW Post 9600.

He was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Fleming was preceded in death by his parents, Narvil Fleming and Luvenia Cox Fleming.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Killen Fleming, Pound; three daughters, Freida Boggs and Debbie Boggs, both of Pound, and Angie Cox, Haysi; two sons, Gary Fleming, Sanford, N.C., and Mike Fleming, Pound; one sister, Marie Meade, Pound; two brothers, Dennis Fleming and Donald Fleming, both of Pound; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with Elders Trinkle Mullins and Willie Cantrell officiating.

Interment was in Mullins Cemetery, Pound, with military graveside honors conducted by Pound VFW Post 9600.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

HOFLIN FLEMING

U.S. Army Veteran

Mr. Butler Hoflin Fleming, 82, of Pound, passed away Friday (Sept. 12, 2003) at his residence.

He was a retired miner and a former employee of Clinchfield



Coal Company and Bethlehem Coal Company and a member of the

UMWA of America. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II and a member of the Pound VFW Post 9600. He was a Kentucky Colonel and was of the Methodist faith.

Mr. Fleming was preceded in death by his parents, Butler and Lillie (Branham) Fleming; his wife, Anita (Bolling) Fleming; two sisters, Helen Meade and Faustina Gilliam; and a brother, Freddy Fleming.

Survivors include daughters, Lynne Burke and Candace Bolling, both of Pound; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sister, Pauline Roman, Mt. Morris, Penn.; brothers, Garnet Fleming and Jack Fleming, both of Kingsport, Tenn., Oren Fleming of Pound; special friend, Betty McLemore Roberts of Wise; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with the Rev. Charles Lippse officiating.

Full military graveside services were conducted by the Pound VFW Post 9600 in the Bolling Cemetery in Pound.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

WILLIS ANDREW FOSTER

Retired coal miner

Willis Andrew Foster, 86, of Coeburn, went home to be with his



Lord
Thursday
(Nov. 27,
2003) at
his home
in Sandy
Ridge.

Mr.
Foster
was born
in Lee

Springs, Tenn. and raised in Banner. He was a retired coal miner of 35 years, a member of U.M.W.A. and was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Foster was preceded in death by his parents, Lindsey Releford and Ida Hodges Maples Foster; brothers, James Foster, Bernice Foster, Ray Foster and William Foster; great-granddaughter, Anna E. Franks.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mary Minton Foster; daughters and sons-in-law, Ella May and Curtis Franks, Coeburn, Helen and Charles Vannoy, Blountville, Tenn.; son and daughter-in-law, Willis Eugene and Linda Foster, Vinton; son, Larry Foster, Rochester Hills, Mich.; brother, Charlie Foster, Kapac, Mich.; sisters, Willie Denton, Lois Donnelly, both of Elizabethton, Tenn., Nell Kiser, Bristol and Mary Lou Ritchie, Coeburn; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Estes Funeral Home with the Rev. Millard Laney, R.L. Crawford and the Rev. Bert Franks officiating.

Burial followed in the

BRIAN A. FREEMAN

Of the Mormon faith

Brian A. Freeman, 14, of Powell Valley, passed away Thursday (Dec. 25, 2003) at home.

He resided in the home of his foster parents, Barry and Beverly Ison, for 10 years. He was a special spirit that God has called home. He was of the Mormon faith.

In addition to his foster parents, he is survived by his parents, Johnny and Alice Freeman of St. Paul; three sisters, Christy, Tonya and Ashley; and five foster brothers and sisters.

Brian had many special caregivers that the family would like to thank for their love and dedication.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with Bishop Gary Wood officiating.

Committal services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home to go in procession to the cemetery.

JERRY W. FREEMAN

U.S. Army veteran

Jerry W. Freeman, 54, of Indiantown, Fla., passed away Sunday (Dec. 14, 2003) as the result of an automobile accident.

He was born and raised in the Norton, Coeburn and Kingsport, Tenn. area, but had lived in Florida for the past 15 years.

He was an honorary member of the V.F.W. and Martin County Sheriff Dept. Assoc. in Florida. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and recipient of a Bronze Star and Purple Heart medal.

He was preceded in death by his father, Troy Freeman Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Maryann Freeman; his mother, Martha Freeman; three sons, Jerry W. Freeman of Boone, N.C., Jerry Freeman of Mt. Carmel, Tenn. and Troy Freeman of Indiantown, Fla.; two daughters, Tabitha Freeman of Indiantown and Amanda Freeman of Kingsport, Tenn.; two brothers, Troy Freeman Jr. of Coeburn and Terry Freeman of Blountville, Tenn.; four sisters, Virginia Freeman and Mattie Cain, both of Palm City, Fla., Sharon Hale of Coeburn and Helen Artrip of Vale, N.C.; aunt, Clifford Williams, Coeburn and uncle, Quentin Freeman, Fla.; two grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Estes Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn with Rev. Noland Stanley officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Grove Community Cemetery in Coeburn.

CHARLES HENRY FRITZ SR.

Coal miner at Paramount Coal Co.

Charles Henry Fritz Sr., 61, of Appalachia, went to be with the Lord Saturday (Jan. 3, 2004) at Bristol Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Fritz was born Oct. 18, 1942 in Lower Exeter, to William and Tisha Fritz. He was a lifelong resident of Exeter and worked as a coal miner at Paramount Coal Co.

He was of the Catholic faith.

Mr. Fritz was preceded in death by his parents; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Cathy Fritz; sons and daughters, William McKinley Fritz, Exeter, Lisa Fritz, Olinger, Charles Henry Fritz Jr., Exeter; one granddaughter, Taylor Fritz, Exeter; brothers and sisters, Patsy Herron, Exeter, Susie Fritz, Big Stone Gap, Mable Galloway, Liberty Center, Ind., Dave Fritz and wife Edith; two special nieces, Zitta Hollyfield and Ruth Wyatt.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at God's New Harvest Church, Big Stone Gap, with the Rev. Nellie Garette officiating.

Family and friends are asked to assemble at Haven of Praise Church, Appalachia, at 5 p.m. Monday for fellowship and dinner.

Family requests that no flowers be sent.

Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, is in charge of arrangements.

For online condolences, please send e-mail to gfhbsg@verizon.net

FRANCES MARY FULLER

Retired nurse, served in World War II

Frances Mary Fuller, 93, of Norton, died Sunday (Nov. 16, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

Born to the late George S. and Birdie Reed Fuller, she was one of seven children. Miss Fuller was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving



in the European Theatre of World War II as a wartime nurse, then Lt.

Fuller saw duty with General Patton's 3rd Army in England and in France, following the D-Day Invasion.

She was a registered nurse, working in several of the Norton area hospitals, and was a nurse for the Job Corps at her retirement. She was a member of the Norton United Methodist Church and VFW Post 4301 of Norton.

She was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, George S. Fuller III, Dr. Judge Fuller, Kyle Fuller, Duke Helmer Fuller, Helen E. Mullins and Edna Mann Fuller; and niece, Marjorie Marie "Tiny" Fuller Foster.

Surviving are sister, Margaret Fuller, of Norton; nieces, Sue Brooks, Julie F. Bolling and Susan Fuller; and a nephew, Steve Mullins.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21, at Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton, with the Rev. Beecher Dunsmore officiating.



FRIEDA FUNK

Frieda Virgie Funk, 81, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) at the Bon Secours St. Mary's

Hospital, Norton.

She was born in Dickenson County, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a mother and a homemaker, and a member of Rugsby's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Funk was a daughter of the late William Edward Stanley and Mary Viola Dotson Stanley. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Keith; four infant children; a granddaughter, Frieda Funk; a grandson, James Lance Funk; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Funk; two daughters, Dorothy (John) Ring, and Virgie Kincaid, both of Coeburn; two sons, Robert (Gladys) Funk and James (Little Joe) Funk, both of Coeburn; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Calling hours were held Friday, Dec. 26, at Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise, where funeral services followed at 7:30 p.m. Interment was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stanley Memorial Cemetery, Dickenson County.

FRIEDA VIRGIE FUNK

Member of Rugsby's Chapel
Freewill Baptist Church

Frieda Virgie Funk, 81, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) at the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

She was born in Dickenson County, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a mother and a homemaker, and a member of Rugsby's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Funk was a daughter of the late William Edward Stanley and Mary Viola Dotson Stanley. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Keith; four infant children; a granddaughter, Frieda Funk; a grandson, James Lance Funk; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Funk; two daughters, Dorothy (John) Ring, and Virgie Kincaid, both of Coeburn; two sons, Robert (Gladys) Funk and James (Little Joe) Funk, both of Coeburn; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Calling hours were held Friday, Dec. 26, at Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise, where funeral services followed at 7:30 p.m. Interment was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stanley Memorial Cemetery, Dickenson County.

JAMES HARVEY GALLION



Retired from United States
Air Force

James Harvey Gallion, 43, of Beaufort, S.C., died Monday (Jan. 5, 2004) in Beaufort.

Mr. Gallion was born May 16, 1960 in Amarillo, Texas, a son of Mary Bethaleen Bowers Gallion and Rodney Gallion.

He retired from the United States Air Force and was currently employed by Dyncorp at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort. He was a member of the National Turkey Federation, National Rifle Association and attended The Baptist Church of Beaufort.

Survivors include his father, Rodney Gallion of Jenkins, Ky.; his wife, Melanie Smith Gallion; a son, Kyle Ryan Gallion; a daughter, Madison Nichole Gallion, all of Beaufort; and one sister, Susan Mullins of Pound.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at The Baptist Church of Beaufort. Interment will follow at Beaufort Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Post Office Box 443, Beaufort, South Carolina 29901.

Copeland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

RUTH H. GARLAND

Retired from Norfolk Southern railroad

Ruth Hall Garland, 80, of Roanoke, passed away Sunday (Dec. 28, 2003) after a brief illness.



She was born in Norton, a daughter of the late L.H. and

Nellie Hall. She lived in Roanoke for many years and had retired from Norfolk Southern railroad after 33 years in the engineering department.

She was a long-time active member of the National Association of Railway Business Women.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Robert Lee Garland; three sisters, Helen Stallard of Knoxville, Tenn., Katherine Tommerdahl of Raleigh, N.C. and Sadie Mason of Jacksonville, Fla.; nieces and nephews, Nancy Strohm of Nashville, Tenn., Dale McHose of Ft. Mill, S.C. and Eric Tommerdahl of Raleigh; three great-nieces and one great-nephew; several loving friends.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 at John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home in Salem.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Condolences may be emailed to ericget@msn.com.

ANNA LEE GIBSON

Former resident of Powell Valley

Anna Lee Gibson, 69, of Kingsport, Tenn., died Tuesday (Sept. 9, 2003) at Holston Valley Medical Center.

Mrs. Gibson was raised in Powell Valley and lived over 40 years in Kingsport. She was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for her husband's business. She was the daughter of John and Nellie Gilly.

Mrs. Gibson was a member of Cedar View Methodist Church in Kingsport.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Gilly; brothers, Veron Gilly and Emory Gilly.

Survivors include her husband, Maynard Gibson; mother, Nellie Poole Gilly, Big Stone Gap; daughter, Janice Quillen, Kingsport; son, Christopher Gibson, Kingsport; grandchildren, Travis Jones, Tammy Caudell and Ian Gibson; four great-grandchildren; brothers, Johnny Gilly Jr., and Wade Gilly, both of Big Stone Gap; sisters, Nila Rines, Big Stone Gap, Audrey Meroney, Bermuda Run, N.C., and Edna Gilly, Big Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at Cedar View Methodist Church in Kingsport.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Jim Fields officiating.

Burial will be in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap is in charge of

MARTHA ANN GIBSON

Mother, grandmother

Martha Ann Gibson, 88, of Coeburn, passed away Thursday (Aug. 21, 2003) at the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Corbett Gibson.

Survivors include sons, Kermit and wife, Lois Collins, Nelson and wife, Patricia Collins of Norton, and Herman and wife, Mary Collins of Coeburn; daughters, Brenda Kay and husband, Cleophas Mullins of St. Paul, Maxie Ramey of

Norton, Patsy and husband, Junior Branham, Betty Ann and husband, Danny Sluss of Norton, Margie and husband, Woodie Ward of Coeburn, Bernice and husband, Johnny Sluss of Rocky Mt.; 68 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Revs. Joe Dearry, Ricky Oakes and Dennis Scarberry officiating.

Burial followed in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

BOBBY W. GILLEY

Lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap
and East Stone Gap

Bobby Wayne Gilley, 52, of East
Stone Gap, passed away Friday
(Oct. 17, 2003) at Wellmont-

Lonesome Pine Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of
Big Stone Gap and East Stone Gap.
He was a real estate landlord for
22 years.

Mr. Gilley was preceded in
death by his father, Homer Gilley.

Survivors include his loving
wife of 26 years, Jenny Edens
Gilley; mother, Hazel Gilley, East
Stone Gap; brothers, Michael Gary
Gilley and Dennis Gilley, both of
Big Stone Gap, and S.B. Gilley of
Jasper; sisters, Phyllis Ann
Blevins and Donna Jones, both of
Big Stone Gap, and Jessie Ruth
Lange of Conover, N.C.; six nieces
and nine nephews, including a
very special niece who was like his
daughter, Tammie Mosley; eight
grand-nephews and six grand-
nieces.

Private interment services will
be in Powell Valley Memorial
Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Holding Funeral Home, Big
Stone Gap, is in charge of arrange-
ments.

BRENDA GILLIAM

Member of Pyles Memorial Church

Brenda Gilliam, 62, of Pound, died Friday (Oct. 10, 2003) at University of Kentucky Hospital, Chandler Medical Center, Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Gilliam was a member of Pyles Memorial Church, and the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9600 of Pound.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett Cantrell and Leota Stallard Cantrell.

Survivors include her husband, Emory Martin Gilliam; son, Everett Martin Gilliam, Pound; sisters, Joan Robinson, Frances Dotson and Carolyn Meade, all of Pound; brothers, Lee Roy Cantrell, Harriman, Tenn., David Cantrell, Pound, and Newell Cantrell, McClenney, Fla.; one grandchild.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with the Rev. Randy Carter officiating.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Eli Mullins Cemetery, Pound.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

DELORES GILLIAM

Attended Ramsey Church of God

Delores Ann Herron Gilliam, 57, of Coeburn, passed away Monday (Sept. 8, 2003) in the Norton Community Hospital.

She attended the Ramsey Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Rosa B. Herron; brothers, Paul, Harvey, Donald, Michael; and a sister, Donna Herron.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Gilliam; son, Ronald Gilliam of Coeburn; daughters, and sons-in-law, Angela Gilliam and Dennis Owens of Clintwood and Sonia Gilliam and Jason Marshall of St. Paul; grandchildren, Taylor Owens, Jason Marshall II and Ethan Marshall; brothers, Clyde Herron and Ray Herron Jr., both of Norton; sisters, Goldie Burton of Big Stone Gap, Ellen Clark, Margie Wyatt and Sue Hopkins, all of Wise; several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are after 6 p.m. Thursday at Sturgill Funeral Home in Coeburn.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Tim Tatum officiating.

Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Norton.

**VERA MAE
GLOVER**

Owner of
Hanging Rock
Market

Vera Mae Glover, 71, of St. Paul, died Monday (Aug. 25, 2003) at the residence of her son in Coeburn.

Mrs. Glover was a retired business owner of Hanging Rock Market in St. Paul.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dominick, and Concetta Galisie Philipppone.

Survivors include by her husband Elbert Glover; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jack Grilli, Central Islip, NY; daughter, Cindy Jones, Ridge, NY; sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Marie Glover, Coeburn and Bert and Barbara Glover, Gray, Tenn.; brother and sister-in-law, Dominick and Beverly Philipppone, Norwich, NY; sister-in-law, Veronica Filippone, Alberston, NY; sister and brother-in-law, Rose and Bill Baker, McDonough, NY; grandchildren, Jackie Grilli, Christopher Grilli, Jennifer Grilli, Harold Glover, Whitney Glover, Katelyn Glover, Mathew Glover, Ryan Jones, Emily Jones and Ashley Jones; great-grandchildren, Jacqlyn Grilli, Nicholas Grilli, Dominick Grilli and Jack Lee Grilli; several nieces and nephews.



Funeral services were held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Estes Funeral Home with Rev Glen Hammacker and Pastor Russell Dingus officiating.

Graveside committal services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Temple Hill Memorial Park in Castlewood. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home Thursday morning before leaving for the cemetery.

CECIL EASTER GOAD

Member of Pocahontas Rebekah Lodge

Cecil Easter Nixon Goad, 99, of Coeburn, died Sunday (Oct. 5, 2003) at Heritage Hall Health Care Center in Big Stone Gap.



She was a member of Pocahontas Rebekah Lodge in Coeburn and South Coeburn Methodist Church.

Mrs. Goad was preceded in death by her husband Irby Goad, her parents, William Melvin and Mary Caroline Morris Nixon; 2 daughter, Jessie Harris & Gilda Ritchie; a son, Melvin Goad.

Survivors include son in-law, Maynard Harris, Coeburn; grandsons, Todd Harris,

Big Stone Gap and Keith Ritchie, Dryden; granddaughters, Marsha Ritchie, Sicklerville and Lisa Tackett, Virgie, Ky.; great-grandchildren, Tina Stallard, Wayne Ritchie, Angela Gaily, Shawn Ritchie, Heather Brummitt, Ashley Hall, Joey Tackett, Brandon Ritchie, Heather Boatwright, Brittany Harris, Wesley Harris, Jerry Wayne Redford and Kimberly Ritchie; great great-grandchildren, Jessica Stallard, Jonathan Stallard, Whitney Gailey, Dustin Collier and Christine Redford.

Calling hours are after 6 p.m. Tuesday, at Estes Funeral Home chapel and funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. David Gibson officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

W. R. 'DOC' GORSAGE JR.

Member of Norton Christian Church

Walter R. 'Doc' Gorsage Jr., 70, of Norton, died Tuesday (Nov. 4, 2003) at his home on Dorchester Road.

The son of the late Rev. W. Ray and Bessie Gorsage, he was retired from both the U.S. Navy and

the Jacksonville, Fla. Sheriff's Department. Doc's naval career included tours of duty in Korea, Africa, and Vietnam, where he was attached as a medical corpsman to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. While in Vietnam he was the recipient of the Purple Heart and was awarded the Bronze Star. Following his naval career he was a sheriff's deputy in Jacksonville, for 15 years.

After retiring for a second time, he moved to Norton, where he volunteered with the Norton Police Department Auxiliary and the Wise County Sheriff's Department.

He was a member of the Norton Christian Church.

Mr. Gorsage was preceded in death by a son, Bradford Ray Gorsage.



Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Bradford Gorsage; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Amy Gorsage, Jacksonville; daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca Leah and Brian Palulis, Norfolk, Deborah and John McQueen, Norton and Cynthia Lynn Gorsage, Norton; grandchildren include: Jason, McQueen, Valerie McQueen, Travis Gorsage, Justin Gorsage, Logan Gorsage, Sabrie Vidler, Paul Dugan, and Kristi Childress; great-grandchildren are: Makayla Dugan, Hanna Childress, and Haley Childress.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Jim Wells officiating.

VFW Post 4301 of Norton will conduct military graveside honors at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens following the funeral.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the Gorsage family by visiting hagyfawbush.com.

SHELBY JEAN GOUGE

Shelby Jean Gouge, 64, of Coeburn, died Thursday (Dec. 25, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Millard Kinsman and Lena Yates

Davis, brothers, Bobby Davis and Verlin Davis; half brother, Junior Lane.

Survivors include her husband, Kester D. Gouge, son, Doyle Gouge, Coeburn; daughter, Markeda Teitsort, Decatur, Ill. and Danita Morris, Ft. Payne, Ala.; sister, Glenna West, Dearyville, Ind., Sharon Stapleton and Shirley Stapleton, both of Wise; five grandchildren, several nephews and several nieces.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Bill Crawford officiating. Burial followed in the Gouge Cemetery in Coeburn.

WILMA C. GRAHAM

*Retired from Wise County
Regional Hospital*

Wilma Countiss Graham, age 87, of Bristol, Tenn. died Monday (Dec. 15, 2003) at Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center.

She was a native of Wise County, a daughter of the late John Franklin and Emma Jane Gibson Countiss. She retired from Wise County Regional Hospital and moved to Bristol 15 years ago. She was a horticulturist with a green thumb and a great love of flowers. Her family and friends remember her as a great cook. She was a member of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church.

Mrs. Graham was preceded in death by her husband in 1967, Marvin Raymond "Popsicle" Graham, and also by two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Dennis Fields of Bristol; her son-in-law's parents Betty and Elmer Fields; special friends Lydia Collins and Bonnie Dixon, caretaker. Mrs. Graham was a very special aunt to several nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Virginia Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. Cass Farrior officiating. The committal service and interment will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap. Pallbearers will be David Fields, Chris Fields, Mike Bolling, Mark Graham, John Graham, Jr., Jim Graham, Sam Rock, Harley Taylor and Randy White. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Sutherland, Elmer Fields and John Graham Sr.

DOROTHY JEAN GRAY

*Retired employee of the
Appalachian Regional Hospital*

Dorothy Jean Gray, 68, Wise, was surrounded by her family when she passed away on Sunday (Dec. 14, 2003) at the Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, W.Va., after a brief illness.

Jean was born in Fulton, Miss., but had been a resident of Wise for many years. She was a former employee of Skyland Drive Resort, a retired employee of the Appalachian Regional Hospital and was former vice president of the local chapter of the United Steel Workers.

Among her many accomplishments, she was an expert seamstress and was famous for her cuddly blankets that she made for her family and friends. She was also an avid reader and antique collector.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dalton and Verma McNeece of the Tilden community in Mississippi; her husband, Allen Gray; and an infant grandson, Cody Gray.

Surviving are five sons: Richard DePriest of Wise, Roger DePriest McNeece and wife Lorie of Madison, Tenn., Allen Gray and wife Laurie of Tampa, Fla., Jeff Gray and wife Jan of Lexington, N.C., and Joe Gray and wife Pam of Wise; one daughter, Toni Ann Mullins and husband Bill of Beckley, W.Va.; one brother, Glenn McNeece and wife Dixie of Wise; two sisters, Toni Thacker and husband John of Wise and Charlotte Ison and husband Joe David of Beckley; grandchildren, Dale and Kevin DePriest, Allen and Erin McNeece, Kevin and Katie Collins, Lauren, Jenna and Emily Gray, Heather, Jessica and Jeffrey Gray, Addison and Sarah Mullins; many friends and co-workers including a special friend, Valinsa Keys.

JOHN "HUB" GRAY

John "Hub" Gray, 73, of Coeburn died Tuesday (Dec. 9, 2003) at Johnson City Medical Center.

Mr. Gray was a retired coal miner of Clinchfield Coal Company, field representative for District #28 and a member of UMWA Local 1256.

He was past president of Coeburn Little League and received a 50-year plaque for dedicated service, also past president of Pony League, organizer and past president of Coeburn Senior League. He was a Virginia High School League official in football and baseball and announced football, baseball, and girls softball for many years.

He was past governor of Coeburn Moose Lodge and served on the Wise County Recreation Board as vice chairman before having to retire due to his health. He was a member of the Coeburn Alumni Association and was active in Coeburn civic affairs.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Edwards Gray; his parents, James Preston and Elizabeth Latisha Williams Gray.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Tamara "Tammy" and Gary Ring, Teresa Dawn and Calvin Smith and Stacey Lynn and Ted Jones, all of Coeburn; son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan "Rickey" and Joyce Gray, Coeburn, and son, Steven H. Gray, Coeburn; brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold Burke and Juanita Gray, Marietta, Ga., and Franklin Dale and Ruth Gray, Castlewood; special friends, Pearl Hughes, Frank Morris and Eddie Kiser; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

FRANK GREEAR SR.

Member of the Apostolic
Church of Dungannon

Frank Burns Greear Sr., 68, of Coeburn, died Monday (Sept. 29, 2003) at his residence in Coeburn.



Mr. Greear was a member of the Apostolic Church of Dungannon.

He was retired from Ford Motor Co., worked for Glenn Roberts Tire, retired from Virginia Iron Coal and Coke Co., Flatwoods Job Corp and presently was the president of Country Living Adult Home, Inc. in Coeburn.

He served in the U.S. Army, married Nina Hagy, and was a loving husband, father of three children and grandfather to four grandchildren. Frank was a gentle spirit, with hearty laughter who loved Jesus. He loved playing music and was blessed with the talent of playing music by ear, a gift of God. He was part of the "Greear Brothers Band" that on the Fourth of July 2003 honoring all the musicians of Coeburn, participated in the First Bristol Sessions Recording with a monument unveiling. He held many benefits to help people in need of monies for sickness, house fire, anything that would benefit someone in need and never wanted any thanks. He also loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Edison Greear and brothers, James Leon Greear and Don Greear.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 47 years, Nina Hagy Greear; son, Franklin Greear Jr. Coeburn; daughters, Donna Hall Dungannon, and Charma "Libby" Bolling, Gate City; sons-in-law Bryan K. Hall, Dungannon and Dennis Bolling, Gate City; grandchildren, Bryan K. Hall Jr. Stephanie Hall, Natasha Powers and Celena Powers; his mother Cecile Margaret Pippin; brother Gary Greear, Coeburn; sisters, Margaret Powers, Coeburn, Sue

FRANCES P. GREEAR

Charter member of the Community
Freewill Baptist Church

Frances Pauline Greear, 88, of Coeburn, widow of the late Charles E. Greear, passed away Wednesday (Sept. 17, 2003) in the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital Norton, following an extended illness.

She was a charter member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church and was born in Shouns, Tenn.

She was the daughter of the late Manley and Ella Warren Crowder.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Glenn Greear son-in-law, Hoston Sutphin; half sister, Trilla Norris; two stepsisters, Opal Perdue and Edna Crowder; stepbrother, Clyde Crowder and three half brothers, Otis, Orville and Delmer Crowder.

Survivors include daughters and son-in-law, Bernice Sutphin of Mt. Airy, N.C., Agnes and Thurston Stallard of Coeburn, and Arnell Greear of Duffield; son and daughter-in-law, Cleo and Evelyn Greear of Fayetteville, N.C.; daughter-in-law, Freda Greear of Coeburn; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; half sisters, Mamie Adams of Mountain City, Tenn. and Dorothy Perdue of Lexington, N.C.; half brothers, Wayne, Earl and Jimmy Crowder all of Mountain City.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn with Pastor Wayne Perry officiating.

Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens Coeburn.

The family will receive friends after 6:00 P.M. Friday at the funeral home.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials maybe made to the Community Freewill Baptist Church, 2584 A Dungannon Road, Coeburn, Va. 24230.

MACK H. GREEAR

Retired from VIC Coal Co.

Mack H. Greear, 66, of Norton, passed away Sunday (Jan. 4, 2004) at the Dickenson Community Hospital, Clintwood.

He was a retired employee of the VIC Coal Company and attended the Davis Chapel Church, Norton.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Greear; a daughter, Laura King of Coeburn; two brothers, Donald (Cossie) Greear of Coeburn and Russell Greear of Norton; a sister, Joyce Greear of Coeburn; two granddaughters, Miranda Greear and Mackensie King; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn with the Rev. Danny Mullins officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

ANNA SUE GREENE

Member of the Wise County
Women's Democratic Committee

Anna Sue Greene, 65, of Norton, died Friday evening (Nov. 7, 2003) at her home on Thackers Branch Road.

She was a lifelong resident of the Thackers Branch Community of Norton. She was a member of the Wise County Women's Democratic Committee.

Mrs. Greene was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Ellen Greene, two brothers, Ronnie Teasley and David Teasley; sisters, Annie Elkins Brummitt and Charlene Stapleton.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Curtis Greene, Norton; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy Rena and Ben A. Franklin Jr., Wise, Annetta and Harold Barnette, Norton; son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Brenda Greene, Norton; five grandchildren, Ben A. Franklin III, Seth W. Franklin, Chase E. Franklin, Chris B. Barnette and Joshua Greene; sisters and brothers-in-law, Christine and Robert Ruff, Thaxton, Rosie and Virgil Younce, Wise; brother and sister-in-law, Elmer Ray (Pete) and Juanita Thacker, Norton; half brother, Lloyd Leonard, Wise; special nephew, Matt Thacker.

Calling hours were from 6-9 p.m. Sunday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Tom Renfro and Rev. G.T. Greene officiating. Burial followed in the White Oak Gap Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

JON B. GREER

Former news reporter

Jon B. Greer, 55, of Norton, formerly a reporter for The Coalfield Progress, the Kingsport Times-News, and the United Mine Workers Journal, died Saturday (Nov. 15, 2003) in Johnson City, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Bailey Greer and Florence Edens Greer, and by an infant daughter, Andy Greer.

Jon is survived by his children, Artemis Greer and her husband, Josh Wilkinson, of East Stone Gap, Andrew Greer, Thomas Greer and Ruth Greer, all of Norton, and by grandchildren, Oscar, Naomi and Emma Greer-Wilkinson of East Stone Gap.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home chapel.

Jon's children request that if one wishes to honor Jon's memory, one may make a memorial contribution to the Norton Community Thanksgiving Project. This event has a special meaning for Jon's children and one at which they volunteer. Contributions may be sent to: Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Att. Norton Community Thanksgiving, P. O. Box 888, Big Stone Gap, VA, 24219.

Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

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THOMAS (SID) HALL SR.

Thomas (Sid) Hall Sr., 80, of Norton, died Tuesday (Aug. 19, 2003) at his residence on Thacker's Branch Road.

He was a born again Christian. He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was a former employee at Wise Coal and Coke at Dorchester and was a member of the UMWA. He later retired from Daniel's Plumbing and Heating, Eastman Division.

Mr. Hall was preceded in death by his wife, Ruble Annette Chester Hall; sons, Adam and Donnie Hall; daughters, Betty Sue and Jewell Ann Hall; a brother, William Charles Hall Jr.; and two sisters, Grace Miller and Virginia Estep.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and Bruce Fields, Janie and Jack Hensley, all of Norton; sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Jo Ella Hall, Ronnie and Patsy (P.J.) Hall, Robert and Mar La Hall, all of Norton, Ricky Hall and Joann Minor, Wise, David and Debbie Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; sister, Ruby Fields, Ravenna, Ohio; best friend, Jeffrey Thacker; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Allen Culbertson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

CARTER C. HALL

Carter C. Hall, 65, of Pound, died Thursday (Feb. 12, 2004) at his residence in Pound.

Mr. Hall was preceded in death by his parents, Owen Hollyfield and Ollie S. Hall.

Survivors include his brother, Edgar Hollyfield of Nashville, Tenn.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with the Rev. Greg Cyphers officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Dotson Cemetery, Pound.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

LENI MAE TUSSEY HALL

Leni Mae Tussey Hall 78, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, passed away Monday (Dec. 1, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carlos L. Hall; son and daughter-in-law, Don and Sherlene of Wise; two grandsons, Scott and his wife Kim, and Seth Hall, of Wise, and granddaughter, Jennifer Kilbourne, and husband, Andy of Big Stone Gap; four great-grandchildren, Kylee Kilbourne, Koby Kilbourne, Alex Hall and Noah Hall.

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 4, at 11a.m., with Rev. Randolph Crisp and Don Crisp officiating. Burial was at the Bingham Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

MARGIE JANE HALL

Margie Jane Hall, 79, of Appalachia, died Tuesday (Oct. 7, 2003) at Heritage Hall Health Care in Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Hall attended the United Methodist Church in Appalachia and the Appalachia Pentecostal Church.

She had lived most of her life in Inman and the last 15 years at The Appalachian Towers in Appalachia. She was a senior volunteer in The Appalachia Senior Citizens Group. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Hall; two brothers, Emanuel and Bill Anderson; and a daughter-in-law, Judy Hall.

Survivors include sons, Robert "Bob" Hall, Rochester, Ky. and Larry Hall and wife Fran, Big Stone Gap. daughters, Pat Austin and husband Hollie, Plainfield, Ill., Jeanie Perry and husband Ronnie, Big Stone Gap, Jodi Orndorff and husband Dana, Appalachia, Debbie Ford and husband Tom, Duffield; brother, Luke Anderson, Big Stone Gap; very special sister, Grace Cox, Heritage Hall, Big Stone Gap; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Revs. Roger Barker, Stan Tate and Roy Smith officiating.

Burial will follow in the Glencoe Cemetery, Big Stone Gap.

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PAULINE V. HALL

Attended Bethel Chapel

Pauline Virginia Hall, 77, passed away Sunday (Sept. 21, 2003) at the Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center Kingsport, Tenn.

She was of the Freewill Baptist faith and attended Bethel Chapel.

Survivors include sisters, Bertha Bevins and Ella Davis both of Wise, Mavis Brickey of Gary, W. Va. and Bonnie Uhl of St. Louis, Mo.; brothers, Johnny Hall of West Virginia, Richard Hall and Raymond Hall both of Greeneville, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews;

Services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Wise, with the Rev. Willie Stallard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Roundtop Cemetery Wise.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

ELIZABETH H. HAMILTON

Elizabeth Hunter Hamilton, 94, a long time resident of Wise, passed away on Monday (Nov. 10, 2003) in Sarasota, Fla.

She was born in Charlotte County on May 18, 1909 to Walter Davis and Mabel Pugh Hunter.

Following graduation from Longwood University, she moved to Wise and began a 23 year teaching career with the Wise County School System.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl W. Hamilton.

Survivors include a son, Bill Hamilton (Sandra) of Miami, Fla.; a daughter, Nancy Brumfield (Richard) of Sarasota, Fla.; four grandchildren, Paul Hamilton, Michael Hamilton, Joe Smiddy, Julie McClellan (Mike); two great-grandchildren, Anthony and Elyse McClellan; a brother, Bill Hunter (Frances Anne) of Appomattox and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Hamilton was a founding member of the Gladeville Presbyterian Church where the family will receive friends between the hours of 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. A memorial service will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the church with Rev. Will C. Gipe officiating.

Interment will follow at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

MAUDE HAMILTON

Mother, homemaker, cook

Maude Hamilton, 92, of Wise, passed away early Monday morning (Sept. 1, 2003) at Heritage Hall in Big Stone Gap.

She was a lifelong resident of Wise County. She was a mother and a homemaker had worked as a cook at area restaurants.

Mrs. Hamilton was of the Baptist faith.

She was a daughter of the late Creed and Theo Hensley Wells and was the widow of Ewing Hamilton, who passed away in 1969.

Survivors include sons, Arlie Hamilton, Pleasant Plain, Ohio, and Cecil Hamilton, of Richmond; grandchildren, Lisa

Hill, Waycross, Ga., Jason Hamilton, Gainesville, Fla., Bryant Hamilton, Orlando, Fla., and Leslie Hammann, Morrow, Ohio; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Cox, Wise and Laura Rollyson, of Rittman, Ohio; brother, Willard Wells of Norton; and several other relatives and a host of friends.

Calling hours are from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Greg Sergent officiating.

Interment will follow at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Friends and family members will serve as pallbearers.

ROGER DEE HAMMOND

Roger Dee Hammond, 23, passed away Saturday (Sept. 6, 2003).

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rufus and Eva Hammond; step-grandparents Lexie Owens, Edward and Clara Owens.

Survivors include his father, George Hammond of Haysi; his mother, Connie Owens of Coeburn; his stepfather, Cecil Owens of Coeburn; son, Corey Austin Hammond of Coeburn; brother, Michael Eugene and wife Jessica of Coeburn; sister, Suzetta and husband Johnny Blair of Haysi; half-sister, Joyce Ferguson of Clintwood; stepbrother, Cecil Ray Owens Jr. of Princeton, W.Va.; maternal grandparents, Franklin and Christine Mullins of Coeburn; nephews, Justin and Derek Blair; niece, Sadie Hammond; several aunts, uncles and a host of friends.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, in the Lebanon Old Regular Baptist Church with Elders Jim Mullins, Jerry Newsome, Stevie Lyall, Elmer Wood, Clyde Peak and Danny O'Quinn.

Active pallbearers were David Good, Billy Mullins, Rickey Mullins, Larry Mullins, Timothy Mullins and Dwayne Wallace. Honorary pallbearers were Clifford Coleman, Bobby Turner, Paul Hammond and Kermit Hammond.

Mullins Funeral Home served the family.

DANNY R. HAMMONS

Lifelong resident of Dickenson Co.

Danny Ray Hammons, 42, of Clintwood, passed away Saturday (Aug. 30, 2003) at his residence.

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brack and Samantha Mullins; and his brother, Earl Mullins.

Survivors include his wife,

Tippy Hammons of Clintwood; his daughters, Amy Hammons and Samantha Hammons, both of Clintwood; sisters, Reba McCracken, Zella Vanover, Oma Rose and Dollie Mullins, all of Clintwood, Charlotte Mullins of Pound, Cheryl Johnson of Baltimore, Md.; brothers, Foyster Mullins of Clintwood, Burkus Mullins of Wise and Robbie Mullins of Leesburgh, Fla.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with clergymen Edgle Rose and Bo Patterson officiating. Burial will follow in the Robinson Cemetery, Rt. 2, Lick Fork Section, Coeburn.

Pallbearers are Daniel Bowens, Eddie McCracken, Lacy Stanley, Jeffrey Stanley, Michael Stanley, John Fleming, Greg Mullins, Ricky Mullins, Reid Bunch and Jerry Mullins.

Honorary pallbearers are special friend; Scottie Stanley, Donald Potter, Norman Salyers, Doyte Hayes, Joe McFall, Randall Ringley and his many friends.

SARAH ELLEN HAMPTON

Devoted wife, mother, grandmother

Sarah Ellen Hampton, 98, of Pound, went to be with the Lord Sunday (Nov. 30, 2003) from the Norton Community Hospital with her family by her side.

She was a homemaker and of the Freewill Baptist faith, a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a pillar of the family and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Hampton was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Delmar Hampton; a daughter, Flossie Boggs; her parents, Floyd and Sedellia (Hounshell) Back; five sisters, Emily Davidson, Ida Frazier, Eva Gillespie, Iva Hampton, and Samantha Holland; and four brothers, Chester Back, Henry Wise Back, Alfred Back and Clebert Back.

Survivors include daughters, Freeda Adams of Pound, Colleda Sturgill of Ermine, Ky., Lucille Branham of Fredericksburg; sons, Floyd Hampton of Myrtle Point, Oreg. and Eugene Hampton of Pound; brothers, Elbert Back of Rockford, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grand children, 27 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel at Baker Funeral Home with the Revs. Verdell Sturgill, Jimmie Hubbard, and Lloyd Mullins officiating.

ELIZABETH P. HARDING

Of the Baptist faith

Elizabeth Ann Price Harding, 55, of Exeter, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday (Nov. 29, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hospital at Big Stone Gap.

Born in Imboden, she was a life-long resident of Exeter. She was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Harding was preceded in death by her parents, Aaron William Price and Myrtle Marie Horner Price.

Survivors include, one son, ~~Jeffrey Harding, Mount Carmel, Tenn.~~; one daughter, Sheila Hamblin, Exeter; two granddaughters, Tesia Hall, Exeter, and Faith Hamblin, Exeter; two grandsons, Shawn Hamblin, Exeter, and Mikey Randolph, Exeter; six brothers: Ronnie Price, Port Clinton, Ohio; Harold "Butch" Price, Clarksville, Tenn.; Bill Price, Big Stone Gap; Robert "Pete" Price, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jim Price, Exeter; and Aaron Price Jr., Big Stone Gap; three sisters, Rita Robinette, Imboden; Marlene Bush and Merry Pease, both of Exeter; son-in-law, Mike Randolph, Exeter; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday from the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, with the Rev. Aaron Price III officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap. Pallbearers will be Ronnie Price, Robert "Pete" Price, Bill Price, Harold "Butch" Price, Aaron Price and Jim Price.

VIRGIL HAWKINS

Of the Freewill Baptist faith

Virgil Hawkins, 74, of Clintwood, passed away Saturday (Jan. 3, 2004) at Bon Secour's St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

He had lived most of his life in Dickenson County. He was of the Freewill Baptist faith.

Mr. Hawkins was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Edith Hawkins; also four brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Hawkins; one son, Charles Hawkins of Clintwood; one sister, Bertha Bevins of Kimper, Ky.; one brother, Burl Hawkins of Canton, Ohio; one special brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jerry Cox and Alene Cox; two special nephews, J.D. Hawkins and Roddy Cox; one special niece, Linda Taylor.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with clergyman Lester Mullins officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jonah Stanley Cemetery, Rt. 3, Skeetrock section, Clintwood. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family or to Mullins Funeral Home, P.O. Box 928, Clintwood, Va. 24228.

BONNIE HAY

Life-long resident of Dickenson County

Bonnie Hay, age 72, of Haysi, passed away at Johnson City Medical Center on Friday (Oct. 17, 2003).

She was a life-long resident of Dickenson County and was preceded in death by her husband, Oakley Hay.

Mrs. Hay was a member of Turner Old Regular Baptist Church and once lived on Backbone Ridge.

Survivors include sons, David Lee Hay of Knoxville, Tenn. and Jerry Rickie Willis of Stanley, N.C.; daughter, Norma Fay Hall of Haysi; sisters, Fleecie Sliger of Tazewell and Pearl Sliger of Grundy; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Turner Old Regular Baptist Church, with Elders Al Yates, Trinkle Mullins and Willie Cantrell officiating.

Burial followed in the Hay Family Cemetery, Backborn Ridge section, Route 1, Clinchco.

Pallbearers were Rick Coleman, Ricky Bartley, David Hay and friends.

Mullins Funeral Home is serving the Hay Family.

LOU ELLEN HENSLEY

Retired employee of
Heritage Hall Health Care

Lou Ellen Hensley, 68, of Norton, passed away Tuesday (Oct. 28, 2003) in the Johnson City Medical Center Johnson City, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Hensley and Lucy Clemons Hensley and two sisters, Dorothy Bell



and Ruth Ann Hensley. She was of the Pentecostal faith and was a retired employee of Heritage Hall Health Care as a Nursing Aid.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Hensley of Norton; two brothers, Earl Leroy Hensley of Dryden and Teddy Wayne Hensley of Wise; three sisters, Nancy Absher of Kingsport, Tenn., Wanda Mullins of Norton and Kathy Ireson of Big Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted 7 p.m. Thursday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Wise with the Rev. Robby Fultz officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday in the Laurel Grove Cemetery Norton.

The family will receive friends Thursday 5 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

BARBARA ANN HILL

A 1968 graduate of Haysi High School

Barbara Ann Hill, 54, passed away Tuesday (Feb. 10, 2004) in Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, Ill.

She was a 20-year resident of Dickenson County. She was a 1968 graduate of Haysi High School.

Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her mother, Daisy Adkins.

Survivors include her husband, Kermit Hill of Round Lake Beach, Ill.; father, Elisha Adkins of McClure; brother, Paul Adkins of Engleside, Ill., and five sisters, Janice Ratliff of Grundy, Beulah Ratliff of North Carolina, June Church of McClure, Denna O'quinn of Clintwood and Josophine Adkins (Johnson) of Clintwood; 18 nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, in the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel, with Freddy Boyd, Darrell Milgrim, Greg Edwards and Roger McCoy officiating. Burial was in the Phipps Memorial Cemetery, Clintwood.

Pallbearers were Blake Johnson, Barry Cooper, Leroy Church, Charlie Hill, Adam Hill, Rusty Hill, Ray Ratliff and Mathew Fleming.

KATHERINE HILL

Katherine Hill, 74, of St. Paul, died Friday (Nov. 28, 2003) at her home.

She was born in Virginia City, daughter of the late Ed and Emma McReynolds Hileman.

Survivors include her husband, Homer Hill; five daughters, Elizabeth Adkins and husband Jimmie of St. Paul, Wanda Pickett and husband Wayne of Coeburn, Kathy Broyles and husband Greg of Coeburn, Delana Guerard and husband Curt of St. Paul and Betty Jo Powers and husband Scott of Winchester, Ky.; three sons, Roy Hill and wife Becky of St. Paul, Ronald Hill and wife Robin of Wise and Rickey Hill and wife Claudia of Coeburn; one sister, Bessie Hamm of St. Paul; three brothers, Rev. Sam Hileman of Castlewood, Burnie Hileman of St. Paul and Farrial Hileman of Castlewood; 23 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Castlewood Funeral Home Chapel, Castlewood, with Rev. William Buchanan officiating. Interment followed in Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Online condolences may be sent to the Hill family through our Web site at www.castlewoodfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT HILL

Of the Baptist faith

Robert Kenneth Hill, 30, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Thursday (Oct. 30, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

Mr. Hill lived most of his life in Wise County. He worked for Perryman's Mobile Homes and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Melinda Hill of the home; father, Worley Hill, Dandridge, Tenn.; mother, Kathleen Finch, Owensboro, Ky.; three sons, Robert Kenneth Hill II, Jonathan Aaron Hill and Brendon Austin Hill, all of the home; stepdaughter, Heather Cardon of the home; biological mother, Spring Linda Pridemore, Coeburn; sisters, Roxie Mae Peaks, Norton, Suzanne Chute, Washington, D.C., Alaine Dorton, Kingsport, Tenn.; nine nieces and five nephews; also survived by a host of other friends.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Revs. Duke Barker and Harvey Mullins officiating.

Burial followed in the Lane Cemetery, Clintwood.

The Dorton Family was in charge of the musical arrangements.

Family members served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are asked to make donations to Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, Va., to assist with the funeral.

HAZEL RUTH HODGES

Of the Baptist faith

Hazel Ruth Hodges, 88, of Wise, passed away Monday (Oct. 20, 2003) at the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John F. Hodges; and one son, Bobby Hodges.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Gene and Dixie Hodges of Norfolk and Randall and Marie Hodges of Bluff City; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hodges of Greeneville; granddaughter, Teresa Clisso of Wise; great-grandchildren, Robin Clisso, Ross Clisso and Travis Clisso.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home of Wise, with the Rev. Troy Belcher officiating. Graveside committal services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Beverly Cemetery, Wise.

HENRY HAROLD HOGUE

Henry Harold Hogue, 91, of Pewee Valley and formerly of Big Stone Gap, died Friday (Nov. 7, 2003). He was a native of Big Stone Gap, a retired machinist with the Southern Railroad, an Elder in the Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church and a fifty year member of the Grand Lodge of Georgia F. & AM.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Elkins.

Funeral services were held at the Stoess Funeral Home, Crestwood, Ky. on Sunday at 2:30 pm. Visitation was from noon to 2:30 pm Sunday. Burial was held in the Glencoe Cemetery in Big Stone Gap at 2 pm on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 119 Central Ave., Pewee Valley, KY 40056.

Holding Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

VERL L. HOLBROOK

U.S. Army veteran of World War II

Verl L. Holbrook, 82, of Coeburn, died Sunday (Sept. 7, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.



Mr. Holbrook was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Europe during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, M. T. and Goldie Salyers Holbrook and a sister, Helen Holbrook.

Survivors include Ruth Holbrook; sons and daughters-in-law, Kirby and Rita Holbrook, Norton, Randy and Becky Holbrook, Durham,

N.C., Mark and Kim Holbrook, Greensboro, N.C.; son, Kenneth Holbrook, Coeburn; sisters, Euna Lee Pate, Arcadia, Fla., Flora Maine, Gate City and Faye Sanders, Coeburn; five grandchildren, several nephews and several nieces.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Estes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Frank Smith officiating.

Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

Visitation will be held at funeral home after 6 p.m. Tuesday. Military graveside rites will be conducted by Norton VFW Post 4301.

MARTHA HOLCOMB

Martha Holcomb, 89, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Monday (Aug. 18, 2003) at her residence.

Born in Buchanan County, she had resided in the Dip Crossing community for the past 63 years. She was of the Baptist faith and was a loving mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Holcomb was preceded in death by her husband, James Edward Holcomb Sr. in 1983. Also preceding her in death were her parents, Elbert and Sarah Blankenship Street; and three infant daughters, Dorothy, Shirley and Regina Holcomb.

Survivors include sons, Thurman Holcomb and wife Billie, and James Holcomb Jr. and wife Linda, both of Big Stone Gap, and Ricky Holcomb and wife Helen, Appalachia; daughters, Betty Dulaney and husband Carson, Franklin, Ind., Edith Gilliam and husband Paul, Clinchport, Helen Roberts, of the home, Shelby Little and husband Jack, Hope, Ind., Loretta Hicks and husband Jim, Edinburg, Ind., Nina Clark and husband Bobby, Gray, Teresa Adkins and husband Rick, both of Coeburn; 29 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Thelma Dye, Newport News.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Tuesday from the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, with the Revs. Don Childress and James R. Holcomb officiating.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Holcomb Family Cemetery.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

THERESA G. HOPKINS

Loan officer for Farmers
Home Administration

Theresa Gail Hopkins, 45, of Wise, passed away Saturday (Dec. 27, 2003) at her home.

She was a former employee of Farmers Home Administration as a loan officer. She was of the Protestant faith and was good, kind and helpful to everyone she knew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Calvin Hopkins; two brothers, Rocky Hopkins and Anthony Hopkins.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Carol and Kenneth Collins of Wise; two sisters, Pam Hopkins and Tammy Roberts; one niece and several nephews; a special companion, Coy Vanover of Wise.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel in Wise with Revs. Larry Mullins and Raymond Bentley Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Addington-Hensley Cemetery Wise.

LORETTA B. HORNE

Enjoyed needlework, flowers,
travel and country music

Loretta B. Horne, 78, of
Mountain Cove Road, Pound, died



at home
Friday (Nov.
14, 2003)
after a long
illness.

Mrs.
Horne was
born in 1925
in Wise. She
lived in
Greensboro,
N.C. until moving to Pound in
1991.

Mrs. Horne enjoyed needle-
work, flowers, travel and country
music. She was a professional
baker. She was a strong-willed
woman and a loving mother, aunt
and sister.

She was preceded in death by
her husband, Richard Horne; her
parents, Elizabeth and Walter
Beverly; her brothers, Emerson
Beverly and Charlie Beverly; and
a niece, Kathy Baker.

Survivors include one son, Glen
Horne of Orlando, Fla.; a sister,
Pauline Baker of Pound; brothers,
Basil Beverly of Kingsport, Tenn.
and Carl Beverly of Pound; nieces,
Theresa, Gail and Nancy; nephew,
Lyndon and his wife Tammy and
their families; and a special friend,
Genora Shoemaker.

Services will be held at 1:30
p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 in the Sadie
Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker
Funeral Home, Pound with the
Rev. Randy Carter officiating.
Burial will follow in the Mountain
View Cemetery, Wise.

M. VIRGINIA HORNE

A Christian and a member
of Coeburn First Baptist Church

Mary Virginia "Jenny" Hamner Horne, 70, of Norton, passed away Sunday (Jan. 4, 2004) in Lonesome Pine Hospital ICU, Big Stone Gap.



In 1982 she was diagnosed with breast and colon cancer, which she fought and survived. In September 2001, the breast cancer returned and had spread to her bones and liver. She fought the advanced breast cancer and survived for another 27 happy months.

Born on April 23, 1933 in San Antonio, Texas, she was the youngest of six children of the late John Taylor and Gladys Murrell Hamner. Brother, John Taylor Hamner, Jr. and sister, Lylie Jean Hamner, both of San Antonio, Texas, died before her.

Survivors include husband of 40 years, Hoke I. Horne II, Norton; daughter, Beverly Ann H.

O'Connell, husband, Daniel, and their three daughters, Alanna, Kimberly, and Erin of San Antonio; daughter, Mary Elizabeth H. Bashara, husband, Gary, and their two daughters, Meagan and Lauren of Waco, Texas; sons, Stephen Taylor Horne, Knoxville, Tenn., Hoke I. Horne, III, Redmond, Wash., and David Hamner Horne, wife, Tanya Isler and their child on the way, of New York City, N.Y.; sister, Irene Elizabeth Hamner and sister-in-law, Betty C. Hamner of San Antonio, Texas; brother Rev. Robert M. Hamner and wife, Donna M. Hamner of Roanoke; brother, Phillip E. Hamner and wife, Diana S. Hamner of San Antonio, Texas; sister-in-law, Mary Alice H. Abbitt of Franklin; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Mrs. Horne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, Class of 1953, and a Master of Arts degree from Trinity University, San Antonio, Class of 1958 with a thesis on John Alexander Taylor's diary, May 1, 1824 through March 1, 1880 about the Taylors of Tabernacle, Brownsville, and west Tennessee.

She taught first grades in San Antonio; Greenbriar Elementary School, Ft. Worth, Texas; West Norton Elementary; and Norton Elementary School, from which she retired in July, 1993. She continued up to shortly before her death to tutor students and volunteer with Ms. Pam Hamilton's first-graders in Norton Elementary School.

She was a Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church and the Philathea Sunday School Class of Coeburn. She was a Trustee from the City of Norton on the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board.

Jenny loved 'her babies' — her children, granddaughters, and students. She loved to needlepoint and cross-stitch, read mystery novels, work crossword puzzles, and to pet her and her husband's dog, Blue. Her favorite saying was "Everything is fine."

Visitation will be at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton, on Friday, Jan. 9, from 6-9 p.m.

Funeral services will be at the corner of Front & Brooks Streets, Coeburn, on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. Reverends Robert Hamner, R.J. Rose, Pastor of Coeburn First Baptist, and lifelong friend Kenneth Brown, Bandera, Texas will co-officiate this service.

Graveside services will follow in the Horne family cemetery, US 58A Hwy, West Coeburn. Pallbearers will be the deacons of Coeburn First Baptist Church. Honorary pallbearers will include friends; faculty and staff of Norton City School System; and members of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library System.

PEARL MAE HORNE

Pearl Mae Horne, 91, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) in the Wellmont Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie W. Horne; parents, Roscoe and Myrtle Laney; three brothers, Eugene, Buford and Claude Laney; two sisters, Sally Jessee and Stella Hancock.

Survivors include three sons, Guy Horne of Johnson City, Charles and his wife, Brenda Horne of Kill Devil Hills, N.C., and Ray and his wife, Alice Horne of Gray, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Jeff Horne of Chattanooga, Tenn. and Angie Blye of Kill Devil Hills, N.C.; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Geneva Hicks of Abingdon and Gladys Hall of Wise; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn, was in charge of arrangements.

ESTEL HORNER

Estel Horner, 79, of Derby, passed away Monday (Dec. 8, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hosptial.



He lived most of his life in Exeter and Derby. He was

a retired coal miner with the Stonega Coke and Coal Co. and Westmoreland Coal Co., with over 30 years of service. He was a member of the UMWA District #28, Wentz Local. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian Fugate Horner; his second wife, Barbara Ann Horner; two sons, Jackie Horner and Roger Horner; step-daughter, Teresa Lynn Hart; three brothers, Hurtis Horner, Burl Horner and Ed Horner; three sisters, Mae Renfro, Myrtle Price and Hazel Wells.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Horner of the home, and Bobby Gene Horner of Minot, N.D.; one daughter, Diane Conniff of Lynchburg; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Billy McDonald officiating.

Entombment services will follow at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Pallbearers will be: Michael Horner, Ronnie Thompson, Jarrod Mitchell, Bobby Horner and Junior Ridings.

JOHNNY HORTON

Of the Baptist faith

Johnny Wesley Horton, 40, of Big Stone Gap, died recently at MCV Richmond Medical Center after an illness.

Born in Baltimore, Md., to Jerry W. and Margie Vaughn Horton, he was a construction worker. He was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are his parents of Big Stone Gap; daughter, Stacy Fisher Dill and husband Troy of Kingston, Tenn.; grandson, Tyler Wesley Dill of Kingston; brothers, Robert Lee Horton, Kenneth Ray Horton and William Luther Horton, all of Duffield.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Red Hill Memorial Church with Evangelist Garry Hood officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Duffield Funeral Home, 169 Fraley Ave.,

SHAWN T. HUBBARD

Member of the Independent
Baptist Church, Pound

Shawn T. Hubbard, 37, of Pound, passed away unexpectedly Saturday (Dec. 27, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

Mr. Hubbard was a member of the Independent Baptist Church, Pound. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas J. Coe and Judy Hubbard Coe, his maternal grandfather, Earl Hubbard, and his paternal grandparents.

Survivors include maternal grandmother, Thelma Hubbard, Pound; sister, Jewel Mathers, Frankfort, Ky.; brothers, Charles Hubbard, Pound and Terry Hubbard, Pound, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, in Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound, with Rev. Carmon Gentry officiating. Pallbearers were family and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 in the Earl Hubbard family cemetery, Pound.

WILLIAM SCOTT HUBBARD

A well-known California geologist

William Scott Hubbard, 73, of Silverado, Calif. died Thursday (Nov. 13, 2003) at the Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents Doyle and Nellie Hubbard, and by his grandparents Jay and Rosalie Hubbard and Joseph and Maggie Mullins.

As a ninth grader at Wise High School, at the age of fifteen, Scott joined the military from which he retired as a full Colonel after having served over thirty years of active and inactive duty. He served as a company commander in Korea, a long tour of duty at West Point, and several years in the Pentagon.

After Scott's graduation from Claremont Men's College in California he attended the Army War College and earned an M.S. He entered the real estate business as a broker, served as a California Inheritance Tax Appraiser, had his own mortgage company, served as a college financial officer and his last position was in property management. He developed an interest in geology and mining and became a well-known California geologist after owning several mining properties.

During his lifetime he made many contributions towards the preservation of the wilderness. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include Shirley Hubbard, the mother of his children, and his children Debbie, Jon, Marie, Bill Jr., and Lisa; siblings are Arlie, Burton, Nona Gaye, Delbert, Alton, Jane Sue, Mary, Gerald, Steve, Frank and Emory.

CLARENCE R. HUGHES

A retired coal miner

Clarence R. Hughes, 90, of Jenkins, Ky., died Saturday (Sept. 27, 2003) after a short illness.

He was born April 5, 1913 in Bondtown.

Mr. Hughes was a retired coal miner and a member of the UMWA. He was a lifelong resident of Jenkins and was a former member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Mr. Hughes was preceded in death by his wife, Dema Hughes; and by a grandson, Matthew. Survivors include daughters, Annarae Potter and Janis Kay Little of Jenkins and Kathy Hughes of Kenderson, Ky.; sons: Larry Hughes of Wise, Cecil Hughes of Jenkins, Adrian Hughes of Howell, Mich., and Joel Hughes of Nashville, Tenn.; twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Polly & Craft Funeral Home chapel with Keith Creech and Arnor Whitaker officiating. Interment will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren and friends.

WILLIAM FRED HUGHES

U.S. Army veteran

William Fred Hughes, 62, of Coeburn, died Monday (Sept. 29, 2003) at his residence.



He a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Hughes was preceded in death by his parents,

Arthur R., and Mae Manies Hughes; father-in-law, Pete Lawson and mother-in-law, Tootie Lawson and a sister, Joann Igo.

Survivors include his wife Judy Lawson Hughes; daughters, Angel Clark, Coeburn, Brenda Hughes, Grundy, Marie Hughes, Wise; sons, William Hughes, Jefferson City, Tenn., Arthur Hughes, Grundy, James Hughes, Churchill, Tenn. and John Hughes, Manassas; sister, Wilma Eaton, Cold Springs, Ky.; several grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, several nephews, several nieces.

Visitation will be held after 6 p.m. Tuesday at Estes Funeral Home chapel and funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Leon Lawson officiating.



Burial will be in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn at 11 a.m. Wednesday with military graveside rites by Pound VFW Post 9600. The family will meet at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday prior to going to the cemetery.

LAURA HUNNICUTT

Member of Norton First Baptist Church

Laura Camille Hunnicutt, 39, of Norton, died Monday (Oct. 20, 2003) at her residence.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Norton. She was a 1982 graduate of Pound High School and a graduate of Clinch Valley College.

Ms. Hunnicutt was preceded in death by her father, George E. Hunnicutt Sr.

Survivors include her daughter, Laura Olivia Coleman, Norton; mother, Mary Breeden Hunnicutt, Norton; sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Eugene Dingus; Elizabeth "Blackberry" and Sam Strong, Katherine "Strawberry" and D.R. Robinson, all of Norton, sister, Virginia Lynne "Hollyberry" Hunnicutt, San Francisco, Calif.; brothers and sisters-in-law, George E. Jr. and Lotus Hunnicutt, Joseph F. "Huck" and Crystal Hunnicutt and brother Jonathan Hunnicutt, all of Norton; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Friday in the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home.

Services will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. John Ellington and Dr. Ray Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

CAROLYN S. HURD

Of the Baptist faith

Carolyn S. Hurd, 60, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of East Stone Gap, passed away Thursday (Oct. 16, 2003) at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis, surrounded by loved ones.

Mrs. Hurd was of the Baptist faith.

She had lived in Indianapolis for the past five years, moving from East Stone Gap. She was formerly employed at Heritage Hall Health Systems.

She was a member of the Bingo Club of Indianapolis and enjoyed quilting, cooking, bingo and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Claude Hurd, of Indianapolis and formerly of East Stone Gap; daughter, Judy Hurd, of Indianapolis and formerly of East Stone Gap; grandson, Jason Hurd and wife Brandi of Morehead, Ky.; mother, Ruby Slagle, Indianapolis; sisters, Betty Coffey and brother-in-law Troy of Indianapolis, Kathy Woodring and brother-in-law Robert of Lenoir, N.C.; brother, Ralph Slagle Jr. and wife Sandra of Big Stone Gap; nieces and nephews and their families which she held close to her heart, Kim and Robbie Daniel and Robert and Brandi Daniel, all of Indianapolis, Susan and Mark Austin and Savannah, Samantha and David Austin, all of Lenoir, N.C., Robert

and Michelle Slagle of Big Stone Gap.; close family friend, Rita Robinson of Indianapolis.

Calling hours were held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap. Funeral services were held at 8 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Bobby Hamilton and Pastor Gwen Owens officiating.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Jason Hurd, Mark Austin, David Austin, Robert Michael Slagle, Troy Logan Coffey and David Hurd.

MURZIE E. HURT

Murzie E. Hurt, 98, of Wise, passed away Friday (Aug. 15, 2003) at the Nightingale Health Care Center in Warren, Mich.

She was of the Old Regular Baptist faith.

Survivors include sons, Kenneth Hurt of Hazel Park, Mich., and Vencil Hurt of Wise; sisters, Minnie Blevins of Lime City, Ohio, and Alta Justice of Pikeville, Ky.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

Calling hours will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with Elders Earl Hill and Ricky Akers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wise Cemetery, Wise.

J.C. "CURT" ISOM

Retired coal miner

J.C. (Curt) Isom, of Norton, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 23, 2003) at his residence at 6014 Powell River, Norton, from complications due to a valiant battle with lung cancer.

He was a retired coal miner with 40 years service, member of U.M.W.A. Local 8017 where he served as treasurer for a number of years and was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

Mr. Isom was preceded in death by his parents, James Alvero and Sintha Elizabeth Isom; brother Worley; sisters, Ruby Lunsford, Della Minnix and Beatrice Cooke.

Leaving to mourn his passing are his wife of 61 1/2 years, Lena Isom; one daughter and son-in-law, Polly and Frank Phipps of North Tazewell; two grandsons and granddaughters, Jamie and Ann Marie of Colony Park, N.Y., and Scott and Carrie of Yorktown; brother, Byron Isom of Norton; and several nieces and nephews; also two special caregivers, Shirley Jones and Sondra Stidham of Norton, and two Hospice caregivers, Diann Rhoton and Diann Rose.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise.

Burial was held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Isom Cemetery on Powell River, where a UMW service were held.

LORRAINE M. JEFFERSON

Lorraine M. Jefferson, 78, of Norton, passed away Saturday (Aug. 9, 2003) at the Wellmont

Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol, Tenn.

She was retired from legal council of U.S. Government, Washington, D.C. After retirement she worked as the office manager of Robert F. Kennedy Memorial of Washington, D.C. She was of the Episcopal faith.

Mrs. Jefferson was preceded in death by her husband, Major Thomas B. Jefferson, U.S. Army Corp. of Engineering.

Survivors include sons, Greg Jefferson of Wise and Rick Jefferson of Charlotte, N.C.; sister, Louise M. Ainsworth of Oak Dale, Calif.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at Fort Myer Chapel, Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, Memorials & Tributes Processing Center, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, Va. 23058-5216.

Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise is in charge of arrangements.

HOMER J. JENKINS

Veteran of Korean Conflict,
avid sports fan



Homer J. Jenkins, 69, of Coeburn, passed away Thursday (Nov. 20, 2003) at his home.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving in the U.S. Army. He

was of the Baptist faith.

Homer was an avid sports fan working with the Coeburn Little League, softball league, Job Corp., high school football and known for his own softball team the J&S Team.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Randy Mark and Carrie Jenkins of Portsmouth; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Rodney Maine of Coeburn; granddaughter, Crystal Farmer of Coeburn; great-granddaughter, Cassidy Brooke Farmer of Coeburn.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Rev. Roy Kennedy officiating.

Burial followed in the Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood, with military graveside rites conducted by the Norton VFW Post 4301.



ESTELLE BURKE JENKINS

*Attended Central Freewill
Baptist Church*

Estelle Burke Jenkins, 82, of Norton, passed away Monday (Dec. 8, 2003) in Wexford House, Kingsport, Tenn.

She was a native of Church Hill, Tenn., born to the late Roy C. and Mary Katherine Burke. She attended Church Hill High School.

Upon her marriage she moved to Norton, in 1940 where she lived for nearly 45 years before moving to the Gray area. She attended the Central Freewill Baptist Church while in Norton, and the Beulah Baptist Church in Gray.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry R. Jenkins and two brothers, Clarence and Elmer Burke.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Harry Greer, Phyllis and Jim Clark, all of Kingsport, Kathy and Tim Coats, Rapid City, S.D.; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Wayne and Carolyn Jenkins, Pulaski; and Dewey and Renee Jenkins, Charlotte, N.C.; sister, Ethel Sandidge, Kingsport; 25 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton.

Services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Al South officiating. Burial will follow in the Holston View Cemetery, Weber City. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

THOMAS P. JENKS SR.

An avid musician

Thomas P. Jenks Sr., 60, of Raysal, W. Va., died Tuesday (Oct. 7, 2003) at the Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke after an extended illness.

He was a disabled coal miner, a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was of the Pentecostal Holiness faith, an avid musician, and known for his great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Perry Jenks, and a son, Andy Lee Jenks.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Reba Jenks; daughters, Mary Marie Edwards, Iaeger, W.Va., Patricia Jenks, Jan Jenks and Barbara Hunt all of Panther, W. Va.; sons, Thomas P. Jenks Jr. and wife Deniece, Jewell Ridge, Donald Jenks and wife Vicky, Panther, Brad Honaker and wife Peggy, Pineville, W.Va. Allen Honaker of the home; mother, Mary Bell Hagermann Jenks, Raysal; brothers, Mackie Jenks and wife Linda, Raysal, Jerry Jenks and wife Vonnie, Bradshaw, W. Va., Frankie Jenks and wife Pat, Virginia; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at noon Friday at the Church Of God (Three Forks) Jolo, W.Va. Graveside Services:

Calling hours after 5 p.m. Thursday with a 7 p.m. service at the church. Officiating Revs. Jimmy Allen, Freddie Dobbs and Jessie Estep

Interment will be in the Mullins Cemetery, Raysal, W.Va. (Paddle Fork). Pallbearers will be grandsons and nephews.

Baker Funeral Home, Pound, is entrusted with the care of Thomas P. Jenks Jr. ▲

GARNETTE JESSEE

Of the Freewill Baptist faith

Garnette Collier Jessee, 81, Appalachia, passed away Thursday (Oct. 30, 2003) at Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

She was of the Freewill Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Jessee.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Cecil Curtis and Sandra Collier of Appalachia; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Chapel, Big Stone Gap, with the Rev. Cliff Bowman officiating.

Burial followed in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD V. JOHNSON JR.

Veteran of World War II

Richard V. Johnson Jr., 79 of Big Stone Gap, passed away Saturday (Sept. 6, 2003) at his home.

He was born May 20, 1924 in Wise. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard V. Johnson Sr. and Helen Mable Johnson; sister, Willie



Gaynell Pike;
brothers
Malcolm
Johnson

Henry Jack Johnson and Joe Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was an Army Private First Class, Military Police Detachment at 1748th Service Command Unit of World War II. He spent most of his time after service in Arizona and Nevada where he worked in the service station business, the country music business and church work. He attended East Stone Gap United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Loretta Johnson; sisters and brothers-in-law Minnie and Rosco Archer of Wise, Glenda and Erchel Sluss of Coeburn, Clautte and John Hayes of New Hope, Estelle Varner of Wise, Julia Damron of Coeburn; sister-in-law Nickie Johnson of Wise, and several nieces and nephews.

WANDA JEAN JOHNSON

Wanda Jean Johnson, 64, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Saturday (Dec. 27, 2003) at her residence.

She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Johnson moved here from Crossville, Tenn. two years ago.

Survivors include daughters, Lois Owens of Florida, Linda Owens and Penny Owens, both of Crossville; son, Danny Owens of Crossville; several grandchildren; sister, Agnes Carter of Big Stone Gap; brothers, Willie Miller of

Tampa, Fla., Bobby Miller and Jimmy Miller, both of Winter Haven, Fla.

Visitation is from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 at Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap. Services will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Alan Collier officiating. Burial will follow in Glencoe Cemetery.

LOMA EDNA JOHNSON

*Charter member of Church
of God in Jesus Name*

Loma Edna Johnson, 83, of Big Stone Gap, died Wednesday (Dec. 10, 2003) at Johnson City Medical Center.

A lifelong resident of the area, she was a welder and steelworker and worked for the W.P.A. She was of the Holiness faith and was a charter member of the Church of God in Jesus Name in Big Stone Gap.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Dale Lee Johnson; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Surviving are her children, Stanley Johnson, East Stone Gap, Dale Jean Johnson, Big Stone Gap, and Shelia Ann Ashley, Appalachia; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Charles Rhoten, Emanuel Rhoten, both of Big Stone Gap and Myrtle Ester Couch.

Final disposition will be private.

Gilliam Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap was in charge of arrangements.

RAYMOND JOHNSON

Retired coal miner

Raymond W. Johnson, 84, of Appalachia, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 17, 2003) at his home.

He was a lifelong resident of Dunbar and Appalachia. He was a retired coal miner with the Westmoreland Coal Company and a member of the U.M.W.A. District 28, Pine Branch Local.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel Johnson; and a daughter, Mary Trent.

Surviving are three sons, Lon Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, Bruce Johnson of Lonedell, Mo., and Mike Johnson of Dunbar; four daughters, Helen Pinkston of Bonne Terre, Mo., Kathy Penrod of Henderson, Ky., Ruby Abel of Lonedell, Mo., and Loretta Sturgill of Wise; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edith Larkin and Agnes Brooks, both of Kingsport; one brother, Manuel Johnson of Fairview; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Tony Nunley officiating.

Burial followed in the American Legion Cemetery.

ROBERT JOHNSON

Owner and operator of Bob's Variety
Shop in Big Stone Gap

"Bob" Robert Cecil Johnson, 76, of Jonesville, died Wednesday (Oct. 1, 2003) at his residence.

He lived most of his life in Big Stone Gap, was of the Baptist faith and was self-employed. He was owner and operator of Bob's Variety Shop in Big Stone Gap and served his country in the U.S. Navy.



Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his first wife, Gracie Couch Johnson; and his parents, Willie and Annie Spears Johnson.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Carson Johnson; daughters, Beverly Johnson, Big Stone Gap and Barbara and husband Coy Leonard, West Chester, Ohio; sons, Billy Joe Johnson, Big Stone Gap and Donnie and wife Diane Johnson, Edgewood, Ky.; step-daughter, Robin and Garry Cottrell, Rose Hill; stepsons, Roy and wife Faye Carson, Pennington Gap, Ronald and wife Donna Carson, Abingdon; grandchildren, Sherri L. Leonard, Mark D. Leonard, Kenneth R. Johnson, Barbara J. Johnson, Billy J. Johnson Jr., Michael P. Johnson, Mellissa A. Johnson, Matthew A. Johnson and Carrie E. Johnson; two great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and family.

ARLEY JONES

Arley "Buck" Jones, 72, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Wednesday (Aug. 6, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap, he was a former Southern Railroad track repairman and also worked for Don Wax for many years. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. and Sarah (Chandler) Jones; and two sisters, Ruby Harris and Marjorie Sorah.

Survivors include sons, Arley Phillips, Michael K. Jones and Mark E. Jones, all of Big Stone Gap; seven grandchildren; sisters, Ada Hammonds and Estelle Hammonds, both of Dayton, Ohio; brother, Harry Jones of Big Stone Gap; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Don Caudill officiating.

Entombment services were held conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Glencoe Cemetery Mausoleum.

DARWIN JORDAN

Deacon and member of the Mt. View
Freewill Baptist Church

Darwin Richard Jordan, 78, of Wise, passed away Wednesday (Nov. 12, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn.

He was a retired coal miner from Clinchfield Coal Company, a member of UMWA and a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.



He was a deacon and member of the Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church.

Mr. Jordan was preceded in death by his parents, George and Myrtle Jordan; two brothers, Paul (Sonny) Jordan and Clarence (Bubby) Jordan.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Billie Laney Jordan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Theresa Jordan of Kingsport, Mike and Karen Jordan of Wise; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Clifford Shell of Wise; six grandchildren, Lori Lawson of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Kelly Roberts and Kristy Kiser, both of Wise, Victoria Jordan of Coeburn, Jeffrey Jordan and Seth Jordan, both of Kingsport; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with the Revs. Randy Sturgill and Leon Lawson officiating.

Burial followed in the Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery.

PEGGY JORDAN

Member of Banno-Knockus
Community Club in Banner

Peggy Lou Porter Jordan, 68,
Coeburn, died Sunday
(Sept. 21, 2003) at
Bristol Regional
Medical Center in
Bristol, Tenn.



Mrs.
Jordan

was born in Wise County
Virginia, the daughter of the late
Emmett and Golda Lawson
Porter.

She was a member of the
Rural Missionary Baptist Church
and the Banno-Knockus
Community Club in Banner
where she was a lifelong resi-
dent. She was active in her
church and displayed a genuine
love for her church family.

Besides her parents, she was
also preceded in death by broth-
ers, Garnet G. Porter, who was
killed in 1945 while serving in
the U.S. Navy and infant Glen
Edward Porter and Howard
Wendell Porter.

Survivors include her hus-
band of 52 years, Arch Jordan;
sisters, Belle Daugherty, Mentor,
Ohio and Janice Yearly, Coeburn;
brothers, Cecil Porter, Joe

Porter, Bill Porter and Paul
Porter all of Coeburn, Fred
Porter, Abingdon and Arthur
Porter, Meadowview; her nieces
and nephews were a special part
of her life and they loved being
at her home where each one felt
special, also attending family
gatherings there.

Calling hour will be held at
Estes Funeral Home chapel,
Coeburn, after 5 p.m. Tuesday,
and funeral services will be held
at 8 p.m. with Rev. Willie Ratliff,
Pastor Leon Lawson and Paul
Easterling officiating.

Burial will be in the
Greenwood Memorial Gardens
in Coeburn at 11 a.m.
Wednesday. The family will meet
at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m.
to go in procession to the ceme-
tery.

VIRGIL BLAKE JUSTICE

Member of the Board of Directors
for the Grundy National Bank

Virgil Blake Justice, 59, of 1904 Monte Vista Drive, Pulaski, died Monday (Dec. 22, 2003) at his home.

He was born in Pikeville, Ky. Nov. 19, 1944 and was a resident of Pulaski for the past 10 years. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Grundy National Bank and Independent Financier. He was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be loved and missed dearly by all his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Sue Ferguson Justice; sister, Pam Bartlett; sons and grandchildren, Vince Justice and his wife Debbie; grandchildren, Joshua and Matthew Dwayne Justice, Scott Ferguson, Dale Ferguson and his wife Maria and grandchildren Katie and DJ, Paul Ferguson and grandchildren Joshua and Adam; great-grandchild, Paul Blake; stepson, Dale Wood.

Services were held Saturday from Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski. Entombment followed in the Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Dublin.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.

STELLA KAZEE

Member of Gladly Fork
Freewill Baptist Church

Stella Katherine Kazee, 84, of Ocala, Fla., former resident of Pound, passed away Thursday (Dec. 18, 2003).

Mrs. Kazee was a member of Gladly Fork Freewill Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and loved to garden and sew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Virgil (Red) Kazee Jr.; and her parents.

Survivors include daughters, Donna Quesenberry of Florida and Linda Sue Pierce of Maryland; and a host of friends and loved ones; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home in Pound with Rev. Mark Stallard officiating.

Interment will follow in Dewey Memorial Cemetery, Pound.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

MITCHELL A. KEENS

Mitchell Arden Keens, 54, of Clintwood, passed away Thursday (Nov. 20, 2003) at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Clintwood.

He was a former resident of Dickenson County. He was preceded in death by his wife Myrtle Keens.

Survivors include step daughter, Novella Barton and her husband Johnny of Lebanon; six other step daughters; sister, Levon Mullins of Blountville, Tenn.; brothers, Robert Keens of Manassas, Russ Keens of Woodbridge, Jimmy Keens of Manassas, Dean Keens of Clintwood; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Franklin Hall officiating. Burial followed in the Swindall Cemetery, Rt. 2 Osborne Gap Section, Clintwood. Nephews and friends served as pallbearers.

GLEN KELLY

Of the Baptist faith

Glen A. Kelly, 55, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Thursday (Oct. 23, 2003) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital following an extended illness.

A lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap, he was self-employed and of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Kelly was preceded in death by an infant son, Mark Kelly; and his parents, Earl C. and Margaret (Eversole) Kelly.

Survivors include sons, Chris Kelly, of the home, and Brian Kelly, Big Stone Gap; a very special granddaughter, BreAnna Kelly, of the home; brother, Earl C. Kelly Jr., Baltimore, Md.; sister, Donna Lee Palmer, Tampa, Fla.; several nieces and nephews; and his ex-wife, Kathy Kelly, Big Stone Gap.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Wayne Artrip officiating.

Committal services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Glencoe Cemetery.

JUDITH MEARL KELLY



Judith Mearl Kelly, 64, of Coeburn, died Wednesday (Oct. 29, 2003) at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Fred "Bicycle" Kelly; parents, Otis and Bertha Mae Smith Childress.

Survivors include daughters, Virginia Bentley, Tunnel Hill, Ga. and Linda Bates, Coeburn; brothers, Mack Childress, McClure and Bob Childress, St. Paul; sisters, Edith Hamilton, Clintwood and Effie Browning, Coeburn; five grandchildren, several nephews and nieces.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Carol Childress officiating.

Burial followed in the Hills of Home Cemetery on Smith Ridge.

ELSIE B. KENNEDY

Retired school teacher

Elsie Bray Kennedy, 89, of Kingsport, Tenn., went to be with the Lord Saturday (Dec. 6, 2003) at Hillside Manor Health Care.

Born in Coeburn, she moved to Kingsport at an early age. She attended Radford State College and was a graduate of East Tennessee State University.

She was retired from Sullivan County Department of Education as a teacher for over 30 years. She taught at Andrew Johnson and Kingsley Elementary Schools. She was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association and the Sullivan County Retired Teachers Association.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Kennedy was preceded in death by her husband, Kip Kennedy; her parents, John M. Bray and Cculda Robinson Bray; three sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are her son, Kip Kennedy of Kingsport; her granddaughter, ~~Melissa Kennedy~~ Bowen of Kingsport; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Carter-Trent Funeral Home, downtown Kingsport with the Rev. Don Nation officiating.

Graveside services followed in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at cartertrentfh@earthlink.net.

GREGORY KENNEDY

Employee of the Paramount Coal Company

Gregory Ray Kennedy, 41, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Oct. 22, 2003) at the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

He was an employee of the Paramount Coal Company and attended Coeburn High School.

Survivors include his wife, Mollie Kennedy; his parents, Joseph and Josie Kennedy of Coeburn; stepsons, Ronnie Martin and Freddie Martin, both of Coeburn; stepdaughters, Vada Evans and Wendy French, both of Coeburn; brothers, Harold Ray Yates of Wisconsin and Joe Kennedy of Coeburn; sisters, Joelene Meade of Wise and Coelene Kennedy of Coeburn; three stepgrandchildren; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Rev. Denver Winebarger officiating.

Burial followed in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Coeburn.

JOSEPH KENNEDY



World War II veteran serving
in the U.S. Army

Joseph Willard Kennedy, 85, of Coeburn, entered into rest Monday (Jan. 5, 2004) in the Norton Community Hospital, Norton.

Mr. Kennedy was a retired employee of the Betty B. Coal Co.,

and was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gregory Kennedy.

Surviving are his wife, Josie Kennedy; two sons, Harold Ray Yates of Memomine, Wis., and Joe Kennedy of Coeburn; two daughters, Joeline Meade of Wise and Coelene Kennedy of Coeburn; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Coeburn with the Rev. Denver Winebarger officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Coeburn.

REV. JAMES KILGORE SR.

*Founding board member
of Harvest Children's Home*

Rev. James D. Kilgore Sr., of Pound, entered into eternal peace with his Lord Wednesday (Dec. 10, 2003) at the Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

He was known to his friends as "preacher" or J.D., to his children as Daddy and as Paps to his precious grandchildren. He had a joke or tale for everyone he met. He devoted over 50 years of his life ministering for his Savior.

Rev. Kilgore had served on many councils for the East Wise County Freewill Baptist Association, The Virginia Freewill Baptist State Association and was a founding board member of the Harvest Children's Home.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Juanita Meade Kilgore; his parents, James Albert and Rosa Gardner Kilgore; five sisters, Edith Kilgore, Alifair Kilgore, Shirley Kilgore Adams, Stella Kilgore Kerstetter and Jeanette Kilgore Skeen; three brothers, Irvin Kilgore, Otto Kilgore and Kenneth Kilgore.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Stella and Mac Graham of Richmond and Adrian Lynn Brewer of Pound; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Don Jr. and JoAnn Kilgore of Finley, N.D., David and Helen Kilgore of Pound, and Mark Kilgore of Kingsport; a grandson, Macy G. Brewer III; a granddaughter and name sake, Jaydee L. Brewer; one sister, Margie Dachille of Baltimore, Md.; one brother, Ernest Kilgore of Lakewood, Wash.; a beloved son-in-law and caregiver, M.G. Brewer Jr. and the staff of Norton Community Home Health Care; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise with the Revs. Ralph McFarland and David Kilgore officiating.

Burial will follow in the Kilgore Family Cemetery, Norton.

GARY KILGORE

Worked family business,
Judy's Hodge Podge

Gary Vaughn Kilgore, 55, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Thursday (Nov. 20, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap.

After working for Westmoreland Coal Company for 25 years, he went to work for the Town of Big Stone Gap (eight years). He was also invaluable to the family business, Judy's Hodge Podge.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Harrison Kilgore of Dunbar; and sister, Rhonda Beth Mullins Berry of Kingsport.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Seale Kilgore of Big Stone Gap; sons, Brent Edward Kilgore of Big Stone Gap, and Christopher William Kilgore and wife Elizabeth of Johnson City; mother, Juanita Clifton Kilgore of Kingsport, Tenn.; brother, Clifton David Whittaker and wife Phyllis of Clarksville, Tenn.; sisters, Greta Kay Berglund of Rockford, Ill., and Jill Janette Pittman of Sanford, N.C.; as well as nieces and nephews.

Gary will forever be remembered for the laughter and light he brought to so many lives.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with Alyson Jenkins officiating.

Committal services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Glencoe Cemetery.

LANORA B. KISER

Member of Lewis Creek
Pentecostal Church

Lanora Kiser, 86, of Lynch, Ky., died Saturday (Nov. 22, 2003) at the Harlan Appalachian Hospital, after a short illness.

A native of Coeburn, she had lived in Lynch since 1961. She was a member of the Lewis Creek Pentecostal Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elgan and Dora Baker Buchanan; husband, Archus Kiser; son, Gary Ronald Kiser; granddaughter, Heather Friede; great-grandson, Cody Knight; two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include four children, Betty Hudson and husband, Bill of Beaufort, S.C., Judy Henry and husband, David of Lynch, Karen Friede and husband, Bobby of Aberdeen, N.C., Jeannie Terry and husband, Freddy of Partridge, Ky.; one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Kiser of Warrenton; two brothers, Hubert Buchanan and Ivan Buchanan both of Coeburn; grandchildren, Lisa Knight, Warrenton, Amy Harvey, Pensacola, Fla., Bryan Henry, Louisville, Ky., Buffy Henry and Shannon Henry of Nicholasville, Ky., Matthew Friede, Adam Friede and Lora Friede all of Aberdeen, N.C., Rev. Freddie Terry, Cumberland, Ky., Jeremy Terry, Lexington, Ky., Jennifer Estep and "Paul" Israel Terry of Partridge, Ky.

Visitation will be held after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Tri City Funeral Home in Benham.

Services will be held at the Lewis Creek Pentecostal Church with the Revs. Ron Oplinger, Bill Combs and Bob Yaden officiating. Interment will follow in Peaceful Acres Cemetery at

RANDY KISER

Owner/operator of
Randy H. Trucking Inc.

Randy (Baby Huey) Kiser, 50, of Coeburn, went to be with the Lord Friday (Oct. 31, 2003) at his home.

He was owner and operator of Randy H. Trucking Inc., and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Clintwood.

He was preceded in death by his father, D.C. Kiser.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda Layne Kiser; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Jenny Kiser of Bristol; a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Jason Fritz of Coeburn; a special granddaughter, Cassidy Rose Kiser of Bristol; his mother and stepfather, Crystal and Gerald Meade of Coeburn; a sister, Sherry Stanley of Coeburn; two stepbrothers, Don Meade of Summerville, S.C., and Eugene Meade of Coeburn; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with Pastor Ray Thompson officiating.

Burial followed in the Carty Cemetery, Wise.

SYLVIE KRAWCZAK

Member of the Martin
Chapel Freewill Baptist Church

Sylvie Krawczak, 71, of Dante, passed away Wednesday (Sept. 3, 2003) at Bristol Regional Medical Center.

She had resided in Dickenson County for the last six years and was a member of the Martin Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents Monroe and Vada Patrick and her brother Monroe (Buddy) Patrick.

Survivors include daughter, Brenda Howard of Trammel; sons; James Kinney of Detroit, Mich., Charlie Kinney of Richmond; sister, Gloria Rasnick of Dante; brothers, Charlie Patrick of Tennessee, Buford Patrick of Lebanon, Tommy Patrick of Michigan, Freddie Patrick of Illinois; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Martin Chapel Freewill Baptist Church with Avery Carty officiating. Mullins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DENNIS RAY LAWSON

Dennis Ray Lawson, 54, of Keokee, passed away Sunday (Sept. 7, 2003) at Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

A lifelong resident of the Big Stone Gap area, he was a coal miner and of the Freewill Baptist faith.

Survivors include sons and daughters, Marty Lawson, Olinger and Joanie Carter, Keokee; grandchildren, Ian and Teagan Carter; brothers and sisters, Ellis Lawson, Keokee, Harvey Lawson, Big Stone Gap, Judge Lawson, Exeter, Nellie Garrett, Big Stone Gap and Nola Hobbs, Dayton, Ohio.

Services were conducted at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Roy Smith officiating.

Burial will be Thursday in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap. Family and friends are asked to assemble at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Thursday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

JUNIOR MACK LAWSON

Junior Mack Lawson, 71, of Coeburn, went to be with the Lord Tuesday (Dec. 2, 2003) at his residence.

Mr. Lawson was a U.S Army veteran of the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack Pete and Janie Flora Smith Lawson; son, Donald R. Lawson; sister, Phyllis Hicks and brother, Ray Lawson.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Geneva Lawson; daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Clyde McCoy, Nora, Della and Ricky Duty, St. Paul; sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Sue Lawson, Icard, N.C., Daniel and Sarah Lawson, Connelly Springs, N.C., Stoney and Marcy Lawson, Boscobel, Wisc. and son, David Lawson, Icard; brother, Leroy Lawson, Indianapolis, Ind.; 19 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; several nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, at Estes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Walker McCoy Cemetery in St. Paul. Visitation will be held at Estes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday after 6 p.m.

VINNIE LAWSON

Vinnie Markham Lawson, 87, of Coeburn, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 23, 2003).

She was a resident of the Banner community her entire life and the oldest daughter of the late Nannie Stanley and Grover Markham. She was preceded in death by her husband, George T. Lawson, a granddaughter, Donna Powers, and four brothers, Paul, Ford, Ralph and Joe Markham.

Surviving are four sons, Robert G. and his wife Shelby Lawson, Donald C. and his wife Faye Lawson and Russell R. and wife Glenda Lawson, all of Coeburn, and Jimmy R. Lawson of Greenville, S.C.; two daughters, Joann L. Lindstrom of Bristol and Shirley L. and her husband Jim

McLaughlin of Charlotte, N.C.; three brothers, Earl Markham, John Markham and Harold Markham, all of Coeburn; three sisters, Eula Walsh and June Wilesnick, both of New Jersey, and Virginia Bodnarchuk of Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn, with the Rev. Les Ritchie officiating. Graveside services were conducted 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lawson Family Cemetery, St. Paul.

CHARLES JR. LAWSON

Coal miner and carpenter

Charles Jr. Lawson, 69, formerly of Inman, and the Wildcat community of Big Stone Gap, passed away Saturday (Nov. 15, 2003) at Pine Ridge Lifecare Center in Elizabethton, Tenn.

He was born in Inman, raised in the Wildcat community of Big Stone Gap, and lived in Elizabethton for the past 20 years. He was a former coal miner and carpenter.

He was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Lawson was preceded in death by his parents, Pearl Veal Lawson and Issac Clinton Lawson, and a sister, Estelle Susan Morrell.

Surviving are five brothers: William J. "Jack" Lawson of Edgerton, Ohio, Roy Lawson of Lima, Ohio, Harold L. Lawson and wife Hillary of King'sport, Tenn., Danny Lawson and wife Vickie of Canton, Ga.; one sister, Emma Martin of Lima, Ohio, special niece and caregiver, Mary Hunt of Elizabethton.

Calling hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Holding Family Home in Big Stone Gap.

Services will be conducted at 10 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral chapel with the Rev. Duke I. Hunt officiating.

Committal services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Green Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to meet at the cemetery.

JOE LEWIS

World War II veteran

Joe Lewis, 86, of Wise, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday (Oct. 28, 2003) at the Bristol Regional Medical Center after a long illness.

He was of the Freewill Baptist Faith, retired Coal Miner, and a veteran of World War II during Pearl Harbor.

He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis Lewis.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Nora Elizabeth Bevins Lewis; a daughter, Linda Lewis of Wise; a son, Gary Lewis of Coeburn; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Wise with the Revs. Gerald Osborne and Willie Stallard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Roundtop Cemetery Wise.

"NED" HERBERT LEWIS

"NED" Herbert Lewis, 87, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 9, 2003) at Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn.

He was a member of the East Stone Gap Baptist Church, and a retired construction forman for U.S. Steel.

Mr. Lewis had resided in Big Stone Gap since 1983, moving from Lynch, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Etta Lewis; a son, Jack Lewis; and his parents, David and Sudie Lewis.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap. Services will follow at 8 p.m. with Revs. Bobby Hamilton, Ronald Hicks and Nick Brewer officiating.

Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Lewis family cemetery in Gilley, Ky.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Lewis, Shane Lewis, Charlie Morris, John Slagle, Jeff Rose, Woody Franklin and Clarence Begley.

190 Light Jr, Bill

BILL LIGHT JR.

U.S. Navy veteran

Bill Light Jr., 70, Big Stone Gap, passed away, Friday (Sept. 19, 2003).

He was born Aug. 7, 1933 in Pardee. He was a retired U.S. Navy veteran and was also retired employee of the Town of Big Stone Gap.



He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Wayne Light; and his parents, William Light, Sr. and Polly (Carter) Light.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Light; son, Gregory Light, Seminary; daughters, Peggy Galloway, Dryden and Deborah Mullins, Big Stone Gap; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; brothers, Eugene Light, Weber City, Jack Light, Gate City, Robert Light, Muncie, Ind., and Ronald Light, Kingsport, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with Pastor Pat Rasnake and the Rev. Claude Ray officiating.

Military graveside rites by Norton VFW Post 4301 were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Laurel Grove Cemetery, Norton.

Pallbearers were Town of Big Stone Gap employees.

ERNESTINE CROWELL LIGHT

Member of the Pennington Gap
First United Methodist Church

Ernestine Crowell Light, passed away Tuesday (Feb. 17, 2004) at the Lee Regional Medical Center.

She was a life long resident of Lee County, the daughter of the late Ernest and Bertha Parsons Crowell.

Ernestine was employed for many years in the Lee County School System, and was a member of the Pennington Gap First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Kenneth Eugene Light of Pennington Gap; one daughter, Selina Light of Pennington Gap; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenny and Kathy Light of Woodway, Kyle W. and Monica Light of Coeburn; three grandchildren, Christopher Light, Amanda Light, and Hannah Light; one sister, Mary Duncan of Bristol; one brother, Robert P. Crowell of Roanoke; several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Sturgill Funeral Home, Pennington Gap.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the Pennington Gap First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ken Sprinkle officiating.

Interment will follow in Lee Memorial Gardens, Woodway.

Pallbearers will be members of the United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church.

TEDDIE MARLENE LIPPS

Registered nurse

Teddie Marlene Lipps, 47, formerly of Appalachia, died Wednesday (Oct. 29, 2003) at Holy Cross Medical Center in Granada Hill, Calif.

A graduate of Appalachia High School, she was a registered nurse. Marlene was a loving mother, daughter and sister, and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by
her father, Ted Bartee.

Survivors include a daughter, Jessica Woods of Florida; her mother, Annette Bartee, Big Stone Gap; sisters and brothers-in-law, Teresa and Jim Holdway, Big Stone Gap, Brenda and Robert Williams, Jonesville; brothers and sisters-in-law, A.J. and Dinah Bartee, Norton, Garland and Robin Bartee, Lance and Tamela Bartee, and George Bartee, all of Appalachia; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was conducted at 7 p.m. Monday at the Durham's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in the Crackers Neck community of Big Stone Gap with Pastor James Holcomb officiating.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to one's charity of choice.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

Information furnished by Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home of Norton.

JACK EDGAR LOWE

U.S. Army veteran

Mr. Jack Edgar Lowe, age 74, of Jonesborough, Tenn. died Monday (Oct. 13, 2003) at the Johnson City Medical Center.



Mr. Lowe was a native of Washington County and son of the late Leslie Ray and Lola P. Dykes Lowe.

He had retired from Burlington Industries as a Supervisor.

Mr. Lowe was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lou Ann Hash Lowe; daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Ricky Shelton, and Becky and Jeffrey Carlton, all of Jonesborough; brother, Ted Lowe, Jonesborough; sisters, Dorothy White, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Phyllis Sliger, Jonesborough; uncle, Charlie Dykes; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Revs. Jamie Ferguson and Bill Ferguson officiating. Interment services followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mitch Hathaway, Mike Painter, Danny Burgess, Gary Hash, Rick Jones, and Keith Toth. Honorary pallbearers were Mike McInturff, Bill Graham, Kenny Hash, Sherrill Nelson, Paul Archer, Walter Britt, Jr. and Lode Britt.

Condolences may be sent to the Lowe Family online at www.dillow-taylor.com.

Dillow-Taylor Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Jonesborough, was in charge of arrangements.

TERESA LUNSFORD

Member of
Freedom of Worship Church

Teresa Gay Lunsford, 57, of Norton, died Friday (Sept. 12, 2003) in Norton Community Hospital.



She was a member of the Freedom of Worship Church. She

was a lifelong member of TOPS 209 in Norton.

Mrs. Lunsford was preceded in death by her mother, Oneida W. Davis; and her twin brother, Donald Ray Williams.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Ray Lunsford; son, Phillip Jeffrey Lunsford, Johnson City, Tenn.; son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy Dwayne and Donna Lunsford, Appalachia; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Paula Faye Robinette, Norton, Debra Kay Thomas, Como, Tex.; aunt, Stella Barker, Kingsport, Tenn.; uncle, James Williams, Inman; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home with the Revs. Robert Fultz Jr., Eddie Fultz and Dr. Tom Renfro officiating.

THELMA LUTTRELL

Thelma Wagner Luttrell, of Louisville, Ky., died Tuesday (Aug. 12, 2003) in Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

A native of Imboden, she was a daughter of the late Wess and Ella Hill Wagner. She had lived in Louisville, for the last 30 plus years and was employed by Associates Financial Services Inc.

She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 177 in Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. Luttrell was also preceded in death by five sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews and a host of special friends from Louisville, Ky.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Nick Brewer officiating.

Burial followed in Powell Valley Cemetery in Dryden.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

HELEN D. MACMILLAN

Member of Winkler Road Baptist
Church in Fort Myers, Fla.

Helen Davidson MacMillan, 83, a resident of Alva, Fla. since 1985, passed away, Sunday (Sept. 28, 2003) while under the compassionate care of Hope Hospice and her loving husband.

She was born March 7, 1920 in Norton, to the late James Logan and Byrnise (Easterling) Davidson.

She was a member of Winkler Road Baptist Church in Fort Myers, Fla.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her beloved husband Harold MacMillan; daughters, Teresa (Joe) Kohen of Tampa, Fla., and Belinda (Tom) Hatter of Louisville, Ky.; grandchildren, Nicholas and Amanda Hatter also of Louisville; sisters, Irene (Paul) Phillips of Alva and Charlotte (Doug) Hylton of Richmond and formerly of Norton; sisters-in law, Jean Davidson and Earlene Davidson of Norton; fifteen nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Lee Memorial Park Funeral Home.

A funeral service in celebration of Helen's life will be on Friday at 11 a.m., at Lee Memorial Park Funeral Home. Burial will immediately follow in the Alva Cemetery.

Contributions in Helen's loving memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, Fla 33908.

EMMA MAGGARD

Of the Pentecostal faith

Emma Gene Maggard, 55, of Keokee, went to be with her Lord and savior on Thursday (Nov. 6, 2003) at the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

She was born in Wise on July 23, 1948 and had lived in Lee County most of her life. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R.C. and Gracie Laney.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Maggard of the home; a daughter, Michelle Herron and husband Troy of Keokee; a son, Keith Maggard and wife Tresia of Appalachia; three grandsons, Brandon and Brenton Maggard and Bubby Herron; four brothers, Chester Perry of Orlando, Fla., George Perry of Coeburn, Burton and Jimmy Perry of Coos Bay, Oreg.; four sisters, Winona McFadden of Wise, Roselynn Benton, Reba Garrette and Janice Emberton, all of Indianapolis, Ind.

Services were held at 8 p.m Sunday in the sanctuary of Province Funeral Home in Pennington Gap with the Revs. Darrell Russell and Bob Maggard officiating.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Maggard Family Cemetery in Keokee.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at cep@mounet.com.

MICAH N. MAGGARD

Micah Nathaniel Maggard, infant son of Nathaniel and Andrea Barker Maggard, passed away Saturday (Oct. 25, 2003) at Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tenn.

He is survived by a host of loved ones; paternal grandparents, Leland and Betty Maggard of Wise; maternal grandparents, Rev. Roger and Betty Barker of Wise; maternal great-grandmother, Bonnie Mullins of Wise.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Adams Cemetery, Eolia, Ky., Roberts Branch, with the Rev. Jimmy Stidham officiating.

Family will serve as pallbearers.

NELLIE MAGGARD

Nellie Maggard, 86, of Big Stone Gap and formerly of Pound,



went to be with the Lord and her Savior on Tuesday (Nov. 11, 2003) in Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She was a resident of Bon Secours St. Mary's Long Term Care for the last 11 months. She was a member of the Lone Pine Freewill Baptist Church of Almira in Pound.

Mrs. Maggard was preceded in death by her parents, Dock and Cosby Jane Mullins, her loving husband, Earl Maggard, a son Leroy Maggard and two grandsons, Ricky Lee and Jeff Maggard.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, William Warren and Ruth Maggard of Pound, Timothy W. and Vickie Maggard of Stafford; five daughters and sons-in-law, Jane M. and Richard Brooks of Richmond, Shirley and Jerry Fritz of Big Stone Gap, Pauline and Johnny Ball of Pound, Trula and Rodney Bolling of Pound, Linda and Edison Holcomb of Pound; one

special daughter-in-law, Alice Maggard of Richmond; one sister, Bonnie McGuire of Pennsylvania, 25 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home chapel in Norton with Rev. Leon Meade officiating. Burial will be in the Wright Cemetery, Pound.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel, with a song service at 7 p.m.

GAYNELLE S. MALESKY

Author, columnist, poet

Gaynelle Straight Malesky, 92, of Norton, an author and long time columnist for The Coalfield Progress, died Wednesday (Sept. 17, 2003) at Holston Valley Hospital.

She was married for more than 60 years to her best friend, Joseph S. Malesky who preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include her sister Vada Wilson of Fairmont, W. Va.; her dear son, Lann A. Malesky and daughter-in-law Gara Vinon or Fairfax; grandsons, Dr. L. Alvin Malesky, of Providence, R.I., and Lowell Malesky and wife, Katie of Fairfax; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Mrs. Malesky, a native of Marion County, Va., and the youngest of eleven children, graduated from West Virginia University in 1931. She then taught in the Marion County school system for five years.

In the mid 1950s she started writing poetry. Her poem, "Watching My Father Climb a Hill" won first prize in the 1964 Florence Dickinson Stearns Memorial Prize Contest for the Poetry Society of Virginia. Another poem, "Bulldozer Unearths a Grave" was a second place winner in the 1960-61 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Writing Project. She served as Chairperson of the Poetry Category for the Virginia Division of the AAUW 1963 Creative Writing Contest.



Mrs. Malesky's collected poems were published in 1967 in Green Autumn. She dedicated the collection to her father, of whom she said made her "autumn green with memories." The Mouse Hunter, a West Virginia Memoir, which she wrote with some assistance from her son, was published in 1994 and was dedicated to her husband, Joe.

In April 1965 she began writing a column, along with her dear friend and neighbor, Gladys Stallard, for Norton's The Coalfield Progress, which was a staple in the newspaper for over thirty years. Her love for the mountains of southwestern Virginia showed clearly in her columns and she and Mrs. Stallard had a loyal following of readers.

She was a member of the Cumberland Bird and Nature Club and participated in many annual winter bird counts. She also was a member of King College's Board of Governors.

She served with the Auxiliary of the St. Mary's Hospital and worked as a volunteer for over twenty-five years. She contributed more than five thousand hours in voluntary service for the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Malesky served on the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1973 and was chairperson from 1971 to 1973. She served as a member of the Library Building Committee from 1973 to 1975. She considered her work on the Board of Trustees and on the Building Committee to be some of her most satisfying accomplishments and she was particularly proud of the new library.

Mrs. Malesky was a long time member of the Norton Presbyterian Church, where she

served as both an elder and deacon as well as teacher of the women's Bible class for over thirty years. She was also member of the Norton Literary Club and a member of AAUW for over fifty years.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hagy and Fawbush Funeral Home chapel in Norton.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Norton Presbyterian Church with Dr. Mike Porter officiating.

Burial will follow in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Memorial gifts may be made to: The Gaynelle Straight Malesky scholarship fund c/o Dr. Jack Snider, King College, Bristol, Tenn. 37620 or Norton Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 96, Norton, Va. 24273.

EMERSON L. MANN

Member of Oakland Baptist Church

Emerson Lee "Sonny" Mann, 72, of Roanoke, passed away Monday (Dec. 22, 2003).

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Elizabeth Mann Jones; and his parents, Emerson Lee Sr. and Mary MacCarty Mann.

Mr. Mann was a member of Oakland Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, LorRetta Sturgill Mann; daughter, Martha Mann Wertz and husband Kevin; son, Richard Lee Mann and wife Sydney; grandchildren, Kaydee, Leslee and Marlee Wertz, Tyler and Troy Mann; sister, Rosemary Mann Bennington.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Dec. 27, in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Kelly Dampeer officiating.

Simpson-Tharp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOWARD E. MARSHALL

U.S. Army veteran

Howard Elias Marshall, 73, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Nov. 19, 2003) at Sunbridge Care Rehab-Hillside in Kingsport, Tenn.

He had retired in 1987 from Pittston Coal Company where he had worked as a coal miner for 20 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and had served in Korea.



Mr. Marshall was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Delphia (Greene) Marshall; brothers Haskel Marshall and Ervin Marshall; sisters Betty Marshall, Lorraine Marshall Yates and Josie Marshall Yates.

Survivors include his wife Verda Mae Marshall of Coeburn; son Wayne (Alley Cat) Marshall of Coeburn; daughter Patricia Marshall of Coeburn; granddaughter Robin Arwood and her husband Wayne of Coeburn; great-grandchildren Amber Arwood and Dakota Arwood both of Coeburn; brother Claude Marshall of Clintwood; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Lester Mullins officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Memorial Garden Cemetery in Coeburn. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Pound VFW Post 9600 and American Legion Post 66.

Pallbearers will be family, friends and Harold Stanley. Special honorary pallbearer: Amber Arwood. Honorary pallbearers: Wayne Arwood and Ed Endicott.

The family will receive friends at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel where a service will be conducted at 7 p.m.

WILLIE MAE MARSHALL
Former resident of Banner



Willie Mae Marshall, 82, of
S p e n c e r ,
Tenn., died
Wednesday
(Dec. 10,
2003) at
White County
Hospital in
Sparta, Tenn.

She was a
former resi-
dent of
Banner, but
had lived in Tennessee for the past
several years.

She was preceded in death by
her husband James, her parents,
Dave and Annie Edwards Scott;
sisters, Alma Slone, Lela Webb
and Betty Huff.

Survivors include brothers,
Don Scott, Spencer and Charles
Scott, Kingsport, Tenn.; special
cousin, Marie Holbrook, Coeburn;
several nephews and nieces.

Services were held at 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13, at Estes Funeral
Home chapel with Rev. Charles
Scott officiating. Burial followed
in the Calvin Edwards Cemetery
in St. Paul.

BUFORD MARTIN

U.S. Army veteran

Buford "Marty, Rebel" Martin, 71, of Stottville, N.Y., died Thursday (Oct. 23, 2003) at his residence.

Born Oct. 31, 1931 in Norton, he was the son of the late Curtis and Gladys Hennessey Martin.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a dedicated employee of Kiel's Construction for more than 40 years.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Joyce Bennett Martin of Stottville; a son, Buford E. Martin Jr. of Stottville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Timothy Sigler of Greenport, Catherine Martin and Will Shackley of Hudson, Rebecca and Aaron LaValley of Athens and Jennifer and Christian Qua of East Greenbush; six grandchildren, Kimberly and Jay Doan of Greenport, Amanda and Kayla LaValley of Athens, Jennifer Jeffreys of Hudson and Jade Qua of East Greenbush; one great-granddaughter, Trinity LaValley of Athens; one sister, Joyce Robinette of Wise; three brothers and their wives, Paul and Brenda Martin of Wise, Bruce and Rose Martin of Palestine, Texas and Curtis and Sandra Martin of Flint Mich.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Bates & Anderson — Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home in Hudson.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family. ▲

PHILIP ALLEN MARTIN

Loved the outdoors, fishing,
hunting, boating, water skiing

Philip Allen Martin, of Castlewood, died Saturday (Nov. 29, 2003) at Russell County Medical Center, Lebanon, after the effects from a long illness.

He was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., son of the late Sidney and Adeline Cooper Martin. Philip grew up and attended schools in southern California. After graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Ticonderoga. Later in life he met and married Delaine and they made their home in Manhattan Beach and in Downey, Calif., before moving to Southwest Virginia in 1977.

Phil loved living in Southwest Virginia. He never wanted to leave Virginia. Philip loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, boating, water skiing and jet skiing. He made his home in Castlewood for 26 years. After a career in banking, Phil later worked for Mountain Empire Older Citizens in Big Stone Gap. Phil was liked by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Delaine; two sisters, Linda Tonkins and her son, Josh; and Leslie Spivak and her husband, Bobby and her children, Todd and Dayna; mother and father-in-law, Glenn and Lorraine Lucas; sister and brothers-in-law, Donna and Mike Sandstrom, Diane and Ron Skeber, Debra A. Phillips and Dallas and David Rudder; several nieces and nephews who loved him, David Hodge, Julie Linkous, Jimmie Hodge, Bill Sandstrom, Sonia Sandstrom, Kristin Skeber, Kelly Skeber Raile, Kate Skeber, Rynne Phillips, Erika Phillips, Cole Phillips, Joyce Kilgore Scheerer, Jason Kilgore and Ross Rudder; along with great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in Castlewood Funeral Home Chapel, Castlewood, with the Rev. Con Edwards officiating.

Entombment will follow in Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood, with military graveside rites by Highlands Fellowship Veterans Honor Guard, Abingdon.

Pallbearers will be Mike Sandstrom, Ron Skeber, David Rudder, Bill Sandstrom, Robert "Bo" Lee and Richard Hayes.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, in Castlewood Funeral Home, Castlewood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 9 East Church Ave., Roanoke, Va. 24011 or the Mountain Empire Older Citizens, 1-A Industrial Park Drive, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.

Online condolences may be sent to the Martin family through our Web site at www.castlewood-funeralhome.com.

ADAM WAYNE MASSENGILL

Adam Wayne Massengill, 28, passed away Wednesday (Aug. 5, 2003).

Adam was born July 10, 1975 at Wise Regional Hospital. He was a resident of Herrin, Ill.

Survivors include his mother, Jeanette (Jones) Trauth of Torrance, Calif., his father, Walter Coleman Massengill Jr. of Johnston City, Ill., one brother Walt Eric Massengill of Torrance, one half brother, Mathew Massengill of Johnston City, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

JAMES ARVIL MASSIE

James Arvil Massie, 82, of Coeburn, died Monday (Dec. 1, 2003) at Bon Secour St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

Mr. Massie was a retired coal miner and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was preceded in death by his parents, W. Jeeter and Nellie Carico Massie; Brothers, Jesse Massie, Flavel Massey, Artis Massie, Clifford Massie and three infant brothers; granddaughter, Angela Faye Williams Arnold.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Anna Gaye Murphy Massie; son, Richard B. Massie, Coeburn; granddaughters, Sonya Crabtree, Lebanon and Breann Massie, Coeburn; grandson, Grant Massie, Coeburn; great-grandsons, Caleb McConnell and Dakotah Wilson both of Lebanon, Derrick Crabtree, Vilaseck, Germany, Brandon Crabtree, Ft. Polk, La. and Jason Arnold, Johnson City, Tenn.; great granddaughters, Whitney Crabtree, Lebanon, Dana Arnold, Ashley Arnold and Nikki Arnold all of Johnson City; great-great-grandson, Matthew Crabtree, Vilaseck, Germany; great nephew, Jonathon David Greear, Johnson City; several other nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Revs. Les Ritchie and Bill Slemp officiating. Burial will follow in Grant Rose Cemetery.

ROBERT MATHIESON

Veteran of U.S. Army

Robert Ray Mathieson, 67, died Sunday (Sept. 22, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

He was a member and former deacon of the Guest River Pentecostal Church, and was retired from Appalachian Oil Company.



A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was active in the VFW Post 4301 where he was a past post commander, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 56, and the American Legion. He formerly was a member of the Norton Rescue Squad and will be remembered by many as a coach in Norton's Little League Baseball program.

Mr. Mathieson was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Artie Short Mathieson and a sister, Rosa Lee Jones.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Mary Sargent Mathieson; sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Kim Mathieson, Ricky and Kim Mathieson, all of Wise, Jeffrey Mathieson, and Tommy and Tammy Mathieson, all of Norton; grandchildren, Ashley Nicole Mathieson, Skylar Elizabeth Mathieson, Jason Mathieson, and Nathan Mathieson; brothers Donnie Mathieson, Roanoke and Gerald Mathieson, Norton; sisters, Shirley Kilgore, Wise and Nancy Lemons, Bristol.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, in the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home chapel, with Revs. Darrell Bolling, Ernest Duncan, and David Olinger officiating.

MERTON R. MCAMIS

Retired sign painter

Merton Raymond McAmis, 86, of Norton, passed away Sunday evening (Sept. 7, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a retired sign painter. Mr. McAmis was a United States Air Force World

War II veteran

and was of the Protestant faith



He was a son of the late Sam


and Samantha Hughes McAmis and was also preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Riner McAmis; and by four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include two special nieces, June McArthur and Pat Rose, Norton; and by several other nieces and a host of friends.

Calling hours are from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Carty Funeral Home, Norton/Wise, where funeral services will be conducted at 8 p.m.

Interment and military rites will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Laurel Grove Cemetery, Norton. The funeral procession will leave the funeral home at 10:30 a.m.

JACK MCARTHUR

 Jack McArthur, 82, of Gate City, passed away Wednesday (Aug. 13, 2003) at James H. Quillen V.A. Medical Center in Johnson City.

He was born in Gate City, Feb. 21, 1921 and grew up in Wise County. He was a World War II Army veteran having served in Headquarter Company 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry and saw action in Rome-Arno, southern France, Rhineland, and central Europe. He earned the campaign ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge. He retired from Looney's Chevrolet in Kingsport.

Mr. McArthur was a member of Gate City United Methodist Church and a longtime member of the chancel choir.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karen Anne McArthur; sister, Helen Doggett; brother, James "Trig" McArthur.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Jane Johnson McArthur, Bristol, Tenn.; daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Gary Swiney, Bristol, Tenn.; son and daughter-in-law, John Mark and Nancy McArthur, Gate City; grandchildren, Stephanie Lipson and husband DeWayne, Lisa Lindsey and husband Kevin, Sarah McArthur; five great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Estepp, Gate City, Mary Lou Roberts, Weber City, Margaret Day, Moncks Corner, S.C.; brother, Bobby McArthur, Weber City; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Gate City United Methodist Church with Revs. Dale Wyrick and William S. Slagle officiating.

Music was provided by Gate City United Methodist Church Choir.

Military graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holston View Cemetery conducted by Charles DeWitt Byrd, Post 3382 of the VFW.

Pallbearers were Terry Roberts, Gwendell Estepp, Ronald Estepp, Jeff Estepp, David Reed, Tom Johnson Jr., Tom Johnson, Sr., and Benny Reed.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Taylor Class, Gate City United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Harry Penley, and Edley Bellamy and Bill Bowen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gate City United Methodist Church Choir, 103 E. Walnut St., Gate City, Va. 24251.

Online condolences may be made to the family at cfhwc@earthlink.net

Colonial Funeral Home, Weber City, is in charge of arrangements.

211 McCarter, Bonnie Rogers

BONNIE ROGERS MCCARTER

Member of First Baptist
Church of Sevierville

Bonnie Rogers McCarter, 77 of Sevierville, Tenn., passed away Saturday (Oct. 4, 2003).

She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Sevierville.

Mrs. McCarter was preceded in death by her husband, C.B. McCarter; and son, Fred "Doc" McCarter; and her loving parents, Rev. Elmer and Mary Rose Rogers.

She was the beloved mother of 14 children.

She is survived by sons Carl Edd McCarter (Carolyn); daughter-in-law LaVerne McCarter; Lee McCarter (Susan), Scott McCarter (Debbie), Guy McCarter (Hyeon Joo), Steve McCarter, Joe McCarter (Brenda) and Chuck

McCarter (Laura Lea); daughters Glenda Johnson (Charlie), Brenda Smith (Butch), Kay Green (Roger), Mary Lona Lusk (Jerry), Martha King (Melvin), Barbara Lusk (Danny); her friend and daughter in love, Tammy Johnson; grandchildren, Rhonda Ward (Donnie), Lisa McCarter, Edd McCarter (Bethany), Nicky McCarter (Cindy), Stefanie, Ashley and Alex Johnson, Misty Hedrick (Kevin), Summer and Blue Smith, Chad McCarter (Amy), Charity McCarter, Tina Lusk, Wesley Lusk (Brandy), Amanda and Megan McCarter, Serenity Green Kelly (Shaun), Jessica, Ginger, Jared and Caleb Lusk, R.J., Jonathan and Bonnie King, Angela, Austin and Abigail McCarter, Claire Beth and Tyler McCarter, Zachary, Bryson, Jeremiah, Elijah and Hannah McCarter, Jake, Gracie and Emily McCarter; great-grandchildren: Amber and Jordan Ward, Alexis and Skye McCarter, Rachel and Holly McCarter; brothers and sisters, Stella Sutton, Judson Rogers, Lela Gibson, Josie Martin, Jack Rogers and Ernest Rogers; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Sevierville. Officiating ministers are Dr. Randy Davis, Revs. Jerry Lusk and Scott Andrews and Dr. Nelson Price. Interment will follow in Gist's Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Edd McCarter, Ashley and Alex Johnson, Blue Smith, Chad McCarter, Wesley Lusk, Jared Lusk, R.J. King, Jon King, Donnie Ward, Kevin Hedrick and Shaun Kelly.

Donations may be made to First Baptist Church - Building Fund, 317 Parkway, Sevierville, Tenn. 37862. Arrangements by Atchley Funeral Home, Sevierville.

SCOTT MCCONNELL

Construction estimator

Scott McConnell, 76, of Darnestown, Md., died Tuesday (Aug. 5, 2003) in Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Rockville,

Md.

Mr. McConnell was born Nov. 27, 1926 in Norton.

He was a Construction Estimator and served in the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen McConnell; daughter, Kathy Ann McConnell of Germantown, Md; brother Daniel Carlos (D.C.) McConnell Jr. of Norton; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Norton Episcopal Church with Pastor Gwen Owens officiating.

OPAL F. MCCOWAN

Member of Sandlick
Primitive Baptist Church

Opal Fay McCowan, 69, of Clinchco, died Sunday (Nov. 2, 2003) in Silvania, Ohio.

She was formerly of Clincho and a member of Sandlick Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey McCowan; her father, Henry Barton; her mother, Lilly "Edwards" Barton; an infant son, Kenny Lee McCowan; three sisters, Eula Hearl, Delphine Deel and Emma Barton; one brother, Harless Barton; paternal grandparents, Floyd and Sandusky Barton; and maternal grandparents, Ben and Margaret Edwards.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Junior and Peggy McCowan of Camden, Mich., James and Rita McCowan of Morenci, David and Robin McCowan of Seneca, Mich., and Bobby and Sue McCowan of Bristol; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Carter Stevens of Seneca and Brenda and Delmon Ramey of Birchleaf; 22 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Clergymen John Johnson, Joel Turner and Bob Arrington officiating. Burial will follow in the McCowan Family Cemetery, Rock Lick section.

Pallbearers will be Richard Stevens, Chris McCowan, Brian McCowan, Steavie Mullins, Eugene McCowan, J.R. McCowan, Justin McCowan, Mike Dillion and Travis Fuller.

BALLARD EMMITT MCCOY

Ballard Emmitt McCoy, 78, died Monday (Jan. 5, 2004) at his residence in St. Paul.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Garfield and Rosie Belle McCoy;

brother, Albert McCoy; sister, Myrtle Moore and Pearl Uhl; sons-in-law, James Robinson and Harold Bright; four great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Audrey Bond McCoy; sons, Gregory McCoy, St. Paul and Roger McCoy, Abingdon; daughters, Carol Bright, Joan Collins and Kay Lee, all of St. Paul, Sherry Moore, Taylorsville, N.C., Gail Robinson, Sandusky, Ohio and Roseanna Smith, Coeburn, 19 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, several nephews and several nieces.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Tony Robinson officiating. Burial will follow in the McCoy Cemetery on Sandy Ridge. Visitation will be held at the funeral home after 6 p.m. Thursday.

HARLON "MACK" MCCOY

Harlon "Mack" McCoy, 71, of St. Paul, died Saturday (Nov. 15, 2003) at



Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

Mr. McCoy was a retired welder of Freeman Fuel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Covey J. and Alice Hayes McCoy; sister, Shelvie Watts and brother, Lewis McCoy.

Survivors include his wife Cona Ozell Young McCoy; brother, Worley McCoy, Aurora, Ill.; sisters, Rethia Kilgore, St. Paul, Ossie Branham, Defiance, Ohio, Annette Sutherland, Aurora and Ruth Taylor, Coeburn; step-sons, Charles Brown and Gary Brown, both of Gastonia, N.C.; step-daughter, Shirley Ballinger, Gastonia; special daughter-in-law, Mrs. Donnie "Thelma" Connard, Gastonia; several nephews and several nieces.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003 at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Glen Hurd officiating. Burial will follow in the Hayes-McCoy Cemetery on Sandy Ridge. Visitation was held at the funeral home Monday 6 p.m.

DON MCFALL

Attended Apostolic Faith Church

Donald Clyde (Don) McFall, 64, of Norton, died Monday (Oct. 20, 2003) in Knoxville, Tenn.

He attended the Apostolic Faith Church of God in Norton. He was preceded in death by his mother, Virgie McFall, a sister, Margaret Morelock and a brother, Eulice McFall.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Gary Richardson, Big Stone Gap, Tammy and Randell Bishop, Clinchport, Teresa and Billy Layne, Bean Station, Tenn.; son and daughter-in-law, Clyde and Kathy McFall, Big Stone Gap; five grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Rev. John and Ruble McFall, Norton, Willie and Joan McFall, Big Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

BROWN MCKINNEY

Of the Baptist faith

Brown McKinney, 82, of Big Stone Gap, entered into eternal rest Friday (Dec. 19, 2003) at his home.

He lived most of his life in Big Stone Gap, was a self-employed trucker and was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. McKinney was preceded in death by his parents, Jeter and Delia McKinney; brother, Frank McKinney; and sisters, Hazel Wilson and Bertie Tipton.

Surviving are his wife of 6 years, Hazel McKinney, of the home; sons, Ralph and daughter-in-law Deanna McKinney, Eddie and daughter-in-law Beverly McKinney, Roger and daughter-in-law Janice McKinney and Terry and daughter-in-law Cathy McKinney, all of Big Stone Gap; daughter, Patty and son-in-law, Jack Chandler, Big Stone Gap; special aunt, Lena Masters Green Mountain, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Howard McKinney, Spruce Pine, N.C. J.B. McKinney, Salisbury, N.C. and Dean McKinney, Florida; sisters, Bea Robinson and Evelyn McKinney, both of Burnsville, N.C.

Services were conducted at 5 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with Pastor Pat Rasnic and Pastor James Holcomb officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

For online condolences e-mail to gfhbsg@verizon.net

IVA MCNEW

Of the Freewill Baptist faith



Iva Lee
Fraizer McNew,
70, of Wise,
passed away
Wednesday
(Nov. 5, 2003) at
the Wellmont
Lonesome Pine

Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

A great loss for earth but yet an
awesome gain for Heaven - we will
miss you.

She was of the Freewill Baptist
faith.

Mrs. McNew was preceded in
death by her husband, Elmer
(Boot) McNew; one son, William
(Billy) McNew.

Surviving are three sons and
daughters-in-law, Donnie and
Betty McNew, Danny K. and
Jennifer McNew and Jason and
Celeste McNew, all of Wise; three
daughters and sons-in-law, Alma
Jean and Harold Stanley, Rita and
Richard (Bean) Baker and Gail
and John Cantrell, all of Wise; one
brother, Ray Fraizer of Clinchport;
two sisters, Ettie Townsend of
Lenore, N.C. and Wilma Jean
Townsend of Mabe; nine grand-
children, Jamie Baker, Little Bill
McNew, David Cantrell, Leah
McNew Parton, Matthew Stanley,
Christopher Stanley, Marshea
Absher, Hunter McNew and
Kayleigh McNew.

Services were held at 1 p.m.
Saturday in the chapel of Sturgill
Funeral Home in Wise with the
Rev. Tommy McAmis officiating.

Burial followed in the Cox's
Chapel Cemetery in Mabe.

MARIE MEADE

Homemaker

Marie Meade, 79, of Defiance, Ohio, died Thursday (Oct. 9, 2003) at Harborside Healthcare Center in Defiance.

Born in Inman, April 2, 1924, she was the daughter of James Marcum and Eliza Lawson Marcum.

Mrs. Meade was a homemaker and married Kelly Meade in 1951, who preceded her in death in 1996.

Also preceding her in death was her first husband, Marshall Spears; four brothers, William, Ben, Jack and Buren Marcum; one sister, Frances Roark; and one grandchild.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Meade and Ralph Meade, both of Defiance; two daughters, Mrs. Billy (Maggie) West, Lewisburg, Tenn. and Mrs. Lionel (Peggy) Moore, Appalachia; one brother, Troy Dee Marcum, McColl, S.C.; five sisters, Georgia Thacker, Appalachia, Margaret Collier, Chicago, Ill., Faye Russell, Indianapolis, Ind., Layuna Riddle, Wyandotte, Mich., Genelee Gibson, Exeter; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20 at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance with Rev. Kennon Roark officiating.

Burial was in Ayersville Cemetery, Defiance Co., Ohio.

DALTON MEADE

Dalton Meade, 6, of Pound, passed away Saturday (Oct. 25, 2003) after a prolonged illness, at the Howell Infant Care Center, Greenville, N.C.

Survivors include his parents, Brian Meade and Trina Meade, Pound; sister, Rachel Ashton Meade, Pound; twin brother, Payton Drew Meade, Pound; paternal grandparents, Glen and Anna Meade, Pound; maternal grandparents, Robert (Cobb) and Sondra Phillips, Pound; paternal great-grandparents, Violet Mullins, Otis Maggard, Ova Meade, all of Pound; maternal great-grandparents, Herman and Peggy Phillips, Pound; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home in Pound with the Rev. Greg Cyphers officiating.

Interment will be in the Meade Family Cemetery in Pound.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

MARK R. MEFFORD

Member of the Appalachia Masonic
Lodge 229 A.F. & A.M.

Mark R. Mefford, 36, of Coeburn, passed away Sunday (Oct. 21, 2003) in the Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

He was an employee of the B.A. Mullican Flooring Company, a member of the Appalachia Masonic Lodge 229 A.F. & A.M. and a Ham Radio Operator.

Survivors include his wife, Remona Lou Mefford; daughter, Julia Christine Mefford of Wise; his mother, Lana Mefford of Norton; brother, Robbie Mefford of Norton; maternal

grandmother, Nancy Ring of Coeburn; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn with the Rev. Joe Dearry officiating.

Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Calling hours are after 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Masonic services will be at 7:30 p.m. conducted by the Appalachia Masonic Lodge 229 A.F. & A.M.

KATHLEEN MILHORN

Retired LPN

Kathleen Dishman Milhorn, 84, of Wise, passed away Saturday (Sept. 27, 2003) at the Norton Community Hospital, Norton.

She was a retired LPN from the Wise Hospital, Wise and was of the Protestant faith.

Surviving are sons, Sammy Osborne of Wise, and Johnny Dishman of South Carolina; sister, Margie Mayes of Norton; grandson, Samuel R. Osborne of Woodstock, Ga.; a special caregiv-

er, Tina Sluss of Pound.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wise Cemetery with Pastor Ben Murphy officiating.

Sturgill Funeral Homes, Wise, is in charge of arrangements.

MARK E. MILLER

Employee of Fran Large Trucking

Mark Edward Miller, 33, of Wise, died Tuesday (Oct. 21, 2003).

He was an employee of Fran Large Trucking in Wise as a coal truck driver.

He had also driven cross country for several years.

Mr. Mullins was preceded in death by his father, William "Buck" Miller and one daughter, Jessica Adrian Miller.

Survivors include his wife, Samantha Miller; daughters, Sasha Miller, Markie Miller, Konstance Miller, Adrionna Miller and Destiny Miller all of Wise; his mother, Marie Miller of Wise; brother, Jimmy Miller of Wise; sister, Janice Roberts of Wise; a special aunt and uncle, Danny and Sandra Moore; very special friends, Keith Boatright and Michael Collins.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel in Wise with Brother Joe Dearry and Pastor Bruce Martin officiating.

Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Calling hours are from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

WILLARD H. MILLER

World War II veteran

Willard Humphrey Miller, 79, of Abingdon, died Sunday (October 19, 2003) in Alpharetta, Ga.

He was born in Big Stone Gap, the son of Willard Sale and Louise Goodloe Miller. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee University, served three years in the U.S. Army during World War



II, and was a retailer by profession, working for Miller and

Rhoads in Richmond, Fieldcrest Mills in Columbus, Ga., and after retirement was owner of Miller Antiques in Abingdon. He held a life-long love for family, friends, flowers, theater, travel, antiques, and all things beautiful. He enjoyed life to the fullest.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Patricia; three sons and their families, Craig and Carolyn Miller and children, Megan, Ben, Hamilton, Mallory, Alex, and Carson of Alpharetta, Ga.; John and Kathlyn Miller and children, Michelle and Kyle of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; and Tom and Caroline Miller and children, Michael and Elizabeth of Stone Mountain, Ga.

The family will receive friends at Farris Funeral Center from 4-6 pm, Sunday, Oct. 26. A memorial service will be held at Big Stone Gap Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 27.

Contributions may be made to Goodloe Brothers Educational Endowment Fund, Mountain Empire Community College, P.O. Drawer 700, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219

LOIS S. MOLINARY

Member of Clintwood
United Methodist Church

Lois Spivey Molinary 80, of Clintwood, passed away at her home Wednesday (Oct. 29, 2003).

She had lived in Dickenson County all of her life and was a member of Clintwood United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Ernest Molinary.

She is survived by three daughters, Jo M. Copeland of Abingdon, Jan Zimmer and husband Walt of Abingdon, Jenny Simchock and husband Bob of Durham, N.C.; two sisters, Anne Beeler of Oxford, Ohio, Betty Bolling of Concord, N.C.; one brother, James R. Spivey of Occoquan; two grandchildren, Sarah Copeland and Robert Copeland; special friends, Thelma Graham, Remona Clay, Brenda Smith and Shirley Webb; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Bill Cahill officiating. Burial will be in the Temple Hill Memorial Park Cemetery Castlewood. Friends and family will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel.

Contributions may be made to Clintwood United Methodist Church

REV. DELMON D. MOORE

Member of the Pine Creek
Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Delmon D. Moore, 75, of Clintwood, passed away Thursday (Oct. 9, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and a member of the Pine Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He had preached the word of the Lord since 1982.

Mr. Moore was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Preston and Viola Moore; his daughter, Eleanor Bernice Moore; grandsons, Leon Delmon Moore II, Andy Paul Moore; great grandson, Todd Douglas Moore.

Survivors include his wife Irene Moore; children, Henrietta Fleming and husband Richard of Ackron, Ohio, Audrey Lee Moore and husband Rev. Paul Douglass of Clintwood, Mona Rethia Mullins and husband Kenneth Ray of Clintwood, Leon Delmon Moore and wife Alisa of Dalton, Ga., Virgil Wayne Moore and wife Sherry of Clintwood; brother, Verlan Moore and wife Nora Lee of Clintwood; sister, Betty Dotson and husband Wayne of Clintwood; 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with ministers Esley Ratliff and Cline Sluss officiating.

Burial was in the Willis family cemetery, Pound River Section, Clintwood. Sons-in-law, grandsons and grandsons-in-law served as pallbearers.

HAZEL MORELOCK

Homemaker and of the Baptist faith

Hazel Pearl Morelock, 85, of Big Stone Gap, passed away at Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap, Thursday (Aug. 28, 2003).

A lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap, she was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was a member of Looney Creek Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. Morelock was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Morelock; sisters, Minnie Newton, Bess Lovell and Etta Wells; and son, John Morelock.

Survivors include sons, Michael Morelock, Big Stone Gap and Jim Morelock, Hopewell; grandchildren, Alex and Matthew Morelock; brothers, Cecil Rogers, Glen Rogers and Lloyd Rogers, all of Big Stone Gap; sisters, Kate Wilson, Duffield, Lucille Estep, Talbott, Tenn., June Bishop, Morristown, and Mollie Winstead, Bean Station, Tenn.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with the Revs. Don Estridge and Gene Swinney officiating.

Burial followed in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Friends and family served as pallbearers.

BARBARA J. (MOORE) MORGAN

Barbara J. Morgan, formerly of Norton, passed away on Friday (Oct. 30, 2003) at Baltimore Shock Trauma.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Moore, of Norton, her mother, Virginia Grube, her sister Doris (Moore) McFarland, her brothers Louis Moore and Buren Moore, all of Bel Air, Md.



Barbara is survived by her three children, her daughter, Debbie Tackett of Jenkins, Ky,

her twin sons, Tracy Morgan of Darlington, Md., and Travis Morgan of Bel Air, Md.; five grandchildren: Summer, Chris, Brittany, Chelsea, and Ricky; one brother, Mike Moore of Have De Grace, Md., and a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Ramsey Church of God. Reverend Hamm of Fallston, Md., will be officiating.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Services will begin at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to share their memories of Barbara is welcome to speak.

VINA MORRISON

Lifelong area resident

Vina Lousie Morrison, 57, of Big Stone Gap, died Friday (Aug. 22, 2003) at Ridgecrest Manor Nursing Home.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mrs. Morrison was a nurse at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Big Stone Gap.

She attended the First Apostolic Church of God in Norton.

Mrs. Morrison was preceded in death by her husband, Mel Morrison; and her mother, Margie Phillips.

Survivors include sons, James Phillips, Springfield, Ky., and Jamie Phillips, Big Stone Gap; grandchildren, Jimmy Joe Lane and Rebecca Lane; sisters, Sandy Phillips, Monks Corner, S.C., and Nila Bolling, Wise.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Gilliam Funeral Home chapel, Big Stone Gap with the Revs. John McFall and Darrell Bolling officiating.

Burial followed in Glencoe Cemetery in Big Stone Gap.

Pallbearers were Marty Phillips, Jimmy Phillips Jr., Sandy Craft, Anthony Craft, Richie Showards and Scott Caddell.

KELLY MULLINS JR.

Veteran of World War II

Kelly Mullins Jr., 81, of Kingsport, Tenn., passed away Monday (Dec. 15, 2003) at the Sunbridge Hillside Manor in Kingsport.

He was a retired home construction worker, a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army, and was of the Freewill Baptist faith.



Surviving are four sons, Garrell Ray Mullins and wife Deborah of Winchester, Va., Kenneth Lee Mullins and Ricky Dennis Mullins, both of Kingsport, and Donald Kelly Mullins of Fredericksburg; three daughters, Sheena Mullins Howtz and husband Daniel of Fredericksburg, Debra Dunlap and husband Bracky of Winchester and Rita Carlin and husband Donald of Fredericksburg; one brother, Eugene Yates of Kingsport; five sisters, Beatrice Light of Kingsport, Violet Culbertson of Warrenton, Nell Brown of Front Royal, Ova Greene of Wise and Lucille Cornett of Kentucky; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with the Rev. Lindsey Cornett officiating.

Burial will follow in the Round Top Cemetery with military graveside rites being conducted by the Norton VFW Post 4301 of Norton.

ALLIE VIRGIE MULLINS

Allie Virgie Mullins, age 87, of Pound, died Friday (Aug. 8, 2003) in Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.



Allie attended Pyles Memorial

Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Harvey Mullins and Nancy Short Mullins; four brothers, Farley Mullins, Warren Mullins, Auville Mullins and William Harvey Mullins Jr., and three sisters, Gusta Cantrell, Vesta Mullins and Mallie Boggs.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Shortt Phillips and husband Lynn Ray Phillips, Clintwood, and Sandra Mullins and husband Willie Mullins, Pound; son, Charles Mullins and wife Kathy Mullins, Wise; sister, Audrey Mullins, Wise; grandchildren, Lisa Collins, Tim Shortt, Crystal Bowman, Michelle Mullins and Brandy Mullins; step-grandchildren, Josh and Courtney, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday in Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home Pound, with Revs. Randy Carter and Danny Mullins officiating.

Interment followed in Lev Cantrell Cemetery, Pound. Pallbearers were family and friends.

CHARLES ALLEN MULLINS

Professor of horticulture

Charles Allen Mullins, 63, of Crossville, Tenn., passed away Sunday (Dec. 21, 2003) in the Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

He was born June 23, 1940 in Wise, son of Cecil and Eunice Mae Short Mullins. Mr. Mullins was a horticulturist for the U.T. Experimental Farm and was a Professor of Horticulture at the University of Tennessee for 37 years.

He was a member of the Taylor's Chapel Methodist Church and a heart transplant for 17 years. Mr. Mullins was also a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Ann Eldridge Mullins, Crossville, Tenn.; two sons, Tony Mullins, Atlanta, Ga., Brian Mullins, Crossville, Tenn.; three grandchildren: Heather, Chris and Daniel; one sister, Betty Sandoval, Boise, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by parents, Cecil and Mae Mullins.

Services were conducted at 10 a.m. (CST) Saturday, Dec. 27, from the Chapel of Bilbrey Funeral Home, Crossville, Tenn., with burial in Pomona Cemetery, and Revs. Cliff Ingram and Phillip Malone officiating.

Pallbearers were John Loy, Paul Hopkins, Gerald Boggs, Jeremy Grant, Dennis Heath and Charles Dixon. The family requests that memorials be made to the Scholarship Fund at the Highland Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., 106 S. Main St., Crossville, Tenn. 38555.

CLYDE MULLINS

Owner/operator of Double "M" Coal

Clyde A. Mullins, 74, of the Olinger community, Big Stone Gap, passed away Monday (Dec. 22, 2003) in Olinger.

He was a native of Pound and had lived in Olinger since 1975. He was owner/operator of Double "M" Coal Company. He was of Freewill Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gurvis Mullins; a half-brother, Stuart Whit; and a half-sister, Norma Bryant.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Mullins, Wise; two daughters, Genetta Boggs, Pound, and Greta Stanley and husband, Tommy, of Pound; son, Arnel Mullins of Olinger; six grandchildren, Dana Mullins, Pound, Reagan Maggard, Kingsport, Tenn., Wesley Boggs, Michael Boggs and Camron Boggs, all of Pound, and Abigail Mullins of Big Stone Gap; three great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Belcher; half brothers and sisters, Mildred Gibson, Mary Maggard, Gerrie Sowards, Dewey Whit, Ronald Whit and Jimmy Whit; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Meade Cemetery, Pound, with the Rev. Greg Cyphers officiating. Pallbearers were Arnel Mullins, Michael Boggs, Tommy Stanley, Bill Sergeant, Rick Hale and Harold Sturgill.

Holding Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CORA MULLINS

Member of Sweet Home Church

Cora Mullins, 74, of Clintwood, died Sunday (Aug. 31, 2003) at Bon Secour's St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She had been a member of Sweet Home Church for 39 years.

Mrs. Mullins was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Henry Henderson Mullins; her parents, Gilbert and Elizabeth Moore; three brothers, Guy, Ray and Leonard Moore and one precious grandchild, Madonna Leshà Mullins.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Roy E. and Angie Mullins of Clintwood, Gilbert Harold and Janice Mullins of Coeburn and Darrell Wayne and Joyce Mullins of Clintwood; daughters and sons-in-law, Glenna Mae Zachary Mullins of Lebanon, Garnett Gaye and James Carl (Jimmy C.) Mullins and Norma Faye and Cruse Wallace all of Clintwood; sisters, her twin Nora Mullins and Opal Dutton, both of Clintwood and Oma Mullins of

Coeburn; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; special little boy, Patrick Stanley; special little girls, Alishia Turner, Haley Mullins, Kaylee Mullins and Victoria Lee; special friends, Anita Mullins and Dorothy Mullins; several other friends and relatives.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Mullins Funeral Home with clergymen Joe Dearry and Lynn Vanover officiating. Burial will follow in the Kennedy and Stanley Cemetery, Caney Ridge section of Coeburn.

Pallbearers are Jimmy, Zachary, Clifton, Roy II, Robert, Harold Jr., Brent, Zachary Lee and Josh Sutherland.

Honorary pallbearers are Rodney Newsome, Patrick Stanley, Kevin Mays, Eddie Allen, Dr. N.C. Ratliffe, Greg Jackson, Roggie Lee, Rick Mullins, brothers-in-law, and members of Sweet Home and Caney Fork United Baptist Church and Bethel and Flat Gap United Baptist Church.

Calling hours are at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with a song service at 7 p.m.

CYNTHIA STALLARD MULLINS

Attended Mt. Olive Freewill
Baptist Church

Cynthia Stallard Mullins, 88, of Wise, passed Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) at the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Mullins was the daughter of the late Leland and Susie Stallard and the wife of the late Owen Mullins. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Hall.

She was of the Freewill Baptist faith and had attended the Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Louise Mullins of Wise; a foster daughter, Colleen Moore of Wise; one granddaughter, Susan Dotson of Salem; two foster grandchildren, Brian Moore of Wise and Burton Moore of Georgia; three great-grandchildren, Adam Chaffin and Jessica Dotson, both of Wise and Ashleigh Dotson of Salem; three foster great-grandchildren, Dakota Moore and Taylor Moore, both of Wise and Kable Moore of Georgia; a sister, Elva Powers of Wise.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Sturgill

Funeral Home chapel in Wise, with the Rev. Randy Sturgill officiating. Burial followed in the Skeens Cemetery.

DARREL E. MULLINS

Well-known local bluegrass musician

Darrel Elree Mullins, 35, of Clinchco, passed away Friday (Nov. 21, 2003) at his residence.

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and was well known as a local bluegrass musician.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mescal Mullins.

Survivors include father Frank Mullins and his wife Betty; one daughter, Darylann Mullins of Bluefield; one son, Logan Mullins of Bluefield; two sisters, Carol Mullins and Pam Morse, both of Clinchco; two stepbrothers, Dwayne Barton and Michael Barton, both of Clinchco; one stepsister, Charlene Blevins of Clinchco.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Lester Mullins officiating.

Burial followed in the Sykes cemetery, Rt. 3, Clintwood.

Pallbearers were Daniel Morse, Mike Barton, Dwayne Barton, Kenneth Adkins, Kevin Mullins, Donald Broyels, Mike Smith, Ray Lyall and Brian Moore.

Honorary pallbearers were Joey Fletcher, Michelle Barger, Danny Sykes and Dennis Sykes.

Donations may be made to Mullins Funeral Home, P.O. Box 928, Clintwood, Va. 24228.

GRACE MULLINS

Dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

Mrs. Grace Mullins, 84, of Pound, went home to be with the Lord on Friday (Nov. 14, 2003) at her home with her family by her side.

Mrs. Mullins was preceded in death by two sons, Tommy Mullins and Danny Mullins; and one sister, Margie Fritts.

Grace was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Mullins, Pound; son, Randy Mullins, Sevierville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Danny Mullins, T.W. Mullins, Courtney Meade, Kelly Speed; great-grandchildren, Daniel Mullins, Lakyn Mullins, Brittany Meade, Lauryn Grace Mullins; sister, Hazel Nelson, Pound; brother, Dale Fritts, Baltimore, Md.; a host of friends and loved ones.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with the Rev. John McCarroll officiating.

Interment was in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

HAZEL MULLINS

Hazel Fairybell Stanley Mullins, of Clintwood, passed away Friday (Aug. 8, 2003) surrounded by her family.

She was born on June 1, 1921, in Hayer, Ky. She was the daughter of Cleveland and Rhetta Stanley.

Mrs. Mullins was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Henry Albert Mullins; three sons Sterling, Charles and Vernon; two infant daughters; also her sisters Goldie Mullins, Pina Dotson and Lilly Hamilton, and a half brother Bobby Stanley.

Survivors include sons, Verlo Mullins of Ozark, Ala., Daniel Mullins of Anderson, S.C., Lester Mullins of Clintwood and Clyde Mullins of Newton, N.C.; daughters, Joanne McPeck and Fay Sykes of Clintwood, Betty Branham of Clinchco, May Skeen of St. Paul and Evelyn Phipps of Coeburn, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; half sisters, Ruby and Opal; half brother, Billy; her special friend, Flor Mullins, who was like a sister to her.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Mullins Funeral Home in Clintwood. Burial followed in Powers Branch Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons Albert McPeck, Jesse McPeck, Nathaniel Mullins, Bryan Mullins, Randall Charles Mullins and Jonathan Mullins.

"BOOKIE" MULLINS

"Bookie" James Arthor Mullins, 37, of Big Stone Gap, died Friday (Dec. 5, 2003) at Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap.

He lived most of his life in the Big Stone Gap area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Loretta Mullins.

Survivors include his daughter, Kayla Mullins of the home, who was the light of his life; his wife, Gloria Mullins, Appalachia; grandmother, Nan Gallway, Big Stone Gap; brothers, Harold Mullins Jr., Larry Mullins and Ernie Mullins, all of Big Stone Gap; and sister, Linda Henry, Big Stone Gap.

Services were private.

Burial was held Monday (Dec. 8, 2003) in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.


Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, was in charge of arrangements.

JEWELL D. MULLINS

Veteran of the U.S. Army

Jewell Dempsey Mullins, 71, of Pound, passed away Monday (Dec. 22, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital, Norton.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather, and a retired surface miner and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Dempsey was also a member of the Franks Creek Freewill Baptist Church and the Pound  Masonic Lodge 59 AF&AM.

Mr. Mullins was preceded in death by his parents, John A. and America (Crabtree) Mullins; a daughter, Valoria Mullins; three brothers, Wesley Mullins, Otto Mullins and Edison Mullins; and a sister, Vaxie Mullins.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Mae Mullins of the home; daughters, Carmella Jackson, Rochester, Ind., Crystal Dawn Mullins, Pound, Rhonda Rutherford, Lebanon, Delona Maggard, Eolia, Ky.; sons, Jeff Rose, Aaron Rose and Tim Rose, all of Pound; sisters, Carnezia Mullins, Irene Stanley, Jettie Stanley, Viva Peak, all of Clintwood, and Von Murphy, Tupelo, Miss.; brother, Johnnie Franklin Mullins, Clintwood; 11 grandchildren; also raised two grandchildren, Nicole Sunshine Hoyt and Eric Lee Hoyt, both of Clintwood; father-in-law, Woodrow Stallard, Wise; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Calling hours were Friday. Pound Masonic Lodge 59 AF&AM held a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound, with the Revs. Verdell Sturgill and Hoye Tompkins officiating.

Clintwood VFW Post conducted military graveside services at Stallard Cemetery, Pound.

Family and friends served as

LULA CANTRELL MULLINS

Member of the Pound VFW Post 9600

Lula Cantrell Mullins, 92, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday (Nov. 4, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

She attended the Old Regular Baptist Church and was a member of the Pound VFW Post 9600 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.M. and Dulcena Stanley Cantrell; husband, Friend Mullins; son, Olles Roy Mullins; two brothers, Fitzhugh Cantrell and Luther Cantrell; one sister, Ruthie Dotson.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Chester and Jeanette Mullins and Curtis Ray and Shirley Mullins all of Pound; two brothers, Carson Cantrell and Fred Cantrell both of Pound; six sisters, Oma Mullins and Eva Vanover both of Pound, Goldie Dotson, Edith Belcher, and Ella Jane Mullins all of Wise, and Martha Fleming of Florida; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Wise, with the Elder Willie Cantrell, Elder Trinkle Mullins and Elder Conard Stallard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jimmy Cantrell Cemetery,

REV. L. MYERS MULLINS

Rev. L. Myers Mullins, 81, of Clintwood, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport.

He was a well known minister in Dickenson County and was the pastor for over 50 years at the Cumberland Church of the Brethren. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Mullins was preceded in death by his first wife Retta Smith Mullins; son, Roger D. Mullins; and three brothers, Johnny Wilson Mullins, Arnold Mullins and James O. (Offie) Mullins.

Survivors include his wife Tona Mullins of Clintwood; son, Jackie Mullins and wife Judy of Clintwood; step-sons, Doug Rose and wife Becky of Clintwood and Don Rose and wife Tina of Louisiana; daughter-in-law, Margaret Triplett of Clintwood; sister, Evelean Willis of Rt. 2 Coeburn; brother, Tannel Mullins of Clintwood; two granddaughters; three step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one step-great grandson.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. in the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with ministers Jimmy Hopson, Tommy England and Joe Glenn Sluss officiating. Burial will follow in the Dan Hay Cemetery, Rt. 3, Wildcat Ridge section, Clintwood. Pallbearers will be Harold Mullins, David Mullins, Lester Mullins, Harold Rose, Crawford Ramey, Gary Farmer and Brothers in the church. Honorary pallbearers will be Fawn Moore, Farley Dutton, Dr. J.P. Senter, Dr. Pat Vanover, Doug Fleming, Doug Rose, Donald Rose, Jeremy Rose, Charlie Dotson, David Triplett and Rodney Fleming.

Mullins Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

REV. TED MULLINS

Ordained in the ministry in 1953.

Rev. Ted Mullins, 86, of Norton, went to be with the Lord Sunday (Dec. 21, 2003) at the Norton Community Hospital.

He was the son of the late William J. and Victoria Mullins.

Mr. Mullins was preceded in death by his wife, Alta; brothers, sisters and grandchild. He was ordained in the ministry in 1953. A member of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist and lifetime member of Rachel Chapel Church. He was a loved member of the community and retired coal miner.

Survivors include sons, Parkis Mullins of Drakes Branch and Napoleon Mullins of Orange; two

daughters, Janice Wolfe of Summerville, W. Va. and Carol Stanley of Norton; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24 at the Clintwood Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Tom Slemp officiating. Burial will follow at the Kennedy Cemetery, Caney Ridge section of Dickenson County. Pallbearers will be grandsons and great-grandsons.

The family will receive friends after 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with a song service at 7 p.m. ▲

ROCKY S. MULLINS

Rocky Stan Mullins, 45, of Clintwood, died Sunday (Oct. 26, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley, Kingsport, Tenn. with his family by his side.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Gordon Singleton and a nephew, Adam Shane Anderson.

Survivors include his mother, Vadney Bernice Mullins Estep of Pound; daughter, Ashley Hope Mullins of Jenkins, Ky.; step-daughters, Shelley McCowan and Tonya McCowan, both of Clintwood; stepsons, Dewayne Wellborn of Clintwood; grandson, Austin Joseph Jenkins; step grandchildren, Cameron Stanley, Billy McCowan, Justin McCowan, Melony McCowan, Alison McCowan, Jennifer McCowan, Krister McCowan, Jordan McCowan, Dalton Wellborn and Cierra Wellborn; sisters, Sandi Renea Anderson of Chatworth, Ga.; nephews, Randy Lane Anderson II and Dustin Scott Anderson; a special friend, Karen Stanley; several aunts, uncles and a host of friends of loved ones.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home.

Calling hours are from 5-9 p.m. Thursday with a 7 p.m. service at the funeral home with the Revs. Danny Mullins, Willie Mullins and Benny McCall officiating.

Interment will be in the Levi Cantrell Cemetery in Pound.

Pallbearers are Robbie Mullins, Dewayne Wellborn, Michael Mullins, Richard Mullins, Dustin Anderson, Franklin Mullins, Randy Anderson and Randy Anderson II.

TENNIE V. MULLINS

World War II Army

Tennie Virgil Mullins, 77, Coeburn, Dry Fork Road, passed away Friday (Sept. 5, 2003).

He was born and raised in Dickenson County.

Mr. Mullins was preceded in death by his wife Ocie Ebell (Meade) Mullins, his parents Hardy and Cynthia Mullins, and

sister Jean Conley. Mr.



Mullins was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include sons, Philip Mullins of Coeburn; Lloyd Mullins of Hampton; Virgil Mullins of Warsaw; daughters, Tena Slayson of Oklahoma City, Okla., Pamela Dale of Sacramento, Calif.; sisters, Delores Catty and Joyce Mullins both of Coeburn, Marlene McFall of Clintwood, Thelma Woodward, Jequita Briskney both of Ohio; brothers, Johnny Mullins of Fort Myers, Fla., Hershel Mullins of Ohio; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Hassie Made officiating. Burial will be in the Phipps Memorial Cemetery, Clintwood.

Active pallbearers are Lloyd Mullins, Jr., Florian Luncan, Sammy Catty, Garret McFall, Mike Meade, and Rodney Mullins.

Honorary pallbearers are Billy Conley and Avery Carty.

The family will receive friends at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel.

WILLIAM C. MULLINS

Member of Clintwood Masonic Lodge

William (Bill) Clarence Mullins, 75, of Clintwood, passed away Friday (Sept. 26, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

He was a member of the Clintwood Masonic Lodge, No. 66. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Mullins and Hattie Hibbits Mullins, brother, Joseph Mullins, and sister, Jean Cochran. He was also preceded in death by five infant brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Carrie Hamilton Mullins; daughters, Judy Short and husband Bobby, and Diana Childress and husband Tommy; sisters, Lelia Faye Leshner and Tom of Gainesville, Ruby Helen Mullins and Farris of West, Virginia, Lucille Branham and Bill and Laverne McClanahan, all of Clintwood; grandchildren, Kristy Childress of Clintwood, Vance Surratt and wife Kay of Dandridge, Tenn., and Jason Childress and wife Harriett of Mebane, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Reagan Fryatt, Ashton Childress, Amber Surratt and Logan Surratt; a host of special nieces and nephews and cousins and special friends, Alex Sluss, Richard Sluss and Bill Fleming.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, in the Phipps Memorial Cemetery, with Clergymen Lynn Vanover and Joe Glenn Sluss officiating.

Active pallbearers were grandsons, Vance Surratt and Jason Childress, sons-in-law, Tommy Childress and Bobby Short, and special friends, Alex Sluss, Richard Sluss and Bill Fleming.

Mullins Funeral Home is serving the Mullins family.

ONA NAPIER

Member of Robinette's Chapel
in Big Stone Gap

Ona Mae Napier, 81, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) at

Heritage Hall Health Care in Big Stone Gap.

She lived most of her life in Big Stone Gap and Appalachia and was a homemaker and a member of Robinette's Chape, Big Stone Gap.

Survivors include sons and daughters, Douglas Carroll Stidham and Danny Ray McDonough, both of New Baden, Ill., Marvin Jeter McDonough, Tacoma, Wash., Ernest James McDonough and Judy Ann Boatright, both of Big Stone Gap and Nancy S. Barnett, Derby; brothers, Chester Hill and Arthur Hill, both of Winter Haven, Fla.; sister, Alice Warren, Corbin, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at noon Saturday at Robinette's Chapel with Pastor Don Childress officiating. Burial followed in Glencoe Cemetery, Big Stone Gap. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Gilliam Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CLYDE M. NEFF

Worked for L & N Railroad

Clyde M. Neff, 93, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Wednesday (Sept. 10, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

He was born in Rose Hill, lived for many years in Keokee and had been a resident of Big Stone Gap since 1976.

He worked for L & N Railroad during World War II and was a retired coal miner, having worked in the Glenbrook Mines in Kentucky until his retirement.

Mr. Neff was a member of U.M.W.A. District No. 28, Local No. 1055. He was of Presbyterian faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morgan Neff and Dora (Carmony) Neff; three sisters, Margaret High, Myrtle Marcum and Florence Ball; and a brother, Elmer Neff.

Survivors include son, Clyde Eddie Neff and wife, Nancy, of Castlewood; daughter, Mrs. Art (Nancy) Daar Bellevue, Wash.; granddaughter, William J. (Lisa) McCarty, Castlewood; grandsons, Adam and Karen Dan, Dosaquah, Wash. and Aaron Daar, Mountain View, Calif.; special great-granddaughter, Bridgette McCarty, Castlewood; sister, Ollie Randall, Needles, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

RUBY Y. NEFF

Member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist
Church in Keokee

Ruby Yeary Neff, 88, of Big
Stone Gap, passed away Tuesday
(Sept. 30, 2003) at
Wellmont-Lonesome Pine
Hospital.

She was born in Big Stone Gap
and lived in Keokee, before mov-
ing back to Big Stone Gap in 1976.
She was a member of the Pleasant
Hill Baptist Church in Keokee.

Mrs. Neff was preceded in
death by her husband of 69 years,
Clyde M. Neff; her parents, Frank
and Nancy Jane (Wade) Yeary;
five brothers, Bradley Yeary,
Jennings Veary, Jim Yeary, Curtis
Ye Yeary, and Will Yeary; four sis-

JAMES LESTER NEWSOM

Home furnishings owner

James Lester Newsom, of Coeburn, passed away Tuesday (Aug. 26, 2003) at the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital Big Stone Gap.

He was the owner and operator of Newsom Home Furnishings in Appalachia, was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army/Air Force and was a member and former deacon of the First Baptist Church in Appalachia.

A devoted husband for 55 years he is survived by his lovely wife, Dorothy Jean Newsom; sister, Lelia Dye of Bristol, Penn.

Services will be held at 8 o.m. Thursday at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Coeburn, with the Rev. Charles K. Sharpe officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Glencoe Cemetery Big Stone Gap, with Military Rites being conducted by the Norton VFW Post No. 4301 of Norton.

The family will receive

friends from 6 p.m. until time of services at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

THEODORE NEWSOME

Veteran of World War II



Theodore Newsome, 76, of Pound, passed away Tuesday (Sept. 23, 2003) at the Norton Community Hospital Norton.

He was a self employed coal truck driver and a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Newsome was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Ann Newsome; parents, Sam and Dolly Newsome; three sisters, Kate Wright, Cora Elkins and Dorothy Pilkenton.

Surviving are sons, Randall and wife Gidget Newsome and Mark Newsome all of Pound, and David Newsome of Pickens, S.C.; daughter, Cassia and husband Stanley Jones of Pound; brothers, Freddie Newsome and Johnny Newsome both of Winsboro, Texas; sisters, June Taylor of Pound, Blanche

Meade of Norton, Gada Vanderford of Tuscaloosa, Ala. and Janice Miller of Coeburn.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Wise, with the Evangelist E.R. Hall Jr. officiating.

Burial will follow in the Dewey Memorial Cemetery Pound.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with an evening song service at 7 p.m.

LEOLINE C. NIEBUR

Enjoyed flowers, hummingbirds

Leoline C. Niebur, 74, of Pittsfield, Ill. died Tuesday (Sept. 2, 2003) at 11:05 p.m. in Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

She was born in Hardin Township in Pike County, Ill. on Sept. 16, 1928 to the late Leo Bliss and Gertrude A. Norton Willard. She was married to Paul E. Niebur, who survives on Nov. 10, 1950 at the Pittsfield United Methodist Church. She worked at Strauss in Pittsfield in her early years, Pikeland School Cafeteria, Kendall Accounting and First Bank, both in Pittsfield.

She was a member of the Pittsfield First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, served as treasurer of the Madonna Circle, she was very active in her church, a member of Interested Mother's Club (I.M.C.), Den Mother in Cub Scouts and Brownie Troop leader, helped prepare for communion on the first Sunday of each month, enjoyed playing cards, her flowers around the house, collected hummingbirds, traveling and visiting with a host of family and friends, especially enjoyed going to her cousin Marilyn and Carl Riley's cabin south of Time.

Survivors include her husband, Paul E. Niebur; son Mike and wife Jennifer Niebur of Pittsfield; daughters Mrs. Rhonda (Dr. William) Goins Wise, Mrs. Jill (Jeff) Jesberg, Riverton, Ill., step daughter, Mrs. Julie (Dennis) Hamilton, Edwardsville, Ill.; brother Delbert Willard, Pittsfield; and sister Mrs. Eloise (George) Claus, Pittsfield; grandchildren, Kelly Goins, Josh Smith, Brice Jesberg, Katie Jesberg, Nicholas Niebur, Tom Ellis, Stephanie Cheever and Holly Cordum and three great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Pittsfield, with Rev. Dale Wilfong officiating.

Burial followed at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pittsfield.

Memorials may be made to the Pittsfield United Methodist Church or Oakwood Cemetery.

Niebur Funeral Home is handling all the arrangements. Condolences to the family may be sent to www.nieburfh.com

VIRGINIA I. NOSLER

Virginia Irene Nosler, 80, of Norton, passed away Tuesday (Sept. 9, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Norton.

She was of the Protestant faith.

Mrs. Nosler was preceded in death by her husband, Dencil Lee (Oop) Nosler; her parents, Martin and Myrtle Rose Roberts Stidham and a brother, Woodson (Buddy) Stidham.

Survivors include daughter, Pamela Kay Bresher of Dayton, Ohio; sisters, Helen M. Kaylor And Christine Dye, both of Norton; special niece, Sheree Mullins and husband, Ronald; and great-nieces, Brittany Mullins and Hannah Mullins.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Wise, with Rev. Bruce Martin officiating.

Graveside committal services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Laurel Grove Cemetery, Norton.

Calling hours are 5:30 p.m. until time of services at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

ROBERT LEE O'QUINN

Robert Lee O'Quinn, 54, of Clinchco, passed away (Thursday Aug. 14, 2003).

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County.

Mr. O'Quinn was preceded in death by his father Alfred O'Quinn.

Survivors include his wife Garnette O'Quinn; children, Robert Lee O'Quinn Jr., Becky O'Quinn, both of Rockford, Ill., Jarvis Flint of Clintwood; brothers, Billy Joe O'Quinn of Denton, N.C., Jackie

O'Quinn of Clintwood; three grandchildren; his mother, Virginia O'Quinn of Clintwood.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel, Clintwood with Freddie Boyd officiating.

Burial will be in the Mullins Family Cemetery, Rt. 2 Georges Fork Section, Clintwood.

Pallbearers will be: Daniel Carico, Grant Fullen, Vaughn Fullen, Mike Sexton, Freddie Boyd, Garnette O'Quinn and John Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mullins Funeral Home.

MARGARET OWENS

Margaret "Ruby" Owens, of Coeburn, passed away Friday (Aug. 15, 2003).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul J. Owens; father, Burns Edwards; mother, Havana Hay Edwards; five half brothers, Homer, Bill, James, Edward and Rural Scyphers, and four great-grandchildren.

Ruby was well-known for her many fine qualities, including a strong work ethic. She holds the honor and distinction of being the State of Virginia's first female federal mine inspector.

Ruby was a blessing and inspiration to us all, dearly loved and appreciated by everyone whose life was touched by her. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include daughters and son, Paula Pope, Sandra Mullins, Susan Mullins, Perry "P.J." Fuller Owens Jr., all of Coeburn, and Diana Yates and Cheryl Mullins of Clintwood; sister, Mildred Deel; half-sister, Pam McMillan; stepmother, Pauline Edwards; stepsisters, Jama Arrington, Joyce Looney and Janet Edwards; stepbrothers, James Wayne and Elliot "Junior" Vires; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, in the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Robison Family Cemetery, Neely Ridge section, with Rev. Danny Mullins and Minister Toby Counts officiating.

MELANIE A. OWENS

Melanie Ann Owens, 36, of Clintwood, passed away Sunday (Sept. 14, 2003).

Words can never express how much she will be missed.

Survivors include her mother, Geraldine Owens of Dukedom, Ky.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shelia and Vern Hamet of Dukedom, Vicky and Randy Moore of St. Louis, Mo.; brothers and sister-in-law, Mike Owens and David and Regina Owens, all of Dukedom; several nieces and nephews; her fiancé, Roy Hicks of Clintwood, his children and grandchildren, Jason, Stacy and Allie Hicks of Clintwood, Shane and Stacy Hicks of Wise, Sonya, Bradley and Miana Fleming of Clintwood, Tonya, Aaron, Nicholas and Ariana Gentry of Wise, Gina and Ginger Hicks of Clintwood; several friends including a very special friend, Jody Pallas.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Clintwood Baptist Church with pastor Allen Bonnell officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lambert family cemetery, Hatchett section of Nora.

Pallbearers will be friends and family, Larkin Turner, Charles Hay, Jason Hicks, Shane Hicks, Jason Nichols and Johnny Nichols.

Mullins Funeral Home is serving the family.

VICTOR ROGER OWENS

Victor Roger Owens, 60, passed away Saturday (Sept. 6, 2003) in the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Stella Owens; two brothers, Billy Owens and Raymond Owens.

Survivors include sons, Zack Owens of Coeburn, Beau Perry of South Carolina and Jonathan Weiant of Norton; daughters, Lisa Nicole Owens of Norton, Donna Owens, Mary Beth Owens both of Ohio and Vickey Owens of Texas; sisters, Mavis Mullins of Coeburn, Connie Flanary of Ohio and Audrey Wendell of California, several grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Coeburn with the Rev. Joe Dearry officiating. Burial will follow in the Laurel Grove Cemetery Norton. Visitation is from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

HERMAN PERRY

Herman Perry, 72, of Wise, died Saturday (Oct. 25, 2003) in Heritage Hall Health Care, Wise.

He was a retired coal miner.

Mr. Perry was preceded in death by his parents, Cleveland and Gladys Cox Perry and two brothers, Clayford and Carlos Perry.

Survivors include four children; brothers, Onsby Perry, Nickelsville, Delno Perry, Sevierville, Tenn.; sisters, Mona Buchanan, Johnson City, Tenn., Helen Via, Sevierville, Tenn., Lucille Cox, Wise, Geraldine Burkey, Pennsylvania; Kayrene Herron, Norton, Lena Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Roger Freeman.

Graveside committal services will be conducted 1 p.m.

LAURA LYON PETERS

Member, pianist of Powell Valley
Presbyterian Chapel

Laura Peters, of Powell Valley, ended her journey on this earth on Tuesday (Feb. 10, 2004).

She moved to her heavenly home to be with her God and Master. Waiting for her there were her husband, Willie Joe Peters; and her beloved Mommy and Dad, James and Emily Moore Lyon; and all of her 11 brothers and sisters. It must have been a great celebration.

Laura lived most of her life in Powell Valley which she dearly loved and beautified with her many flower gardens. She was a

dedicated homemaker and devoted supporter of her husband. Their marriage was one of love and devotion to one another.

She was a member of Powell Valley Presbyterian Chapel where she served as pianist for many years. She was a 1933 graduate of East Stone Gap High School.

Survivors on Earth include one daughter, Louise Bernadette Peters Jones and five grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Corrie Lyons of Powell Valley; and many loving nieces and nephews who all had great respect for Aunt Laura.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with the Revs. Hugh D. Bowers and Katherine Jackson officiating.

Burial followed in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

BETTY SUE PHILLIPS

Betty Sue Phillips, 50, of Rocky Mountain, passed away at home Friday (Sept. 26, 2003).

She was preceded in death by her brother Roy Eugene Ramey.

Survivors include her husband Ronnie D. Phillips, daughters Mary L. Brubaker and Kimberly

S. Phillips and son Jesse James Phillips, all of Rocky Mountain; her mother and stepfather Bernice and Johnny Sluss of Rocky Mountain; her father and stepmother Bill and Fannie Ramey of Rocky Mountain; grandchildren Brandon and Brittany Brubaker and Calvin Phillips; sisters Oria Jane Hubbard and husband Jackie of Rocky Mountain, Linda Faye Dobbs and husband David of Port Richie, Fla., Penny I. Ramey of Rocky Mountain; brothers Luther W. Ramey and wife Gail of Norton, Rex Allen Ramey, Billy W. Ramey and wife Ala Sue of Rocky Mountain, James R. Ramey, Michael L. Ramey, Scott Ramey and wife Jennifer, all of Rocky Mountain; stepbrother Freddie Dean and wife Lisa of Huntersville, N.C.; several nieces and nephews and a very special mother-in-law Alma Marie Phillips of Clintwood.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Kermit Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Niece Cemetery, Rt. 1, Dante, Bear Ridge section.

Pallbearers were: Bobby Phillips, Mark Phillips, Luke Ramey, Anthony Ramey, Bobby Rainey and George Treadway.

CHARLES PHILLIPS

Automobile mechanic

Charles J. Phillips, 81, of Wise, passed away Sunday (Aug. 24, 2003) at his home.

He was an automobile mechanic for several years and was retired employee from Witt Motor Co. in Norton. He was a



veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army, and was the recipient of the

Purple Heart and Bronze Star for bravery while in action.

He spent his lifetime to devoted church services in many local Pentecostal churches.

Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents, George Washington and Bessie Phillips Jeffrey Lynn Phillips; two brothers, Leonard Phillips and Arthur Phillips; siblings, Gracie Bee Christine, Myrtle, Marie, Carl and Delbert.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Parsons Phillips; sons and daughters-in-law, Thea and Vicky Phillips and Randy Sr. and Dorthea Phillips all of Wise; brothers, Edgar Phillips of Greenwich, Ohio and Jimmie Parker of Fleming Neon, Ky; sisters, Imogene Tilly and Geraldine Collier both of Fleming Neon, Ky and Mary Catherine Travis of Warren, Mich.; grandchildren, Randy Phillips Jr. and Heather Phillips both of Wise and Amber Coomer of Kingsport, Tenn.

JEAN LUI PHIPPS

Jean Lui Phipps, 87, of Wise, passed away Saturday (Aug. 16, 2003) in Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital following an extended illness.

She was born in Clintwood June 8, 1916, the daughter of Dr. R.L. Phipps and Toni Nidermaier Phipps. She was educated in local schools, the College of William & Mary and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. For many years she was associated with the original Dickenson County Hospital, which opened in 1930.

Since 1991 she had lived in Wise with her sister, Carol Buchanan.

In addition to her sister, she is survived by a very special friend, Versie Wells of Clintwood.

Calling hours are 12:30 until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. at Mullins Funeral Home chapel in Clintwood. Services will be held at 2 p.m. with Pastor Jim Hale and Ken Childress officiating. Burial will follow at the Phipps Memorial Cemetery in Clintwood.

Honorary pallbearers will be Paul Skeen, Alger Baker and Ben Sutherland. Active pallbearers will be Paul Buchanan, Bob Hancock, Marshall Hughes, Russell McFall, Don Smith and Weldon Wells.

GLADYS POFF

Gladys Clasby Poff, 92, of the Crackers Neck community, Big Stone Gap, passed away Friday (Aug. 16, 2003) at her home.

She was active in her community. She had taught Sunday School at Durham's Chapel Church and sung as a trio with Naomi Wells and Ruby Dickenson. She worked at the Country Boy Drive-In during the 1950's and then was employed as a cafeteria worker at Powell Valley High School for 17 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Poff; a son, Donald Poff; a daughter, Eileen Poff; a grandson, Patrick McMahan; her parents, Jim and Myrtle (Weatherly) Clasby; and also by five brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Dot Poff, Fred and Judy Poff; daughter and son-in-law, Shirley J. and Paul D. McMahan, all of Big Stone Gap; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, with the Revs. Walter Begley and James Holcomb officiating.



JOSEPH I. PROULEX

Deacon of Bondtown
Church



Joseph Isaac Proulex, 72, of Coeburn, died Friday (Jan. 2, 2004) at Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol, Tenn.

Mr. Proulex was a coal miner, deacon of

Bondtown Community Church and a U.S Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Akenawe and Ida Ruth Nixon Proulex, sister, Emma Jean Farmer and brother, Irby Proulex.

Survivors include his wife Polly Sluss Proulex; son, David Proulex, Wise; daughters, Charlotte Hamilton and Andrea Hale, both of Coeburn, Marie Porter, Clintwood and Barbara Jo Roark, Bristol, Tenn.; brothers, Jimmy Proulex, Coeburn and Ray Proulex, Bristol; sister, Evelyn Powers, Bristol; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nephews and several nieces.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Revs. Lacy Maine and Larry Mullins officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

LINDA C. MULLINS PROVANCE

Attended Zion Family Ministries

Linda C. Mullins Provance, 55, of Wise, went to be with her Lord Tuesday (Oct. 28, 2003) in the Holston Valley Hospital & Medical Center Kingsport, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Denver L. and Mary Addington Mullins.

She was a former employee of the Belk Department Store and attended the Zion Family Ministries.

Surviving are her loving husband, Allen J. Provance; a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Joel Meitz of Newport News; a granddaughter, Mallory Meitz of Newport News; a brother, Denver L. Mullins Jr. of Wise; a sister, Diane Meade of Wise.

Funeral services will be conducted 7 p.m. Friday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel Wise with the Pastor Joel Meitz officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Family Ministries, P.O. Box 3634 Wise, Va. 24293.

The family will receive friends Friday at 6 p.m. until time of service.

JEANETTE REESE

Jeanette Reese, 90, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 23, 2003) at her home.

She was formerly of Appalachia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Reese; son, Kenneth Reese; and daughter, Dolores Smith.

Survivors include three daughters, Joyce Clayton, Palm Beach, Fla., Pat Weldon, Kingsport and Susan Rivers Hughes, Big Stone Gap; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Roy A. Green Funeral Home, Appalachia, with the Rev. Garrett Lee officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

JANIE COLLINS REEVES

Member of the Trinity Life Center

Janie Collins Reeves, 47, of Wise, passed away Sunday (Nov. 16, 2003) at her home.

She was a member of the Trinity Life Center.

Surviving are her loving husband of 30 years, Danny Reeves; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Jessica Reeves of Wise; two daughters and sons-in-law, Chastity and Steve Lane of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Renee and Daniel Minnick of Winston-Salem, N.C.; four grandchildren, Justin Lane, Dylan Lane, Jacob Minnick and Katie Minnick; her mother-in-law, Lilyan Reeves of Wise.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with the Rev. John McCarroll officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wise Cemetery, Wise.

MYRTLE REEVES

Of the Protestant faith

Myrtle Blanche Reeves, 90, of Wise, passed away Friday (Dec. 19, 2003) at the St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She was of the Protestant faith.

Mrs. Reeves was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Reeves.

Surviving are a nephew, Charles Holbrook of Wise; nieces, Hazel McKinney of Thomasville, N.C., Virginia Buckles of Elizabethton, and Eloise Watson; several other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise with the Rev. Greg Sargent officiating.

Burial followed in the Wise Cemetery in Wise.

LEON B. RICHARDSON

Of the Primitive Baptist faith

Leon Beverly Richardson, 86, formerly of Wise, passed away Friday (Oct. 31, 2003) at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke.

She was a loving mother, a great homemaker and was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jason and Ora Dale Beverly; her husband, Clint C. Richardson.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Richardson of Roanoke; two sisters, Jacqueline Law and Ava Yoakum both of Bristol, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel Wise, with the Rev. David Kilgore officiating.

Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Big Stone Gap.

The Family will receive friends from 10 till time of services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

AVANEIL B. RINGLEY

Former employee of Appalachian
Regional Hospital

Avaneil Bernice Ringley, 76, of Coeburn, went to be with her Lord and Savior surrounded by her family Sunday (Nov. 23, 2003) at the Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tenn.

She was born and resided in Coeburn, former employee of Appalachian Regional Hospital in Wise and attended the Banner Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Boyce and Pearl Jones; husbands, George Wythe Taylor and Earl Ringley; brothers, Blane, Harold and Clyde Jones.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy Denise Collins of Kingsport, Tenn.; three sons, George Wythe Taylor II and Timothy Mark Ringley, both of Coeburn and James Boyce Ringley of Boonsboro, Md.; grandchildren, George Wythe Taylor III, James Boyce Ringley II, Bridgette Ann Ringley and Chance Joshua Taylor; stepchildren, Dr. Harold Ringley, Gregory J. Ringley, Alice Ratliff, all of Coeburn, Patsy Moody of Butler, Tenn., Phyllis Yeary of Greensboro, N.C. and Roberta Meade of Blountville, Tenn.; four sisters, Evelyn Grizzle and Polly Farmer, both of Coeburn, Loreeda Nieman of Fredericksburg and Margaret Dunning of New Port News.

Memorial services will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn with the Revs. Bob Stanley, Glenn Hammacker and Willie Ratliff officiating.

GORDON ROBERTS

Peacetime veteran serving
in the U.S. Army

Gordon "Buster" Roberts, 70 of Norton, passed away Monday (Sept. 29, 2003) after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

He was self-employed as a welder on heavy equipment, a peacetime veteran serving in the U.S. Army, an avid fisherman and was of the Pentecostal faith.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Herden Roberts; and one sister, Gladys Hunnicutt.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Daugherty Roberts; sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Brenda Roberts of Lexington, Ky., Tommy and Beckie Roberts of Big Stone Gap and Chris and Rhonda Roberts of Rocky Mount, N.C.; daughters and sons-in-law, Cookie and Bobby Wilson and Laura Mullins, all of Wise and Nancy and Mark VanWinkle of Morristown, Tenn.; grandchildren, Patrick Roberts of Lexington, Ky., Chris Wilson, Rachel Wilson, Audrionna Shockley, Corey and Matthew Mullins, all of Wise, Braun Roberts of Tazewell, Hunter

Roberts of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Jacob and Emily VanWinkle of Morristown; special niece, Nancy Osborne; two special friends to the end, Johnny Scott and Mack Sexton.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with the Rev. Darrell Bolling officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gray Cemetery, Norton.

GUY M. ROBERTS

Former owner of Roberts Tire Service

Guy M. Roberts, 93, of Pound, passed away at his residence Sunday (Aug. 31, 2003) after an extended illness.

Mr. Roberts was the former owner of Roberts Tire Service in Corbin, Ky., and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He attended the Mt. Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, was a Kentucky Colonel and a member of the Pound Senior Citizens.

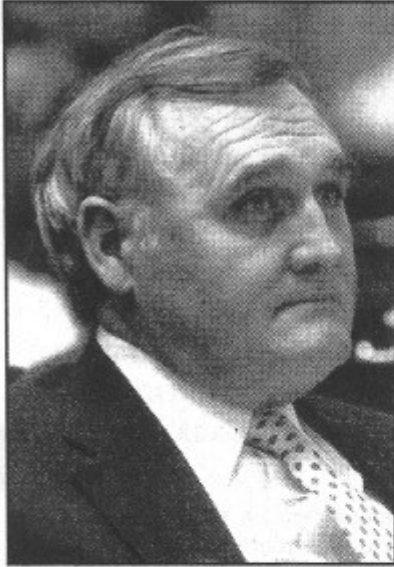
Mr. Roberts was associated with the Appleshop in Whitesburg, Ky., and had written five books which the Appleshop published.

Guy was preceded in death by his wife, Mavis Fugate Roberts; his parents, Charlie and Orlena Roberts; and four brothers, Glenn Roberts Sr., Harry Roberts, Ola Roberts and Percy Roberts.

Survivors include sons, Gary Roberts of Pound, Ronald Roberts of Clairmont, N.C.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Darrell Roberts of Cumberland, Ky., Wallace Roberts of Abingdon; a host of friends and loved ones; and a special caregiver, Vickie Polly.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Zion Old Regular Baptist Church with Elder Stacy Potter officiating.

Robinson dies in automobile accident in Washington Co.



Jim Robinson

Former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, James Walker (Jim) Robinson, 72, of Abingdon, passed away Friday night in Washington County, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Robinson, was a member of the Virginia House from 1983 through 1987 representing Wise and Dickenson Counties. He was a graduate of Pound High School, attended Emory & Henry College, Randolph Macon College, served in the U.S. Air Force and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1957. He was manager of Pound Hardware Co. for many years, vice president of Wise County National Bank and currently co-owner of Robinette Steel and Scrap Metal Company, Inc.

Mr. Robinson's distinguished public service career also included many years with the Wise County Chamber of Commerce, Pound Lions Club, Mountain Empire Community College Foundation, Wise County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority, Virginia Housing and Redevelopment Authority, service as member of the Town Council and as mayor of Pound, and numerous commissions and appointed positions in three Gubernatorial administrations.

He was an avid Volunteer football fan and well-known amateur golfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Clay and Gladys Robinson, a sister, Clayetta (Robbie) Gascoigne, his wife, Elna, and son, Gray.

Survivors include his wife Anita of their home; daughter Jamie and husband Jerry Cox of Atlanta; grandsons, Clay, Andrew and Alex Cox; daughters-in-law, Wanda Robinson of Bristol and Diane Robinson-Dunlap; grandsons, Matthew and Zack Robinson of Richmond; sisters, Joyce Winston of Norton and Faye Barker of Pound, along with several nieces and nephews.

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The family requests that in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to the Mountain Empire Community College Foundation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Drawer 700, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday at the J.W. Adams Combined School auditorium with funeral services at 8 p.m. Services will be conducted by the Revs. William Slagle and Allen Karnes.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with full military rites by the Pound VFW Post 9600.

Pallbearers will be Emory Wright, Trigg Dotson, Richard Settle, Charles Yates, Marty Large, Don Adams, Edward Pass and Clay Cox.

Honorary pallbearers are Clyde Wright, D.L. Boggs, Harold Kennedy, Harold Jackson, The Honorable Ford Quillen, Dude McElroy, members of the Glenrochie Country Club, members of the St. Mary's Hospital Board, members of the Mountain Empire Community College Foundation Board, members of the Board of the Virginia Coalfield Economic Authority, honorable members of The General Assembly, the Wise County Chamber of Commerce, the Pound Lions Club, the employees of Robinette Steel and Scrap Metal, the employees and staff of Pound Hardware and Kenneth Asbury.

Baker Funeral Service of Pound is serving the Robinson Family.

KATHERINE ROBINSON

Member of the Wise Baptist Church

Katherine "Strawberry"
Hunnicutt Robinson, 46, of

Norton, passed away Monday
(Oct. 27, 2003) at her residence.

She was a member of the Wise
Baptist Church and was a gradu-
ate of J. I. Burton High School.

She was a partner in Pepsi-Cola
Bottling Company of Norton.

She was preceded in death by
her father, George E. Hunnicutt
Sr.; and a sister, Laura Camille
Hunnicutt, who died Oct. 20, 2003.

Surviving are her husband,
Danny "D.R." Robinson; mother,
Mary Breeden Hunnicutt, Norton;
a son, Brandon Robinson, Wise;
daughter, Chesney Farris,
Louisville, Ky.; sisters and broth-
ers-in-law, Cindy and Eugene
Dingus, Elizabeth "Blackberry"
and Sam Strong, Norton; sister,
Virginia Lynne "Hollyberry"
Hunnicutt, San Francisco, Calif.;
brothers and sisters-in-law,
George E. Jr. and Lotus Hunnicutt,
Joseph F. "Huck" and Crystal
Hunnicutt, and brother, Jonathan
Hunnicutt, all of Norton; a grand-
son, Brandon Seth Robinson II;
and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are from 5 to 8
p.m. Friday at Hagy & Fawbush
Funeral Home, Norton.

Services will be conducted at
11 a.m. Saturday at the First
Baptist Church in Norton with the
Pastor Ray Jones, the Rev. John
Ellington and Dr. Tom Renfro offi-
ciating.

Burial will follow in the Laurel
Grove Cemetery.

FRANK D. ROGERS

Member of the Appalachia
United Methodist Church

Frank D. Rogers, 69, of Church Hill, Tenn., formerly of Big Stone Gap, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 30, 2003) at Johnson City Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles D. Sr. and Grace Allman Rogers; brother, Charles D. "Pete" Rogers Jr.; and a sister, Billie Jean Rogers White.

Mr. Rogers retired from the Veterans Administration Print Shop at Mountain Home. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1956 as a communications specialist. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved reading and enjoyed displaying his computer skills. He was a member of the Appalachia United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Dale Mabe, Appalachia and Kathy and Randy Collier, Knoxville, Tenn.; three sisters, Rosamond Schaffer, Big Stone Gap, Betty Rogers Dye, Church Hill and Ann Wilhelm, Hiltons; two grandchildren, Lindsay and Josh Mabe, Appalachia; former wife, Shirley Cornett Rogers, Appalachia; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 in the chapel of Roy

ALLYSON RENEE ROSE

Allyson Renee Rose, infant daughter of Brian and Melanie Rose of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Nov. 8, 2003) at the Johnson City Medical Center.

Other survivors are a twin sister, Sarai Nicole Rose; maternal grandparents, David and Charlene Jessee of Coeburn; paternal grandparents, Donnie and Susan Rose of Coeburn; maternal great-grandparents, Sam and Thelma Jessee of Norton; maternal great-grandmother, Margie Collins of Coeburn; paternal great-grandmother, Lillian Phillips of Baltimore, Md.; also surviving are a host of family and friends.

A private graveside service was held Wednesday at the Greear Cemetery, Coeburn, with Pastor Leon Lawson officiating.

Information provided by Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn.

KENITH JEARL ROSE

Of the Primitive Baptist faith

Kenith Jearl Rose, 64, of Clintwood, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 24, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and was of the Primitive Baptist faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tivis and Effie Perrigan Rose; two brothers, Earl Rose and Berlin Rose.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Rose of Clintwood; son, Kenith Rose of Clintwood; stepdaughters, Missy Rasnick of Bluefield, Amy Bolling of Coeburn; sisters, Margie Carty of Rt. 2 Coeburn, Loretta Hamilton of Hamiltontown; brothers, James Rose of Coeburn, Morland (Virgil) Rose of Jewel Ridge, Harold Rose of Rt. 2 Coeburn; 12 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sunday, Dec. 28, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Elders Franklin Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Joel Turner and Bobby Rose officiating. Burial was in the Rose Cemetery, Caney Ridge Section, Rt. 2 Coeburn. Friends and family served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Darrell Bevel and J.D. Bevel.

RALPH ROSE

Vietnam veteran

Ralph Rose, 55, of Clintwood, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 30, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn.



He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, a Vietnam veteran and was retired from C&P (Verizon) Telephone Co.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nell Rose; and a sister, Margaret McCowan.

Survivors include his wife, Shanda Rose; his father, Albert Rose of Clintwood; a son, Brad Rose of Clintwood; a daughter, Shauna Newberry of Clintwood; grandchildren, Allison Newberry and Hunter Newberry; stepchildren, Joshua Rash and Brianna Rash, both of the home; brother, Ray Rose of Clintwood; sister, Nancy Rose of Clintwood; several uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2 in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Elder Bobby Rose officiating. Burial followed in the Stonewall Rose Cemetery, Rt. 1, Hill Ridge section, Clintwood.

Military graveside services were conducted by Clintwood DAV Chapter 35, VFW Post 8979 and American Legion Post 227.

Pallbearers were Brian Rose, Craig Browning, Keith Fleming, Anthony Brewster, Randy Mullins, Ervin Large and Matthew Large.

Honorary pallbearer was Danny Wampler.

DORIS MARIE ROWE

Doris Marie Rowe, 60, died Saturday (Oct. 25, 2003) at her residence in Coeburn.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Herald Elwood and Myra Marie Ellis Goosey.

Survivors include daughters, Toni Plaster and Lisa Meade, both of Coeburn, Anita Raleigh, Clark County, Ky.; sons, Robert Patton and Johnny Patton, both of Clark County, Ky. and Steve Patton, Coeburn; brother, William Goosey, Clark County; two aunts, 19 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, several nephews and several nieces.

Visitation was held Sunday at Estes Funeral Home chapel. Funeral services were held at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Joe Dearry officiating.

Burial and graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the West Bend Cemetery in Clay City, Ky. with Rev. Jimmy Clark officiating.

JUANITA SALYERS

Member of the Grand Ave. Church of God of Prophecy.

Juanita Salyers, 68, of Coeburn, died Tuesday (Nov. 4, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

Mrs. Salyers was a member of the Grand Ave. Church of God of Prophecy.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clinton C Salyers, Sr.; her parents George Washington and Bertha Carico Meade; granddaughter, Sarah Salyers; brother, Darrell Meade.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Clinton C. and Shelby Salyers, Jr., Castlewood; granddaughter, Amber Nicole Salyers, Castlewood sisters, Margie Richardson, Crestline, Ohio, Shirlean Smith and Frances McReynolds both of Coeburn; brother, Harlan G. Meade, Coeburn; special friends, Samuel and Carolyn Hall, Coeburn; several nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Church of God of Prophecy, 222 Grand Ave. with Rev. Samuel Hall officiating.

Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

Visitation will be held at the church Thursday after 6 p.m. where an evening worship service will be held at 7 p.m.

Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

OPAL IRENE SALYERS

Member of Mary's Chapel Church

Opal Irene Kiser Salyers, 89, of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Nov. 29, 2003) in Coeburn.



Mrs. Salyers was born Nov. 4, 1914 at Caney Ridge in Coeburn

and was the daughter of the late Orbin and Pheoba Yates Kiser. She was a member of Mary's Chapel Church in Coeburn. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Claude Van Salyers; sister, Nellie Kiser; brothers, Colonel Kiser, Joe Kiser, Cecil Kiser and Willard Kiser.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ora Cecil Salyers, Abingdon; son and daughter-in-law, Donald H. and Opal Geneva Amburgey Salyers, Abingdon; two granddaughters, Donna Rogers and husband, Leonard Rogers, Wise and Roberta Salyers, Morehead, Ky.; grandson, Hugh Salyers and wife Peggy Salyers, Coeburn; three great-grandchildren, Brandon Salyers, Peyton Rogers, and Alexandra Rogers; sister, Muriel Adkins, Shreveport, La.; special friend and caregiver for 5 1/2 years, Nancy Evans; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Mary's Chapel Church with the Revs. Les Ritchie and Marty Puckett officiating. Burial followed in the Adkins Cemetery on Caney Ridge in Coeburn.

Estes Funeral Home, Coeburn was in charge of arrangements.

ALBERT SEXTON

Retired coal miner



Albert Sexton, 89, of Coeburn, died Friday (Oct. 17, 2003) at St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

Mr. Sexton was a retired coal miner, was of the

Pentecostal Faith and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife Julia Florence Sexton; his parents, Nathan and Rosa Gibson Sexton; daughter, Carol Sexton Anderson; two granddaughters, one grandson and one great-great-grandchild.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Rosie Hamm and Randall Hamm, Phronsie and Everette Miles and Ardney and Arwood Moore, Eliza and Winston Robinson; daughter, Syble Fannon, Jarratt; sons and daughters-in-laws, Charles and Flo Sexton, Jarratt, Bobby and Gertrude Sexton, Baxter, Ga., James and Claudette Sexton, Emporia, Wayne and Jeanette Sexton, Norton; son, Joe Sexton, Coeburn; special great-grandson, Aaron Williams; 41 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Joe Dearry and Roger Sloce officiating.

Burial followed in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

ARTHUR (BILL) SEXTON

Arthur (Bill) Lee Sexton, 61, of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Oct. 25, 2003) in the James H. Quillen Veterans Hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleveland and Nora Sexton; three brothers, James, Garland and Rutherford; two sisters, Bonnie and Georgia.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Edwina Eileen and William Minor of Coeburn; grandson, Nathan Minor of Coeburn; brother, Fred Sexton of California; sister, Beulah Osborne of Pound; close friend, Geneva Sexton of Coeburn; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with Pastor Jim Smith and Pastor Gary Hill officiating.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Sexton Cemetery, Coeburn.

VIRGINIA O. SHEPHERD

Virginia Oliveine Shepherd, 82, of Coeburn, passed away Tuesday (Sept. 16, 2003) at her daughter's home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Earl Shepherd Sr.; a son, James Earl Shepherd Jr.; and a grandson, Clarence Edmond Hall.

Survivors include son, Jerry Wayne Shepherd and his wife, Joyce of Wise; daughters, Barbara Jane Hall and her husband, Richard of Big Stone Gap, Brenda Sue Caudill and her husband, John of Coeburn, and Janice Carroll Culbertson and her husband, Gary of Greenville, N.C.; granddaughter, Susan Kennedy and her husband, David and son, Adam who gave support and love; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Friday in the Sturgill Funeral Home chapel, Coeburn with the Rev. Myers Vicars officiating.

Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens Coeburn.

The family will receive friends after 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

BILLY DAVID SHORTT



Billy David Shortt, 70, of Wise, passed away Tuesday morning (Aug. 12, 2003) at the Norton Community Hospital in

Norton.

He was a retired coal miner, having worked for Lebo Mining Co., and was a former employee of the U.S. Forestry Dept. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving in the U.S. Army and was an avid outdoorsman.

He was a member of the Beverly Hills Tabernacle.

Mr. Short was preceded in death by his first wife, Thelma Shortt.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Tate Shortt; sons, Terry David and wife Lonnie (Judy) Shortt of Hillsboro, Ore., and Christopher Allen Shortt of the home; stepsons, Joseph and wife Marcy Tate and David Tate, all of Wise; brothers, Ray Shortt of Manassas, Eslin (Bo) Shortt of Pound, Jim Shortt of Lebanon, Ore., Roger (Pete) Shortt of Gore and Mack Shortt of Jacksonville, Fla.; brother-in-law, Milton Sowards of Salisbury, Md.; sister-in-law, Betty Miller of Wise; five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with Pastor Robin Sturgill and Pastor Bob Stanley officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jessee Cemetery, Wise.

MARGRINE SHORTT

Margrine "Margie" Shortt, 73, of Castlewood, died at her residence after a long and courageous battle with cancer Tuesday (Aug. 19, 2003) with her family by her side.

She was born Aug. 5, 1930 in Pound.

Mrs. Shortt was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lenville Mullins; a brother, Jerry Neal Mullins; and two sisters, Patsy Ruth Shortt and Sandra Mullins.

Survivors include her mother, Ella Mullins of Pound; her husband of 52 years, Joseph "Joe" Shortt; daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Maynard Counts, Scarlett and Dickie Alderson, both of Cleveland; son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Connie Shortt of Lebanon; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Carl Williams of Kingsport, Tenn.; brothers and sister-in-law, Giles Mullins, Ronnie Mullins, Len Mullins and Ricky and Linda Mullins, all of Pound; grandchildren, Andrew "Drew" Shortt, Chris and his wife Courtney Counts, Mike Alderson and his fiancé Michelle Orr, Pam Alderson and her fiancé Stewart Maxfield and his son Eric; and one future granddaughter, Madeline Counts; several nieces, nephews; special friends and caregivers, Louise Alderson, Mary Moore and Judy Mullins; and her beloved pets, Buttons and Toma.

JOE ERNEST SMITH JR.

In U.S. Army Air Corps

Joe Ernest Smith Jr., 84, of Duffield, formerly of Appalachia, died Tuesday (Dec. 9, 2003) at Indian Path Medical Center.

He was a member of the Appalachia United Methodist Church.

He worked as a locomotive engineer for Southern Railway until his retirement and was a member of the Brotherhood of



Locomotive Engineers. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps during

World War II.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores Reese Smith.

Survivors include two daughters, Terri Smith of Kingsport, Tenn. and Kathy Swiney of Big Stone Gap; one son, David Smith of Kingsport; grandchildren, Jason Cooper, Brandon Cooper, Andrea Lane, Heather Swiney, Anthony McCracken, Sarah Swiney, D.J. Swiney, Preston Smith, Aaron Smith; great-grandchildren, Meghan McDivitt, Connor McDivitt, Sheridan Swiney and Jordan Lane; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Roy A. Green Funeral Home, Appalachia with the Rev. Ronnie Mutter officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Brandon Cooper, Jason Cooper, Anthony McCracken, D.J. Swiney, and nephews: Jesse Weldon, Patrick Weldon and Daniel Horner.

CONSTANCE C. SMITH

Pioneer in regional community theater

Conne Cross Smith, 75, of Waukesha, Wisc., died Monday (Nov. 10, 2003) at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

A long time resident of Waukesha, she was a pioneer in regional community theater for adults, and more importantly children. She was born on Feb. 24, 1928 in Chicago, Ill. Her parents, Harry



H. Cross and Hazle Nye Cross preceded her in death.

Conne was a major force in the development of theater in the Waukesha area as one of the founders of Waukesha Civic Theater, Par-Cay Players and Penny Players. She was an accomplished actress, director and producer for more than 40 years in Waukesha and worked professionally as an actress in Milwaukee and Chicago, Ill. Smith was also an accomplished artist who had studied at the Chicago Art Institute and a wonderful singer, particularly of jazz and show tunes. Conne loved sports and one of her great loves was the Green Bay Packers. She was a devoted fan of the team for more than four decades.

There are many former students who would say that Conne's greatest gift was teaching children to love theater and the arts in general. Many of her students have gone on to professional careers in the performing arts or education, a fact that made her very proud.

Mrs. Smith was an original and unique individual who will be missed by her many friends and former students in Waukesha and throughout the country. While they are too numerous to name, there are many people who held a special place in her heart and who will be remembered by her family for always being there for Conne. She was a kind, loving and gentle soul who will be remembered for always giving life much more than she ever asked of it. The performing arts in the Waukesha area have lost one of their greatest champions and teachers.

She was a beloved mother and is survived by a son, H William Smith, of Wise and a daughter, Jokathryn Sweeney, Orlando, Fla. Smith was loved by her grandchildren Kacey, Buffy, Jedediah, and Zachary Smith as well as Taylor and Brooke Sweeney. Conne was immensely proud of her family and they felt the same way about her.

Visitation was held at the First Presbyterian Church, 810 N. East Avenue, Waukesha, Friday, Nov. 14, from 4-7 p.m. Visitation continues on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. funeral service at the church. Burial followed at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Randle-Dable Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOWARD SMITH

Member of the
Huff Settlement Baptist Church

Mr. Howard Smith, 85, of Keokee, formerly of Closplint, Ky., died Thursday (Oct. 9, 2003) at his home.

A native of Dewitt, Ky., he had lived in Harlan County most of his life before recently moving to Keokee. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

He was a member of the Huff Settlement Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Foster Smith; his father, Noah Smith; two sons, Jimmy Harold Smith and Ronald Smith; three sisters, Alice Gray, Bertha Hill, Gracie Smith; and two brothers, Walter Smith and Willie Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Myrtle Palmer Smith of Keokee; children, Lonnie Smith of Keokee, Stanley Smith and his wife Betty of Holmes Mill, Ky., Rev. Robert Smith and his wife Donna of Keokee, Donald Smith and his wife Barbara of Morganfield, Ky.; sister, Juanita Couch and her husband Freddie of Cincinnati, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

JACK A. SMITH

Veteran of World War II

Jack A. Smith, 94, of Wise, passed away Sunday (Oct. 26,



2003) at the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap.

He was a retired coal miner, a retired guard from the Coeburn Correctional Center, Coeburn, a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy, and a member of the Indian Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, David and Martania Odle Smith; his wife, Edna Bond Smith; five brothers; three sisters.

Survivors include daughters, Jacqueline Salyers and Joyce James, both of Wise; sister, Susan Sanders of Florida; grandchildren, Gary and wife Susan Smith, Michael Smith, and Sandra and husband Stevie Wilson; great-grandchildren, Celeste Smith, Eric Smith, Athena Townsend and Tyler Townsend.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Coeburn, with Pastor Ray Jones Jr. officiating.

Burial will follow. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise is in charge of arrangements.

ROXIE SMITH

Roxie Elizabeth Smith, 84, of Norton, died Sunday (Aug. 10, 2003) in Norton Community Hospital.

She was a member of the Tacoma Holiness Church of God. She was former president and member of the VFW Post 7464 Ladies Auxiliary in Graysonville, Md.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents, Eddie and Lucy Ann Coffey Sprouse, and two sisters, Thelma Romaine and Inez Muterspaugh.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Bond Smith; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen Nesselrodt, Culpepper, and John Weitzel, Mechanicsville, Debra and Michael Hall, Slanesville, W.Va.; grandchildren, Jacki and Bill Hogue, Centreville, Sandi and Gary Worthman, Bowie, Md., Christina and Gordon Sexton, Norton, Patrick and Missy Sowers, Woodbridge; great-grandchildren, William and Jennifer Hogue, Allyson and Erin Worthman, Stephanie, Scott and Mary Sexton.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Joe Dearry officiating. Cremation will follow.

BROWNIE SOWARDS

Former employee of the Fairfax
County Public School System

Wendell Brownie Sowards, 84,
of Pound, passed away Thursday
(Sept. 4, 2003) at Norton

Community Hospital after an
extended illness.

He was of the Baptist faith
and attended the Hamilton
Chapel Church.

Mr. Sowards was a former
employee of the Fairfax County
Public School System as well as
a construction worker.

He was preceded in death by
his parents, Bathis Lee and
Rosa Hubbard Sowards; six
brothers, Teddy Sowards,
Burton Sowards, James (Pop)
Sowards, Lee Sowards, Jack
Sowards and Luther Sowards;
and a sister, Hettie Mae
Sowards.

Survivors include daughters,
Patricia Bryant, Pikeville, Ky.,
Jeanie Mullins, Jenkins, Ky.,
and Tina Mullins, Pikeville, Ky.;
two grandchildren; two great-
grandchildren; sister, Mescal
Moore, Pound; and a host of
friends and loved ones.

Services were held at 1 p.m.
Sunday at the Sadie Baker
Memorial Chapel of Baker
Funeral Home, Pound with the
Rev. Greg Cyphers officiating.

Interment followed in Lee
Sowards Family Cemetery,
Pound.

Pallbearers were sons-in-law
and family.

VIRGIE SPEARS

Member of the Holiness Church
of God in Jesus Name

Virgie Mae Ramey Spears, 79, of Big Stone Gap, died Sunday (Feb. 15, 2004) at Norton Community Hospital.

She was born in Wise County, the daughter of the late Jim and Elizabeth (Melton) Ramey. She was a member of the Holiness Church of God in Jesus Name, Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Spears was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Spears; a son, Daniel Spears; sisters, Ethel Lyons and Nellie Bell Kimberly; brothers, Elmer Ramey, James W. Ramey, Robbie Ramey and Samuel L. Ramey.

Survivors include daughters, Norma and Bill Person, Appalachia, Maudie and Jack Falin Big Stone Gap; sons, James D. Spears, Raymond D. Spears, Larry Dean and Connie Spears Sammy and Susie Spears, all of Big Stone Gap; one sister, Lola Bunch, Indianapolis, Ind.; three sisters-in-law, Delpha Spears, Dayton, Ohio, Jean Spears, Hamilton, Ohio and Ella Ramey, Tazewell; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap.

Services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Holiness Church of God Jesus Name in Big Stone Gap with Brothers Robbie Reece and Tate Swinney officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be: Bo Person, Chester Spears, Jared Person, Eddie Mooneyhan, Jack Falin and Johnny Jones.

MARY HAZEL SPROLES

Of the Freewill Baptist Faith

Mary Hazel Sproles, 77, of Wise, passed away Sunday (Nov. 16, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

She was of the Freewill Baptist Faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Sproles; one daughter, Lovetta Green; one brother, Emory Robinette; two sisters, Oshea Guy and Albie Boggs; one granddaughter, Renee Mullins.

Surviving are three sons, James G. Sproles of Wise, Larry L. Sproles of Virgie, Ky. and Gregory A. Sproles of Gate City; one daughter, Linda L. Dwyer of Wise; one brother, Delmon Robinette of McDonough, Ga.; four sisters, Goldie Carty of Mt. Carmel, Tenn., Dorothy Cox of Nickelsville, Bernice Campbell of Wise and Velara Sexton of Port Deposit, Md.; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel in Wise with the Rev. Leroy Mullins officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. Tuesday until time of the funeral services.

Entombment and committal services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Chapel of Love at Temple Hill Memorial Park in Castlewood.

Sturgill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

HARLEY T. STALLARD

Served as the first principal of Powell Valley High School System

Harley T. Stallard, 86, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Monday (Oct. 20, 2003), at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 12, 1917, the son of the late Jerry Trigg and Flora (Taylor) Stallard.



Mr. Stallard was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He served as president of the Big Stone Gap Lions Club. A member of both the First Baptist Church in Big Stone Gap and the North Side Baptist Church in Dade City, Fla. He was a deacon and taught the Men's Sunday School Class in Big Stone Gap since 1954.

Mr. Stallard enjoyed a career of 42 years with the Wise County School System. He taught in a one room school house, drove a bus and taught high school English. He served as the first principal of Powell Valley High School System. Mr. Stallard Retired in 1978 as Wise County Superintendent of Schools.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Bunnie R. Stallard; sons, H.T. Stallard Jr. of Hartsville, Tenn., Robert R. Stallard of Blacksburg, Michael Stallard of Sacramento, Calif. and Larry P. Stallard of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; daughters, Anita Dorton of Jonesborough, Tenn., Nancy Wampler of Big Stone Gap and Addie Crawley of Catawba; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

IRENE STALLARD

Irene (Powers) Stallard, age 77, of Lexington, Ohio, died Monday (Aug. 10, 2003) at Riverside

Hospital following an extended illness.

Mrs. Stallard was born March 11, 1926 in Coeburn, living in the Richland County area for the past 55 years. She retired in 1988 from Foodtown as a cashier.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James A. and Millie (Kennedy) Powers; her husband, Charles W. Stallard in 1982; and a brother, James A. Powers Jr.

Survivors include daughters and a son-in-law, Lynn and John Thompson of Lexington, Ohio; Sue Stallard-Bales of Centerville, Ohio; grandchildren, Tammy Thomas, Troy Thompson and Sarah and Ashley Bales; great-grandchildren, Nichole and Rachel Thomas and Jordan Thompson; brother, William D. Powers of Bellville, Ohio; sister, Jeri Di Martini of Phoenix, Ariz.; several of nieces, nephews and cousins; special cousin, Agnus Hawkins.

Friends may call at the Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors Thursday from 5-8 p.m.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday conducted by Pastor Bruce Copley. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

BURTON STANLEY

Veteran of World War II

Burton Stanley, 76, of Elizabethton, Tenn., passed away Aug. 26, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Margaret Stanley; and a brother Carl Stanley.



He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include sister, Hilda Lane of

Pound; daughters, Barbara Hartsock of Foley, Ala., and Betty Short of Wise; grandchildren, Steve and Brad Hartsock of Foley, and Michael Short of Yuma; great-grandchildren, Michael Austin Short, Marina and Paul Hartsock; his wife, Asia Stanley; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Tetrick Funeral Home in Elizabethton.

Burial was at Mountain Home Veterans Cemetery, Mountain Home, Tenn.

JOHN STANLEY

John Morgan "Pike" Stanley, 67, of Coeburn, passed away Friday (Feb. 13, 2004) at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred "Ted" Stanley and Samantha Elkins Stanley.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Stanley of Coeburn; son, John Joel Stanley and wife Rebecca of Coeburn; daughter, Cathy K. Stanley of Coeburn, one brother, James Alfred Stanley and wife Cora of Tennessee; six sisters, Janet Elkins of Clintwood, Freda Wycoff and husband Jack of Abingdon, Nancy Taylor and husband Larry of Southgate, Mich., Sharon Williams and hus-

band Marvin of Ramulus, Mich., Faye George and husband Howard of Taylor, Mich., Joan Bruce of Decula, Ga. four grandchildren, Christina Graham, Brittany Stanley, William Stanley, and Morgan Stanley, all of Coeburn; mother-in-law, Dollie Mullins of Coeburn; many beloved nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with Larry Mullins, Harold Mullins and Lacy Maine officiating. Burial will be in the Crabtree Elkins Cemetery Rt. 2 Clintwood, Longs Fork section.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Elkins, Bobby Elkins Jr., Carl Mullins, Joey Mullins, Jerry Mullins, Scott Harvey and Stacy Skeens.

Honorary pallbearers are Roy Mullins, Bobby Mullins, Bradley Goins, Harold Willis, Edward Kiser, Brian Rose, Bradley Barrington, Steven Mullins and nephews and grandsons.

MICHAEL L. STANLEY

Michael Lee Stanley, 40, of Clintwood, passed away Tuesday (Oct. 21, 2003).

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson county.

Mr. Stanley was preceded in death by his father Carlos Stanley; sister Suetta Fay Stanley; grandparents Taylor and Susie Stanley, Hasque and Gustie Hamilton; mother-in-law Bessie Williams; nephew Joey Lee Potter and a brother-in-law Danny Hammons.

Survivors include his wife Rebecca Helen Stanley; son, Sean Daryl Stanley of Clintwood; daughter, Nikkita Lea Stanley of Clintwood; mother, Maxie H Stanley of Clintwood; brothers Lacy R. Stanley and Jeffery I Stanley of Clintwood; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rena and Donal Potter of Clintwood, Patsy and Norma Salyers of Liberty, Ky Della and Doy Hayes, Mable and Joe McFall, Felicia and Randa Ringley, Tippy, Samantha and Ann Hammons, all of Clintwood; father-in-law, William Joseph Mullins of Culpeper; brothers-in-law, Michael Mullins of Wise and Mitchell Mullins of Culpeper; sister-in-law, Joani Chrysler; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel with Frank Hall officiating.

Burial followed in the Robinson family cemetery, Lick Fork section.

Pallbearers were: Sean Stanley, Lacy Stanley, Jeffery Stanley, J.R. Stanley, Michael Mullins, Randall Ringley, Donnie Potter, Tim Stanley and Terry "Tinker" McCarthy.

Honorary pallbearers were: Donald Potter, Norman Salyers, Doyt Hayes, Joe McFall, Daniel Bowens, employees of Fran Large Trucking, Danny Large Trucking and all his many friends.

RAYMOND STANLEY

Raymond Stanley, age 68, of Clinchco, passed away Tuesday (Aug. 12, 2003) at Bon Secour's St. Mary's in Norton.

He was a life long resident of Dickenson County. He attended the Clinchco Pentecoastal Church. He was preceded in death by his sister Delphene Honaker.

Survivors include his loving wife Brenda Stanley of Clinchco; sons, Raymond Lee Stanley Jr. and Michael Stanley both of Clinchco; daughter, Crystal Hess of Cedar Bluff; Tenn.; stepdaughters, Patricia Mullins of Clinchco and Linda Ring of Castlewood; sister, Orpha Gene Stevens of Clinchco; great-niece, Melissia Turner and daughter Madison Bible.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel. Burial followed in the Stanley Family Cemetery, Neely Ridge section with Rev. Darrell Millgrim officiating.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

WEBB STANLEY

Webb Stanley, 88, of Abingdon, passed away Sunday (Oct. 26, 2003) at the home of his son on Tyco Drive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Sallie Stanley, and four brothers, Lee, Julis, Ralph and Elzie Stanley. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include son, Max R. Stanley of Abingdon; sister, Emily Hamilton of El Paso, Texas; brother, Clarence Stanley of Huron, Ohio; grandchildren, Cheryal Beth Grant of Pfafftown, N.C., and Max R. Stanley Jr. of Grundy; stepsons, James Owens of Royal Oak, Mich., and Clarence Owens of Vansant; eight step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel, Clintwood with Clergyman Michael McCoy officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be in the Rufus Stanley Cemetery, Route 2, Caney Ridge Section, Coeburn.

Pallbearers are: Ray Viers, Gary Stacy, Brian Harris, Shawn Owens, Andy Griffith and Roger D. Hart.

Honorary pallbearers: Harold Stanley, Kenneth Potter, Chales Farmer, Dr. Emory Robinette, John Clifton, Jimmy Payne and Kenny Perkins.

The body will be taken to the Macedonia Church on Watauga Road in Abingdon Tuesday, Oct. 27, where a visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. ▲

MIKE STAPLETON

Life-long resident of the Esserville area

Charlie P. (Mike) Stapleton, 77, of Norton, died Thursday (Oct. 16, 2003) in Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital Long Term Care.

He was a life-long resident of the Esserville area and was a retired coal miner. He was of the Pentecostal faith.

Mr. Stapleton was preceded in death by his parents, Ballard and Laura Guinn Stapleton, a sister,

Eunice Minor and a brother, William Stapleton.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Edith Stapleton; son, Charlie Stapleton, Norton; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ola Wayne Dean, Norton; grandchildren, Shayne Stapleton, Jason Stapleton, Jessica Stapleton, Brittany Stapleton, Christy Dean and Jeffrey Dean; great-grandchildren, Daphne Dean, Preston Dean, Justin Dean and Tyler Stapleton; stepmother, Ida Stapleton, Norton; brothers, Ernie Stapleton and Greg Stapleton, both of Norton, Bobby Stapleton, Coeburn; sister, Donna Gail Sturgill, Norton; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home with Rev. Darrell Bolling officiating. Burial followed in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com.

FREDA STEFFEY

Devoted homemaker and a member of Stevens Church of God

Freda Blanch Hurd Steffey, 61, of Wise, passed away Wednesday (Aug. 27, 2003) at her home.

She was a devoted homemaker and a member of Stevens Church of God.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca Adams.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Steffey; sons, Roy Steffey Jr., David Steffey, James Steffey and Michael Steffey, all of Wise and Bennie Steffey, of Pound; daughters, Sheila Adams of Whitesburg, Ky., Bonnie Sexton of Missouri, Freda Steffey of Yakinville, N.C., Sarah Mullins, Susan Mullins and Sonja Hartsock, all of Wise; brothers, Frankie Hurd of Columbus, Ohio and Teddy Hurd of Florida; stepbrother, Joseph Hurd of Lebanon; sisters, Faye Whooten of Columbus, Ohio, Mary Lynn Burke of Johnson

City, Tenn., Pamela Rym of Rogersville, and Patty L. Kroger of Illinois; 24 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Friday at the Stevens Church of God with Pastor Cliff Bowman officiating.

Graveside committal services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood.

Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise, was in charge of arrangements.

DOROTHY STEWART

Beautician

Dorothy "Ma Poo" Stewart, 87, of Norton, died Sunday (Aug. 24, 2003) in Mullins Adult Home, Norton.

She was a member of the Norton Presbyterian Church and former member of Church of God in Norton. She was a former employee of Curtiss Wright Aircraft Manufacturing, Columbus, Ohio, during World War II. She was a certified beautician having worked from her home. She was an active member of the J.I. Burton Band Boosters and a volunteer at Park Place Group Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, William R. "Blue Dog" Stewart Sr.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, William R. (Bud) Stewart Jr. and Valerie Stewart Gregory M. and Mia Stewart, all of Norton, William D. and Sally Johnson, Palm Coast, Fla.; step son, Tim Trapolin, New Orleans, La.; seven grandchildren; several great grandchildren; brothers, Jack Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio, Johnny Johnson, Montgomery, W.Va.; sisters-in-law, Mildred Johnson, South Charleston, W. Va., Osta Stewart Creech, Sarasota, Fla.; special niece, Juanita Jean Amick, Charleston, W. Va. and several nieces and nephews.

EVELYN E. STEWART

Former employee
of Liberty Café and Hotel Norton

Evelyn E. Stewart, 92, of Norton, died Thursday (Feb. 12, 2004) in St. Mary's Hospital.



She was born in Roda, to the late Conley W. and Nanny (Justice) Stewart. She was an employee of Liberty Café and Hotel Norton for 35 years, where she made many friends.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of Park Avenue Baptist Church.

She was well known and loved by many. She had been a resident of St. Mary's Long Term Care for the past 10 years.

In addition to parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, Robert Stewart, George Stewart, E.J. "Turtle" Stewart and Roy Henry Stewart; sisters, Kathleen Thomas, Pauline McConnell and Callie Stewart; grandsons, Rodney Willis and Donald Willis.

Survivors include daughters, Anna Lee Willis and Patricia Stacey Stallard, both of Norton sons and daughters-in law Franklin Delano and Shirley Stallard, Abingdon, Hugh R. and Alice Stallard, Richmond; sisters Sarah Johnson and Mary Helen Stallard, both of Wise; brothers C.W. Stewart, Jr., Waldorf, Md. Charles Glen Stewart, Gainesville Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

BRIDGETT RENEA STIDHAM

Graduate of Coeburn High School

Bridgett Renea Stidham, 22, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 3, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She was a 1999 graduate of Coeburn High School and attended the Banner Revival Center.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Cecil Hoback and grandmother Hele Stidham.

Survivors include her precious son Hunter Corder, parents Darrell and Patti Stidham of Coeburn, sister and brother-in-law Sharon and Robert Collins of Coeburn, grandmother Cora Hoback of Coeburn, grandfather Henderson Stidham of Coeburn, very special friend Jake Kasefang, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Sturgill Funeral Home chapel in Coeburn with Rev. R.L. Crawford officiating. Burial followed in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn.

JAMES A. STIDHAM

U. S. Army veteran



James A. Stidham, 60, of Pound, went home to be with the Lord Sunday (December 7, 2003) with his

family by his side at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.



Mr. Stidham was a retired coal miner, a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served during the Vietnam Era, a member of the Pound Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9600, and a member of the Lone Pine Chapel Church, where he served as a deacon and superintendent.

He was preceded in death by his father, Delmar Stidham.

Survivors are, his spouse, Kaye (Yates) Stidham, of the home; mother, Edna (Mullins) Stidham, Pound; sisters, Patricia Gail Barker, Pound; brothers, Glenn Dale Stidham, Parkton, Md., Royce Stidham, Bobby Stidham and Troy Lee Stidham, all of Pound, Richard Stidham, Blountville, Tenn., and Steward Stidham, Eolia, Ky.; special people in his life, Reuben and Louise Bolling, Pound, Patty Bolling, Larry Barker, Angel Fields, the staff of St. Mary's Hospital, employees of the Norton cancer center and a host of friends and loved ones.

VICKIE LYNN STIDHAM

A beautician in the Duffield area for over 14 years

Vickie Lynn Stidham, 53, of Big Stone Gap, died Sunday (Dec. 14, 2003) in Wellmont Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, Tenn.

She was a beautician in the Duffield area for over 14 years. She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Davidson and a sister, Jeanette Wilson. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Ralph Stidham, Big Stone Gap; son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Pam Stidham, Knoxville, Tenn.; son, Wayne Stidham, Winchester; four grandchildren, Tiffany, Brad, Brittany and Blake Stidham; mother, Pearl Sluss, Duffield; brother, Jimmy Davidson, Texas; several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton. Funeral services were conducted 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with Revs. Roy Smith and Jeff Collins officiating. Graveside committal services were conducted at noon Wednesday in the American Legion Cemetery.

ALLENE FAY STONE

Member of Skeetrock
Community Church

Allene Fay Stone, 76, of Clintwood, passed away at her home Friday (Jan. 2, 2004).

She was a life-long resident of Dickenson County and a member of Skeetrock Community Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cossie and Mary Niniva (Colley) Mullins, two sisters, Arbutus Mullins and Betty A. Mullins, and a grandson, Justin Doit Stone.

Survivors include her husband, Doit Stone of Clintwood; three sons, Gary Joe Mullins and his wife Lorraine of Fairfax, Douglas Erdman Stone and his wife Linda of Clintwood and Harvey M. Stone and his wife Sharon of Clintwood; one daughter, Debra Payne and her husband Paul of Clintwood; five sisters, Florine Mullins of Bristol Tennessee, Anna Sue Formando of Dale City and Dorothy Dotson, Jewel Phipps and Jenny Louise Mullins, all of Clintwood; one brother, Harold Mullins of Clintwood; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in the Mullins Funeral Home chapel, with clergymen "K.K." Bud Culbertson, Harold Mullins and Randolph Kendrick officiating. Burial followed in the Stone Cemetery, Route 3, Skeetrock Section, Clintwood.

Pallbearers were Little Paul Payne II, Patrick Blevins, Charles Hill, Gary Michael Mullins, Jason Phipps and Larry Barton. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. Lyall, Eddie Monahan, Randolph Kendrick, Bob Phipps, Rick Mullins, Chris Mullins, Sammy Stone, Paul Payne, Jamie Stone, Robert Baker and Gary Kendrick.

LANNY RAY STOOTS

Lanny Ray Stoots, 53, of Abingdon, passed away Friday (Aug. 15, 2003) after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Bristol, (Va.) and was the son of June Haga Stoots and the late Kenneth Stoots. Lanny was the owner of Alison's Restaurant of Abingdon and Fish Tales Restaurant of Norton and a former owner of Fish Tales Restaurant of Bristol. He was a dedicated member of his church family at First Freewill Baptist Church in Bristol Virginia. Lanny was deeply loved by his family and he will be truly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife of 33 years, Patty Odum Stoots; daughters, Mindi Rae Stoots of the home and Kacy Stoots Fleming and her husband, Kent, a special son-in-law, of Bristol; grandchildren to whom he was a devoted granddaddy, Mason Ray Fleming, Max Daniel Fleming and Marshall Carter Fleming; his mother, June Haga Stoots; sister, Patty Stoots Lauzon of Bristol and brother, Jerry Stoots of Charleston, S.C.

Service were held at 2 p.m. Monday at First Freewill Baptist

Church, Euclid Avenue, Bristol, with Rev. Darrell Pickle officiating.

Burial followed in Knollkreg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Randy Rimmer, Rick Calhoun, Rick Floyd, Henry Denton, Frank Grubb, Billy Meade Ireland Smith, Joe Cole and Scott Castleberry. Honorary pallbearers were Dave Clark, Dr. Gerr Boccarossa, Dr. Glenn Vance, Dr. Thomas Boeve and Dr. Allen Davis.

Memorial contributions may be sent to First Freewill Baptist Church 1741 Euclid Ave., Bristol, Va. 24201 or the American Cancer Society, c/o Jack Mallin, 57 Fairway Dr., Bristol Tenn. 37620.

JOHN STOUT

An employee of A&G Coal Company

John McKinley Stout, 37, of Coeburn, passed away Wednesday (Feb. 11, 2004) in Norton.

He was an employee of A&G Coal Company as a diesel mechanic and was a 1984 graduate of Ervington High School.

Survivors include his parents, John and Marlene Stout of Coeburn; a son, Johnathan Stout of Coeburn; a brother, Kevin Stout of Coeburn; a special niece, Kelsey Stout; a special nephew, Evan Stout; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Rev. Glen Hurd officiating.

Burial followed in the Stout Cemetery, Coeburn.

GARY STURGILL

U.S. Army veteran

Gary Lee Sturgill, 63, of Wise, passed away Friday morning (Nov. 21, 2003) at the Mountain Home Veterans Administration Hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn.

He was born in Wise County, and was a lifelong resident. He had worked as the manager of Glen's Finer Homes, Coeburn.

Mr. Sturgill was a United States Army veteran, having served during the Korean Conflict.

He attended Zion Family Ministries, Wise.

He was a son of the late Leonard and Vonda Collins Sturgill, and was also preceded in death by a son, Christopher Lee Sturgill; and two brothers, Carrol Sturgill and Johnny Sturgill.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Mullins Sturgill; a daughter, Charlene Oncale, Birmingham, Ala.; four sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Denise Sturgill, Big Stone Gap, Mickey and Heather Sturgill, Wise, Aaron and Lindsey Sturgill, Norton and Shayne and Jennifer Sturgill, of Kingsport, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Alexis and Cassidy; two step-grandchildren, Haley and Deven; six sisters, Leona Short, Delores Mullins, Mary Lou Rogers, Frances Addington, Charlotte Roberts, all of Wise and Patricia Webb, of Pound; his father and mother-in-law, Richard and Goldie Mullins, Pound; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

PAUL STURGILL

Construction worker and coal miner

Paul Sturgill, 71, of Big Stone Gap, died Tuesday (Sept. 30, 2003) at his residence in Big Stone Gap.

A lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap, he was a construction worker and coal miner.

He was of the Holiness faith.

Mr. Sturgill was preceded in death by his father, Oscar "Lil" Sturgill; mother, Bessie Sturgill;

brothers, Fred Sturgill and Harold Sturgill.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Fay; daughters, Tina Anderson, of Tennessee, Angela Sturgill, Duffield, Tyra Jones, Samantha Barnette, both of Big Stone Gap, Paulette Sturgill, of Texas; son, Brian Barnette, Dryden; sisters, Teresa Stanley and Lula Owens, both of Big Stone Gap, Bettina Williams, Columbus, Ohio, Welma Isom, Baltimore, Md., Francis Davis, Frisco, N.C.; brothers, Eulis Sturgill, Big Stone Gap, Granville Sturgill, Baltimore, Md.; special grandchild and pal, Paul Thomas "Bubby" Jones; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the House of Prayer of Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Roscoe Mullins officiating.

Burial followed in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap. Pallbearers were Oscar "Boo" Sturgill, Timmy Owens, Bobby Owens, Clyde Owens, Randy Owens and Gary Davidson.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael Vaughn, Bill Stanley, Mike Cress and Richard Lane.

Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap was in charge of

TRULA SULLIVAN

Attended the Caldwell Baptist Church


Trula Sullivan, 81, of Knifley Ky., formerly of Coeburn, passed away Saturday (Nov. 1, 2003) at Britthaven Nursing Home in Bowling Green, Ky.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Victoria Ward of Coeburn.

Mrs. Sullivan was preceded in death by three children: Barbara Jean Sullivan in 1976, Judy Marie Rollins in 2000 and James D. Sullivan in 2002 also preceded in death by one grandchild and one great-grandchild and by the following siblings of the Coeburn area, Horace Ward, Bass Ward, Clara Clements, Jean Ramos, Lizzie Ward and Etta Owens.

Mrs. Sullivan attended the Caldwell Baptist Church and was a housekeeper.

Survivors include her husband Edgar Sullivan; one daughter Jenna Hardin of Knifley; four sons, Billy Sullivan of Loveville, Md., Charles Sullivan of Ridge, Md., Earl Sullivan of St. James, Md., Terry Sullivan of Greensburg, Ind.

 Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home, 210 Greensburg Street, Columbia, Ky. Clergy officiating will be Rev. George Hancock. Interment will be in the Quinn Hollow Cemetery, Knifley.

WILLIS SURRETT

Willis Ray Surrett, 68, of Appalachia succumbed to death after many close encounters on previous occasions at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Mountain Home, Tenn.



He was a retired veteran of the U.S. Army, was actively engaged in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War and was a former police officer with the Town of Pound Police Dept.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Alice and Bill Surrett; three brothers, Gene Surrett, Kenneth Surrett and Paul Surrett.

Surviving are three daughters, Rachel Surrett of Atglen, Pa., Leah Arnsberger of Parkesburg, Pa., and Annetta Smale of Gap, Pa.; two sons, Darrell Surrett of Paradise, Pa., and Willis R. Surrett Jr. and daughter-in-law, Elaine of Osaka, Va.; three brothers, Gerald Surrett of Belair, Md., James Surrett of Maynardville, Tenn., and Bobby Surrett of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; eight grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law; numerous nieces and nephews and a few special friends.

A memorial service at the residence will be scheduled at a later date.

Sturgill Funeral Homes in Wise, Va., is in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA H. SUTHERLAND

Of the Christian faith

Virginia Hazel Sutherland, 83, a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 17, 2003) at Oakwood Hospital in Taylor, Mich.

She was of the Christian faith.

Mrs. Sutherland was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Sutherland; parents, Arvil and Eura Counts; one son, Gary Sutherland and two brothers, Carlyle Counts and Jack Counts.

Survivors include three sons, Vearl Sutherland of Waynesboro, Penn., Elmer Cline Sutherland of Haysi, Freddie Sutherland of Taylor, Mich.; daughter, Laquita Uzarski of Taylor; three sisters, Pauline Hudgins of Centerville, Tenn., Sue Taylor of San Francisco, Calif., Sharon Counts of Birmingham, Mich.; one brother, Douglas Counts of Warren, Mich; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Mullins Funeral Home chapel with clergyman Toby Counts officiating. Burial followed in the Dewey Sutherland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Michael Uzarski, Shawn Uzarski, Kevin Uzarski, Mark Sutherland, Terry Sutherland and Chancey Sutherland.

Honorary pallbearers were Daisy Owens, Irene Counts, Mildred Grizzle, Jean Grizzle, Retha Grizzle and Joy Powers.

AUBREY TAYLOR

U.S. Army veteran

Aubrey William Taylor, 75, of Coeburn, died Thursday (Oct. 30, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital in Norton.

Mr. Taylor was a retired coal miner of Clinchfield Coal Co. and a U.S. Army Veteran. Also a member of Smith Ridge Missionary Baptist Church.

His parents, Columbus Garfield and Lillie Hattie Kiser Taylor, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Stevens Taylor; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Janet Taylor, Paducah, Ky. and Steve and Lyric Taylor, Pass Christian, Miss.; son, John Taylor, Coeburn; brothers, Wayne Taylor, Golden, Ill., Raymond Taylor, Quincy, Ill. and Robert Taylor, Chicago, Ill.; sister, Jewell Lawton, Paducah; four grandchildren, several nephews, several nieces and a host of friends.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, at Estes Funeral Home chapel with Minister Terry Rose officiating.

Burial followed in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Coeburn.

Pound VFW was in charge of military graveside rites. ▲

CHARLES TAYLOR

Veteran of the Korean War

Charles Taylor, 67, of Clintwood, died at his home Wednesday (Dec. 10, 2003).

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, a veteran of the Korean War, a member of the UMWA and a retired coal miner. He was of the Brethren faith.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma Taylor; his father, Bill Taylor; and a granddaughter, Michelle.

Survivors include his wife Vonda Taylor of Clintwood; mother, Bencie Taylor of Clintwood; daughter, Debbie Rose and husband, Lacy, of Rt. 3 Clintwood; sons, Grey Taylor and wife Kathy of Hickory, N.C. and Jason Taylor of Clintwood; step-children, Paul Mullins, Rick Mullins and Wade Mullins, all of Clintwood, and Sandra Hobbs of Pound; brothers, James Taylor and wife Sue of Clintwood, Jimmy Taylor and wife Brenda of Cannapolis, N.C., Tommy Taylor and wife Cheryl of Concord, N.C., Billy Taylor and wife Lucy of Hazel Park, Mich. and Jack Taylor and wife Pauline of Clintwood; sisters, Joann Richardson and husband, Jim, of Georgetown, Ky. and Joan Mullins and husband, Ray, of Nicklesville; grandchildren, Wesley Rose and John David Taylor and Jessica; great-grandchildren, Kayla and Austin and Kylie; step-grandchildren, Nathan Mullins, Kela Mullins, Celeste Mullins, Nicole Bise, Hannah Mullins, Chandra Mullins, Rather Mullins and Brandi Wallace; step great-grandchildren, Josh, Hadley, Emily, Bryson, Riley and Hunter; and several special nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lester Mullins officiating. Military graveside services were conducted by Clintwood DAV Chapter 35, VFW Post 8979 and American Legion Post 227. Burial followed in the Taylor Family Cemetery, Rt. 3 Clintwood. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were brothers.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR

George W. Taylor, 40, of Appalachia, died Sunday (Sept. 14, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley, Kingsport, Tenn.

He was of the Protestant faith and a life long resident of the area.

Mr. Taylor was employed by Cleco Co. as a diesel mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Taylor of Exeter; father and mother, George and Georgia Taylor of Exeter; grandmother, Mary Evelyn Webster of Baltimore, Md.; sons, George Clayton Taylor and Tyler Taylor, both of Big Stone Gap, Kelly Lytle and Sean Lytle, both of Exeter; daughters, Natasha Lytle and Brittany Lytle, both of Exeter, Valerie Stone; brothers, Joe Taylor and John Taylor, both of Exeter; sisters, Vicky Hazelwood, Appalachia, Mitzi Huff, Keokee, and Wendy Gibson of Kansas City, Mo.

Calling hours are from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Greg Townsend, minister officiating.

Burial will follow in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Norton.

JIMMY CARROLL TAYLOR

Jimmy Carroll Taylor, 64, of Coeburn died Thursday (Dec. 4, 2003) at his residence in Coeburn.



Mr. Taylor was a retired coal miner from Clinchfield Coal Co.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry and Lottie Kern Taylor; and sister, Carolyn Mays.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Stallard Taylor; son and daughter-in-law, Stevie and Debra Taylor of Brunswick, Ga.; daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Sidney Dotson of Marion; grandchildren, NeLea Dotson and Skylar Dotson; brothers, Oscar Trivitt, Defiance, Ohio, Don Taylor, Oakwood, Ohio, Mike Taylor, Dungannon and Larry Taylor, Kingsport; sisters, Betty Hall and Sandy Collins, both of Dungannon, and Glenda Anderson, Pensacola, Fla.; several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Estes Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Collins officiating.

Entombment will follow in the Temple Hill Memorial Park in Castlewood.

JOYCE MARIE TAYLOR

Of the Baptist faith

Joyce Marie Taylor, 59, of Wise, passed away unexpectedly Monday (Dec. 22, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Taylor; her daughter, Sandra Kay Taylor; her parents, Troy and Alice (Rutherford) Sturgill; and her sisters, Fannie Cantrell and Julie Cantrell.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Mullins and Merri Mullins, both of Pound, Kathy Powers, Wise, and Sherri Taylor, Sayne, Okla.; son, William (Bill) Taylor, Wise; sisters, Katie Maggard, Big Stone Gap, Nancy Taylor and Anna Blizzard, both of Pound, Betty Maggard, Wise; brothers, Clyde Sturgill, Ulis Sturgill, Kenneth Sturgill and Roger Sturgill, all of Pound; nine grandchildren; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Calling hours were Wednesday at Baker Funeral Home, Pound.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24 in the Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with the Rev. Nathaniel Maggard officiating.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday in W.R. Mullins Cemetery, Wise.

Friends served as pallbearers.

ZELLA THOMAS

Member of Goose Bottom Church

Zella Ester Robbins Thomas, 91, Keokee died Saturday (Jan. 3, 2004) at Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

Born in Kentucky, she had lived most of her life in Lee County. She was a homemaker and a member of Goose Bottom Church at Holmes Mill, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond C. Thomas; parents, Clinton and Mary Jane Short Robbins; one son, Johnny Hamilton Thomas; and two brothers, Clifford and Otto Robbins.

Survivors include three sons, Walter Curtis Thomas of Keokee, Patrick Joseph Thomas of Rixeyville and Gary Douglas Thomas and wife Belinda of Keokee; five daughters, Mary Elizabeth Goode and husband Viri of Columbia, Ky., Brenda Gail Kilgore and husband Ronnie of Kingsport, Judy Ann May and husband Ronnie of Cincinnati, Ohio, Tillie Yvonne Aguiar and husband Tony of Richmond and Carol Louise Komeylian of Stevensville, Md.; 20 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the sanctuary of Province Funeral Home of Pennington Gap with Bob Maggard officiating.

Burial will follow at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

ALLEN RAY THOMPSON

Member of Legion Memorial
United Methodist Church

**Allen Ray Thompson, 47, of
Big Stone Gap, passed away**

Tuesday (Nov. 4, 2003) at Norton
Community Hospital, Norton.

He was a member of Legion
Memorial United Methodist
Church, Big Stone Gap. He was
preceded in death by his father,
Ray Thompson.

Mr. Thompson had lived all his
life in Big Stone Gap. He worked
for Paramomt Coal Co.

Survivors include his wife,
Paula Thompson; mother,
Georgia Thompson of Big Stone
Gap; children, Michael and
Jordan Thompson of the home;
sisters, Joyce Hamilton and
Jennifer Thompson, both of Big
Stone Gap; a host of friends and
family.

Services will be held at 2 p.m.
Friday at Gilliam Funeral Home,
Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Rick
Spell officiating.

Burial will follow in Powell
Valley Memorial Gardens.

Calling hours are from 6-9
p.m. Thursday at the funeral
home.

Pallbearers are Rodney
Summers, Greg Falin, James D.
Begley, Dewey Dickenson, Jack
Lawson and Brian Maiden.
Honorary pallbearers are Jason
Kendrick, Bob Witt, Ricky
Sturgill, Steve Maddox, Mike
Washburn and Mark Kiser. A
very special honorary pallbearer
Specialist Daniel Maddox cur-
rently serving in Iraq.

AUDREY THOMPSON

*Retired nurse from Heritage Hall
Nursing Home*

Audrey Caudill Thompson, 69, of Norton, passed away Saturday (Dec. 6, 2003) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn.

Born to the late Barney and Florence Caudill, she was the widow of Fred C. Thompson. Audrey was a retired nurse from Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Wise.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Norton Church of God in Ramsey.


Survivors include a daughter, Audrey Carol Asbury of Norton; and a son, Michael Fred Thompson of Williamsburg; a sister, Charlotte Dickerson, Manassas; and a brother, Steven Wayne Caudill, Nokesville; five grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Tim Tatum officiating.

Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery in Norton.

DENNIS THOMPSON

 Dennis Ervin Thompson, 55, of Wise, was born in Greenville, S.C. Jan. 26, 1948 and died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday (Aug. 6, 2003).

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin S. and Frances Kline Thompson.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Appalachia. He also was a member of the DAV and VFW and served in the U.S. Marine Corp in Vietnam, 1967-1968 Third Battalion, Third Marines Division Lima Co., receiving the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with Palm and Frame) and the Purple Heart.

He was an avid Dale Earnhart fan and collector of Nascar memorabilia.

He was a former employee of Glamorgan Coal Co.

Survivors include his son, Dennis Todd Thompson and wife, Angela of Appalachia; sister, Frankie T. Hensley and her husband, Rusty of Wise; niece, Mary Susan Isaac of Knoxville, Tenn.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise with Pastor Nick Brewer officiating.

Military graveside rites were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Wise Cemetery in Wise, by Norton VFW Post No. 4301.

NANNIE THOMPSON

Nannie Frazier Thompson, 92, of Derby, born April 6, 1911 in Duffield, passed away Tuesday (Aug. 12, 2003) at her home.

She was a resident of Derby for 43 years. She was a homemaker for 76 years and the mother of eight children.

Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Thompson; son, Herbert Thompson; daughter, Anna Rose Raleigh; and three stepchildren, Buster (Elmer) Thompson, Vivian Nick and Kathleen Hunter, all of Kingsport, Tenn.

Survivors include daughters, Louise Shuler, East Stone Gap, Virginia Bailey, Big Stone Gap, and Dorothy Field, Suffolk; sons, Ted Wayne Thompson, Big Stone Gap, Fred Allen Thompson, Jasper, Ala., and Ronnie Thompson, Roda; 23 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; six step grandchildren; 15 step great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Roy A. Green Funeral Home, Appalachia with the Rev. Tony Nunley officiating. Burial followed in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason Shuler, Freddie Thompson, William Stein, Todd Wagner, Eric Rainey and Jr. Sturgill.

Honorary pallbearers were Gene Shuler, R.J. Shuler, Tommy Shuler and Keith Field.

WILLIE JEAN THOMPSON

Member of Big Stone Gap
Church of God

Willie Jean Hill Thompson, 70, of Norton, went to be with the Lord Wednesday (Nov. 26, 2003) after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was a loving mother and an active member in the Big Stone Gap Church of God. She ministered in music to nursing homes. She was the widow of George Allen Thompson and was preceded



in death by a son, Terry Allen Thompson.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law: Norma Jean and Earl Pillow,

Brookneal; Brenda Gail and George Bailey, Johnson City, Tenn.; and Debra Lynn "Debbie" and David Carter, Pound; daughters: Tamala "Tammy" Ann Thompson, Norton; and Tina Marie Thompson and her fiancé, Benny Bray, Pound; son and daughter-in-law, James Lee and Patricia Thompson, Wise; son, David Lee Thompson and his friend, Jessica Jackson, Big Stone Gap; seven grandchildren, Angela Jean Pillow, Jason Todd Bailey, David Justin Carter, Samantha Paige Carter, Lucas Alexander Bray, Nathaniel Allen Thompson and Elizabeth Grace Thompson; and a special friend and devoted companion, Henry Pursifull.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, with Rev. Donnie Pickett and Rev. Victor Dotson officiating. Burial followed in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.hagyfawbush.com

VIVIAN TOLLETT

A Christian lady who loved gardening

Vivian Tollett, 91, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Wednesday (Oct. 29, 2003) at Ridgecrest Manor Nursing Home in Duffield.

She was born in Appalachia on Feb. 20, 1912 to Jeff and Addie Alice Mahan.

She was a Christian lady who loved gardening and her family.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John White; daughter, Doris White Wiseman; son, John White Jr. and second husband, Jess Tollett; two sisters, Mary Strong and Nola Strickland; three brothers, Denny Mahan, Ed Mahan and Walter Mahan.

Survivors include sister, Madge Trigg of Derby; grandchildren, Larry M. Bledsoe, Cathy Barker and husband Garner, Bucky Wiseman and wife Kim; great-grandchildren, Adam Wiseman and Clint Barker; great-great-grandson, Clay Barker.

The family will receive friends at the Roy A. Green Funeral Home, Appalachia, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Graveside services

DONNIE TOMPKINS

Korean Conflict veteran

Donnie Lee Tompkins, 72, of Pound, passed away Wednesday (Aug. 27, 2003) at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 3, 1931 to the late Frank and Nora Tompkins and was also preceded in death by two brothers, Cephas Tompkins and Jerald Buford Tompkins Sr.

He was a member of Pyles Memorial Church, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the U.S. Army, a member of the VFW Post 9600 of Pound and was a retired coal miner from Double M. Coal Co.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Rosalie Tompkins; sons, Vernon Tompkins, Christopher Tompkins and Donnie Ray Mullins, all of Pound; daughters, Cheryl Tompkins, Lisa Akers and Colleen Dutton, all of Pound and Tammy Stallard of Big Stone Gap; brothers, Clifford Tompkins of Elizabethton and Danny Tompkins of Wise; sisters, Norma Tardiff of Rogers, Ark., Clayetta Mullins of Clintwood and Arbutus Vanover of Rhoadesville; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held at noon Sunday at the Pyles Memorial

Church, Pound, with the Revs. Randy Carter and Greg Cyphers officiating.

Burial followed in the Shelly Mullins Cemetery, Pound, with military graveside rites conducted by VFW Post 9600 of Pound.

Pallbearers were Paul Carter, Jeff Carter, Sam Chester, Stanley Jones, Sherlon Mullins and Doug Vanover

BERTHA TRIPLETT

Of the Pentecostal faith

Bertha Triplett, 79, of Wise, passed away Friday (Jan. 2, 2004) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She was of the Pentecostal faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl E. Triplett Sr.; one daughter, Margaret Ann Triplett; two sons, Carl Triplett Jr. and Roy Triplett; two brothers, Hayward Shook and Curtis Shook.

Survivors include one son, Marty Triplett of Wise; two daughters, Evelyn Triplett of Wise and Teresa Jones of Norton; three sisters, Hazel Kilgore of Wise, Inis Marks of Woodford and Victoria Mullins of Princeton, W.Va.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise with Evangelist Donald Harding Jr. officiating.

Burial and graveside committal services were held at noon Monday at the Triplett Family Cemetery.

GERALD LEE TRIPLETT

Veteran of the U.S. Air Force

Gerald Lee Triplett, 71, of Clintwood, died Tuesday (Dec. 16, 2003).

Mr. Triplett was a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University and Pennsylvania State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and a lifelong resident of Dickenson County.

Mr. Triplett spent a 36 years career as an educator in Dickenson County. Beginning as a Guidance Counselor and Teacher at Ervinton High School and retiring as superintendent of Schools for Dickenson County in 1994.

He was a former Chairman of Deacons at Clintwood Baptist Church, and served on various committees throughout Southwest Virginia, including the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens for which he had served as Chairman of the Board.

He loved to fish, but more than anything he loved his grandchildren and his fellow man.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Lorraine; one daughter, Jennifer Bragg of Kingsport, Tenn.; one son, Kevin of Abingdon; three grandchildren, Kayla, Lucas and Sarah Grace.

Services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday from the Clintwood Baptist Church with Rev. Allen Bonnell officiating. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Phipps Memorial Cemetery in Clintwood. Friends may call at the Clintwood Baptist Church from 5-7 p.m.

Active pallbearers will be Eddie Baker, Anthony Lynch, Larry Branham, William Robinson, Bobby Dotson, K.H. Dotson, Freddie Sauls, Danny Lambert, and Danny Rife.

Honorary pallbearers are Marshall Hughes, Bob Yates, Mike Yates, John Johnson, Glen Cole, Olin Yates, Carl Kiser, Jeff Newberry, Norman Lewis, Bradley Goins, Jim Mullins, Jim Runyon, L.C. Sykes, and Donald Baker.

Flowers will be accepted, or a memorial contribution may be made to the Clintwood Baptist

Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 710, Clintwood, VA 24228, or a Memorial Bible Donation to Gideon International, Dickenson Co. Gideon Camp, P.O. Box 2247, Clintwood, Va. 24228.

Family and friends will meet at 10:45 a.m. Friday at the Church to form the procession to the Cemetery.

Clintwood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

JACKIE F. VANDEVENTER

Jackie Fawbush Vandeventer, 83, of Cincinnati, Oh. died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, in Rapid City, Iowa. She was born in Dorchester to the late O.P. and Lillie Fawbush. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles T. Vandeventer, a daughter, Karen Vandeventer and brothers, Ray Fawbush and Tyler Fawbush; sister Katherine Fawbush Thompson.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Craig W. and Patti Vandeventer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; grandchildren Aric, Kyle and Kacie Vandeventer; brother and sister-in-law, James C. and Anne Fawbush, Norton, sisters-in-law, Naomi Fawbush, Jacksonville, Fla., Shirley Fawbush, Chincoteague; brother-in-law, Robert Thompson, Centerville, Oh.; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11 a.m. Thursday at the Strawser Funeral Home, 9503 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati, Oh. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Cincinnati. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kenwood Baptist Church, 8341 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236.

Information provided by Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton.

ESTELLE VARNER

Member of the Hurricane Independent
Missionary Baptist Church

Estelle Varner, 91, of Wise, passed away Friday morning (Nov. 14, 2003) at the Heritage Hall Health Care in Wise.

She was a lifelong resident of Wise, a member of the Hurricane Independent Missionary Baptist Church, a member of the Hurricane Rebekah Lodge No. 7 100f in Wise and was a retired clerk from Piggly-Wiggly.

She was the daughter of the late Richard and Mabel Johnson.

Mrs. Varner was also preceded in death by her husband, James (Key) Varner; one son, Robert L. Varner; infant granddaughter, Tara Beth Varner; one sister, Willie Pike; four brothers, Malcolm Johnson, Richard Johnson Jr., Jack Johnson and Joe Johnson; and a special friend, Loma Purkey.

Surviving are one son, James H. Varner and wife, Nadine of Wise; a granddaughter; two grandsons, Russell Varner and Christopher Varner; four sisters, Julia Damron of Coeburn, Minnie Archer of Wise, Clautte Hayes of New Hope and Glenda Sluss of Coeburn; daughter-in-law, Maudella Varner, Jacksonville, Fla.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise with the Rev. Charles Estep officiating.

Burial followed in the Wise Cemetery in Wise.

MONTE A. VAUGHAN SR.

Lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap

Monte Aldon Vaughan Sr., 49, of Big Stone Gap, died Saturday (Dec. 13, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap.

Mr. Vaughan had worked for Southern Railroad and was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents Napoleon and Ferne (Fisher) Vaughan and a grandchild, Isaac Vaughan.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law Monte Vaughan Jr. and Michelle Vaughan of Andover; grandchildren Gabriel Vaughan and Elijah Vaughan of Andover; aunt Helen Hernandez of Dallas, Texas; uncles and aunts Ed Vaughan Jr. and Betty Vaughan of Appalachia, Robert and Jo Ann Fisher, Larry and Patsy Fisher, Bige and Judy Aistrop and Evelyn and Bud Fannon, all of Big Stone Gap; Stewart and Barbara Fisher of Kingsport, Tenn. and Bud and June Rhoten of Mt. Carmel, Tenn.; and a host of cousins and friends.

The family received friends Monday night from 6-8 p.m. at Gilliam Funeral Home, followed by the funeral service at 8 p.m., with the Rev. Tony Nunley officiating.

Graveside services will be held today, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the Vaughan Family Cemetery in Jasper at 11 a.m. Family and friends are asked to assemble at Gilliam Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap at 10:15 a.m. to go in procession to the cemetery. Pallbearers will be family and friends.


Online condolences may be sent to gfhbsg@verizon.net

MARSHALL W. VICARS

Marshall W. Vicars, 68, of

Knoxville, Tenn., passed away Friday (Aug. 8, 2003) at Fort Sanders Parkwest Medical Center after a brief illness with cancer.

Mr. Vicars was born on July 4, 1935 to Marshall W. Vicars and Emily Hagar Vicars in Wise County. He attended Clinch Valley College and V.P.I. and graduated from the University of Virginia.

After serving a two-year enlistment in the U.S. Army, Mr.  Vicars eventually relocated to Knoxville and was currently employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include sisters, Gloria V. Stanley of Virginia Beach, and Shirley V. Kugler of Williamsburg; several nieces and nephews; his devoted fiancée, June Minor of Knoxville.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel, Knoxville, with The Rev. John M. Flanigen officiating.

The family and friends met at Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise, at 2:30 p.m. Monday and proceeded to Wise Cemetery for a 3 p.m. graveside service with the Rev. Chris Stanfield officiating.

The family requests any memorials be made to his beloved university through the Curry School of Education Foundation, Inc., University of Virginia, P.O. Box 400276, Charlottesville, Va. 22904.

Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise was in charge of arrangements.

NELSON WAMPLER

Attended Freedom of Worship Church

Nelson "Big Honey" Wampler, 88, of Norton, passed away Friday (Dec. 26, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of the Powell River and Guest River area. Mr. Wampler worked 50 years in the coal mines and retired from Old Ben Coal Company. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and attended the Freedom of Worship Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother; and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Marie Carter Wampler; a daughter, Norma (Charles) Gardner, Norton; two sons, Nelson (Diane) Wampler Jr., Abingdon and Randy Lynn (Yvonne) Wampler, Norton; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

Calling hours were held Sunday, Dec. 28, at Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise, where funeral services were conducted at 8 p.m., with Revs. Glen Sturgill and Darrell Bolling, officiating. Interment was held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gray Cemetery, Norton.

NORMAN WAMPLER

U.S. Army veteran of World War II

Norman Wampler, 82, of Norton, died Thursday (Feb. 12, 2004) in St. Mary's Hospital.



He was born Nov. 23, 1921, a son to Charles and Laura (Armes) Wampler. He was retired from the Postal Service at University of Virginia's College at Wise. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Chester Wampler; sister, Louise McPheron; and a granddaughter, Crystal Suzette Wampler.

Survivors include his wife, Delina Wampler; son, and daughter-in-law, Charles and Debbie Wampler; daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Maria Renfro; two granddaughters, Holly Cockran and Delina Wampler; three grandsons,

Bryan Wampler, Anthony and Matthew Renfro; great-grandchildren, Hunter and Jaden Cockran; nephew, Darrell Stidham.

Mass of the Resurrection was held at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Norton.

Burial was in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Ramsey section of Norton.

Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home, Norton was in charge of arrangements.

KENNETH H. WARF

*Retired coal miner,
UMWA member*

Kenneth H. Warf, 66, passed away Saturday (Dec. 13, 2003) at his son's home in Morristown, Tenn.

Mr. Warf was a retired coal miner and former employee of Westmoreland Coal Co. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America and was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law Ernie and Crystal Warf of Morristown and Kenneth E. and Mary Warf of Appalachia, son Robert L. Warf of Pound; daughters and sons-in-law Rebecca L. and Roland Boggs of Pound and Marlena D. and Spencer Owens of Big Stone Gap and daughter Crystal R. Warf of Appalachia; brother Dan W. Warf of Marion, half-brother James Davidson of Appalachia; sisters Catherine King of Indiana and Judy Phillips of Davenport, Iowa; nine grandchildren —

Tosha Warf, Landon Boggs, Tyler Owens, Trevor Owens, Dakota Warf, Jason Salling, Cheyanne Salling, Alex Warf and Madison Zeppa; great-grandchild, Ethan Nathan Lowe Boggs; three step-grandchildren, Nathaniel Smith, Amber Carter and Allysa Carter; and special caregiver and friend to the family, Gracie Kimberlin.

Services were held Monday night at Sturgill Funeral Home chapel in Wise.

Graveside committal is today, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Branham Family Cemetery in Pound. ▲

MARY WARREN

Former employee of
Clinch Valley College cafeteria

Mary Warren, 70, of Wise, passed away Friday (Aug. 29, 2003) at her home.

She was a former employee of Clinch Valley College in Wise, in the cafeteria, and was an avid bingo player. She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Warren was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Maude Sulfridge Powers; her husband, John Warren; a son, Ronnie Lawson; five brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include daughters, Gail Pilkenton of Wise and Melanie Scott of Coeburn; brother, Allen Powers of Bluefield, W.Va.; sisters, Martha Faye Hale and Shirley Taylor, both of Wise; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise, with Pastor Robin Sturgill officiating.

Burial and graveside committal services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Mountain View Church Cemetery, Wise.

GEORGE F. WATKINS

George F. Watkins, 57, of East Stone Gap, passed away Saturday (Aug. 16, 2003) at Wellmont-Lonesome Pine Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lois (Robinson) Watkins.

Survivors include sister, Billie Jo Watkins, East Stone Gap; brothers, James L. Watkins, Bristol, Tenn., Glen D. Watkins, Bowling Green, and Fred D. Watkins, Bluefield; niece, Connie Watkins Snyder; nephews, Ronnie Watkins, Jimmy Watkins, David Watkins, Michael Watkins, Danny Watkins and Johnny Watkins; and a special friend, Anita Nelson.

A memorial service was held at 8 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap with the Rev. Bill Hughes officiating.

Interment was in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

FRANCES WATSON

Frances Ellen King Watson, 78, of Big Stone Gap, died Tuesday (Aug. 19, 2003) in Norton Community Hospital.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Watson was the widow of Oscar Watson.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Judy Watson, Norton; son, Ricky Watson, California; daughter, Nancy Watson Varner, Summerville, S.C.; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton.

Graveside services will be conducted 10 a.m. Friday in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens with Rev. Roger Barker officiating.

HENRY M. WEBB JR.

Member of Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church of Jenkins, Ky.

Henry M. Webb Jr., 78, passed away Friday (Sept. 26, 2003) at the Clark Regional Transitional Care Unit.

He was the son of the late Henry M. Webb and Nannie Elizabeth Hughes Webb. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Carlos, Howard, Arlie, and Doward.

Mr. Webb was a member of the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church of Jenkins, Ky., for 46 years. He was also commissioned a Kentucky Colonel.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW of Pound, the American Legion, and the DAV since serving in the Navy during World War II. He served on the destroyers USS Claxton and USS Hudson where he saw action at Emeru Island, Sarpain, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawia, and then sailed into Hokkaido Island Japan on Sept. 10, 1945.

He worked as a coal miner for 30 years, Supervisor for Adams Stone and Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 57 years, Blanche Irene Sexton Webb; his children, son, Michael (Kay) of Jenkins and daughter, Sandra Webb Stults (Alvin) of Winchester, Ky.; grandsons, Matthew (Margaret) Stults and James Miles Stults of Winchester, Ky.; granddaughter Melissa Webb Whitaker of Jenkins; great-grandchild, Megan Stults of Winchester; brother Vernard of Charlottesville, and sisters, Delores Webb Haynes of Mt. Sterling, Cora Sue Webb Richardson of Jenkins, Mary Louise Webb Minor of Bardstown, Audrey June Webb Kincer of Jenkins, and Ollie Monelle Webb Caudill of Grand Blanc, Mich.

MARY ALINE WELLS

Christian and a devoted
and loving wife and mother

Mary Aline Wells, 93, of Norton, peacefully departed this life on Wednesday (Nov. 19, 2003).

Prior to moving to Norton in 1993, she had lived in Grundy, for the past 54 years.

She was of the Christian faith and a devoted and loving wife and mother. She had many friends, particularly at the Norton Senior Center, which she had attended faithfully for several years.

She will be remembered for the lovely crocheted items she made for years and shared with her loved ones. She also enjoyed reading and working crossword puzzles.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank E. Wells, on Aug. 5, 1991. She was also predeceased by her parents, Kemper and Hattie Aliff, 7 brothers and 2 sisters.

She leaves behind to celebrate her life and mourn her passing two children, a daughter and husband, Linda and General Walker of Norton and a son, Frank E. Wells Jr., of Walnut Cove, N.C.; grandchildren David and LuAnn Walker of Norton; Neil and Beth Walker of Big Stone Gap; Courtne Wells and Dave Brunt of Tobaccoville, N.C.; Paul Wells of Walnut Cove; and Shannon and Mike Warren of Rural Hall, N.C.; great-grandchildren: Marisa, Daniel, Aneisha, Robby, Allison and Madison; a sister, Margaret Basham of Roanoke, and a dear sister-in-law, Norma Aliff, of Salem.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home.

Services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. John Ellington officiating. Entombment will be take place Saturday in the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Claypool Hill.

MARGARET WHARTON

Founding leader of the Wise Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts

Margaret Wells Wharton, 91, of Wise, passed away Saturday (Dec. 20, 2003) at her home in Wise.



Mrs. Wharton was the daughter of the late Thessa C. and Worley H. Wells and the wife of the late George C. Wharton III and was also preceded in death by a brother, Charlie

F. Wells.

She was a devout Christian of the Methodist faith and devoted her life to serving her family and volunteering in numerous community organizations. Since 1935 she was an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Wise, served on its administrative council, taught the Ladies Bible Class and was a founding member of the Wesley Foundation of Clinch Valley College.

She was a founding leader of the Wise Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. She was known as "The Heart Lady" because she was the longest serving volunteer in the state of Virginia with 42 years of service with the American Heart

Association.

For more than 50 years, she was an active member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in which she held local, district and state offices.

Mrs. Wharton was an avid force in education as a teacher and as a member of various boards at the University of Virginia's College at Wise, Emory and Henry College, Tennessee Wesleyan College and Hiwassee College. She was awarded the Wise County Chamber of Commerce 2002 Distinguished Service award.

Survivors include two daughters, Lona W. Roberts of Wise, and Carole Wharton-Tsien of Washington, D.C.; three sons, George C. Wharton IV, Phillip W. Wharton and Jerry W. Wharton, all of Wise; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Thelma Wells Foster of Esserville.; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Wise.

Services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the church with the Rev. Chris Stanfield officiating. Burial and graveside committal will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Wise Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 857, Wise, Va.

Sturgill Funeral Homes in Wise, is in charge of arrangements.

OPAL H. WHEATLEY

Opal H. Wheatley, 100, of Wise, passed away Thursday (Aug. 7, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, D.I. Wheatley; a son, Lloyd Wheatley; and a daughter, Anna Wheatley.

Mrs. Wheatley was an avid flower gardener, a member of the Wise First Church of God, former church treasurer, church board member, Sunday school teacher and Women's Missionary Society of the Wise First Church of God. She worked in the cafeteria department in the Wise County School System.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Earl T. and Alcy Wheatley of Meredian, Miss.; daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Jim Bradley of Lake Wales, Fla., and Janet and Joe Mize of Wise; brothers, Dr. T.J. Horne of Ft. Myers, Fla., Nile T. Horne of Roanoke and Bruce T. Horne of Bristol; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Wise with Pastor Charles Estep, Pastor Ben Murphy and the Rev. Earl Wheatley Jr. officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Forest Hills Memory Gardens, Abingdon.

REV. BENJAMIN F. WHELESS JR.

A memorial service for The Reverend Benjamin F. Wheless, Jr. will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 at Christ Episcopal Church, Big Stone Gap with the Rev. R. Raymond Moore officiating. Inurnment will follow in Emmanuel Episcopal Church Columbarium, Bristol.

The Reverend Benjamin F. Wheless, Jr., 82, of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., died Sunday (Oct. 12, 2003) at Craven Regional Center, New Bern, N.C.

The Rev. Wheless was preceded in death by his wife Mildred Marrell Wheless; his parents, Benjamin F. and Lora Truckner Wheless; and his brothers, Charles Marion Wheless and Theodore Rochelle Wheless.

A native of Justice, Franklin County, N.C., he was a graduate of Edward Best High School, Campbell College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, The Rev. Wheless was employed by R.L. Stelle and Co., CPA's, Raleigh. He served at the Personnel Center, Fort Bragg, N.C., during his enlistment. Shortly after his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, The Rev. Wheless continued his education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earning the Master's degree in 1948. Upon graduation, he was employed by Sullin's College, Bristol, as an instructor in economics and accounting.

In 1952, he was appointed Director of Guidance, and in 1962 he became Dean of Faculty. During this time, he did further graduate work at UNC-CH in industrial relations with an emphasis on guidance and counseling.

In 1972, he joined the faculty of Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap as Division Chairman, Arts and Sciences, where he remained until retirement in 1990. While at both Sullin's and Mountain Empire he served on numerous

occasions as chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Ga., visiting committee for evaluation for accreditation of two year colleges. While in Bristol, he was a member of the Rotary Club, the boards of Tri Cities Arts Council, Bristol Memorial Hospital, and Bristol Mental Health Clinic; president and board member of Bristol Community Concert Association and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Upon moving to Big Stone Gap, he was a member of Lonesome Pine Concert Association; president and executive committee member, Lonesome Pine Hospital; board member and secretary to the board of Lonesome Pine Country Club; and Christ Episcopal Church.

Soon after moving to Big Stone Gap, The Rev. Wheless began to read for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church under the direction of The Rt. Rev. William H. Marmion and The Rev. John J. Krulis. Upon completion, he was ordained priest in 1976 and from that time until retirement in 1991 he was Priest-In-Charge, Christ Episcopal Church, Big Stone Gap.

In 1995 the Whelesses moved to Pine Knoll Shore, N.C., where he continued to be active in several area churches. From 1998 until his death, he served the Julian of Norwich Chapel, Trinity Center, Salter Path, N.C.

Survivors include his sister-in-law, Harriett B. Wheless of Justice, N.C.; nieces, Ann Painchaud and her husband Hank of Vernon Hills, Ill., Fran W. Dunne and her husband Paul of Smyrna, Tenn; two great-nieces, one great nephew and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Christ Episcopal Church, Perpetual Endowment Fund, 110 Clinton Ave. East, Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219 or to the charity of one's choice. Internet condolences may be sent to the family at brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Home and Crematory.

REV. BENJAMIN F. WHELESS

Served Christ Episcopal Church,
Big Stone Gap

The Rev. Benjamin F. Wheless, Jr., 82, of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., died Sunday (Oct. 12, 2003) at Craven Regional Center, New Bern, N.C.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, N.C., with the Rev. Clifton Daniel III, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, officiating. Interment was in Emmanuel Episcopal Church Columbarium, Bristol.

A native of Justice in Franklin County, he was a graduate of Edward Best High School, Campbell College and UNC-Chapel Hill. Prior

drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, the Rev. Wheless was employed by R.L. Steele and Co. CPA's, Raleigh, N.C. He served at the personnel center at Fort Bragg during his enlistment.

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While at both Sullin's and Mountain Empire, he served on numerous occasions as chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Ga., visiting committee for evaluation for accreditation of two-year colleges.

While in Bristol, he was a member of the Rotary Club, the boards of Tri Cities Arts Council, Bristol Memorial Hospital, and Bristol Mental Health Clinic; president and board member of Bristol Community Concert Association and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Upon moving to Big Stone Gap, he was a member of Lonesome Pine Concert Association; president and executive committee member, Lonesome Pine Hospital; board member and secretary to the board of Lonesome Pine Country Club; and Christ Episcopal Church.

Soon after moving to Big Stone Gap, the Rev. Wheless began to read for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church under the direction of the Rev. William H. Marmion and the Rev. John J. Krulis. He was ordained in 1976 and from that time until retirement in 1991 he was Priest-In-Charge, Christ Episcopal Church, Big Stone Gap. In 1995 the Whelesses moved to Pine Knoll Shores, where the Rev. Wheless continued to be active in Episcopal Church work at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, and supplying when needed at several area churches. From 1998 until his death he served the Julian of Norwich Chapel, Trinity Center, Salter Path, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Marrell Wheless; his parents, Benjamin F. and Lora Truckner Wheless; and two brothers, Charles Marion Wheless and Theodore Rochelle Wheless.

Survivors include sister-in-law, Harriett B. Wheless of Justice; nieces, Ann Painchaud and husband, Hank of Vernon Hills, Ill., and Fran W. Dunne and husband Paul of Smyrna, Tenn.; two great-nieces; a nephew; and many cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 215 Ann St., Beaufort, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2005 Arendell St., Morehead City, N.C. 28557, St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 7, Salter Path, N.C. 28575 or to the charity of one's choice.

Internet condolences may be sent to the family at brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net

Arrangements were by Brooks Funeral Home and Crematory Inc. of Morehead City. ▲

ERICA DAWN WILLIAMS

Erica Dawn Williams was born in Big Stone Gap, Va. on Dec. 3, 2001 and departed this life on Thursday (Nov. 27, 2003) in Nashville, Tenn., at the age of 23 months.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Margaret Johnson.

Survivors include her dad and mom, Eric and Robin Williams; her sister, Kiera Green; her brother, Braydon Williams; her maternal grandparents, Ernest and Darlene Green of Stone Creek; paternal grandparents, Larry and Candy Harber of Jonesville; her paternal great-grandparents, Carl and Gwen Gore of Charlotte, N.C.; paternal great-grandparents, Jack and Marion Creech of Jonesville; maternal great-grandparents, Charlie and Lucy Green of Cranks, Ky.; paternal great-grandmother, Deloris Cochran of Woodway; special aunts, Sherrie Williams of Jonesville, Vonda Green of Stone Creek and Michelle Baker of Dryden; special uncles, Jason Green and Ernest Green, Jr. of Stone Creek, Christopher Harber and Larry Harber Jr. of Jonesville.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church in Pennington Gap, with Jim Belcher officiating.

Burial followed in Lee Memorial Gardens, Woodway.

Province Funeral Home in Pennington Gap was in charge of arrangements. ▲

ESTELL H. WILLIAMS

Retired from St. Mary's Hospital

Mrs. Mary Estell Hensley



Williams,
79, of
Norton,
passed
away early
Tuesday
morning
(Sept. 23,
2003) at
BonSecours
St. Mary's
Hospital,

Norton.

She was a mother and a homemaker, and was a lifelong resident of Norton. She was a retired employee of St. Mary's Hospital, where she had worked as a cook.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Norton Church of God for over 50 years and was an honorary member of the West Norton Church.

She was a daughter of the late Lewis and Boyd Mathieson Collins and was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Hensley in 1978; and her second husband, Wallace Williams in 1983.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Lassie Collins and Gladys Dean; and four brothers, Roy Collins, Lloyd Collins, Eugene Collins and Donnie Collins.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and James R. Miller and Gail and Glen Miller, all of Wise; sons and daughters-in-law, Donny "Butch" and Mechelle Hensley, Jack and Janie Hensley and Mike and Joyce Hensley, all of Norton; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brother, Clifton Collins, Mims, Fla.; three stepdaughters; three stepsons; several stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Calling hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Carty Funeral Home, Norton-Wise.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Norton Church of God with the Revs. Joe Dearry and Bruce Martin officiating.

MAXIE WILLIAMS

Attended the Trinity Life Center

Maxie Williams, 86, of Coeburn, passed away Monday (Dec. 15, 2003) at the Heritage Hall Health Care, Wise.

She was the daughter of the late Frank and Cynthia Powers and attended the Trinity Life Center, Coeburn.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, C.P. Williams, Wily Moore and Raymond Smith; two brothers, Roy Powers and Joe Powers; three sisters, Ollie McLane, Savannah Buchanan and Josphine Craig.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Frank Morgan, Coeburn; three grandchildren, Angela and her husband, Tim Meade, April and her husband, Teddy Huff, and Frankie and his wife, Kami Morgan; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home, Coeburn with the Rev. John McCarroll offi-

WALTER WILLIAMS

World War II veteran

Walter Williams, of Appalachia, born June 16, 1919, went to be with the Lord at the age of 84 on Saturday, (Aug. 23, 2003) at Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap.



A lifelong resident of Appalachia, he was a World War II veteran and a retired coal miner.

He was a deacon of "The Church" in Appalachia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene L. Williams; son, Walter J. Williams Jr.; granddaughter, Regena L. Williams; parents, Joe and Sarah Williams; four brothers, Jesse, Creed, Balard and Ray Williams; and two sisters, Pearlle Mullins and Dora Holbrook.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Janis Pattie and Eddie Gollaway, Appalachia; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Brenda Williams, Appalachia; brother, Howard Williams, Appalachia; grandchildren, Keith and wife Laura Gollaway, Travis Gollaway, Joyce and husband Scotty Palmer, all of Appalachia, Cantinia and husband Roy Coomer, Lisa Jo and husband Chris Blair, of Big Stone Gap, Va., Cindy Tipton, Reidsville, N.C.; 10 great-grandchildren, Caleb Johnson, Vania Williams-Palmer, Breania Palmer, Kendria Blanken, Kristanne Blanken, Reva Coomer, RC Coomer, Richie Tipton, Faith Tipton, Christopher Blair Jr.; several nieces, nephews, and a host of church family, friends, and neighbors.

353 Williams, Willie

WILLIE WILLIAMS

Retired coal miner

Willie Williams, 90, of Big Stone Gap, passed away Thursday (Sept. 4, 2003) at Norton Community Hospital.

He was born in Scott County, lived most of his life in Big Stone Gap and had lived in Pound for the past five years. He was a retired coal miner and a member of UMWA District No. 28, Local No. 6354. He was a member of West End Baptist Church in Big Stone Gap.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his wife, Geneva June Williams and a daughter, Angela Owens.

Survivors include sons, Philip Williams, Charlottesville, Francis Williams, Pound and Danny Williams, Piney Flats, Tenn.; daughter, Kim Shores, Big Stone Gap; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap with Rev. Jack Clark officiating.

Burial followed in Powell

ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

Former postmaster
of the Pardee Post Office

Elizabeth "Betty" Williamson, 95, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Wise County, passed away Wednesday (Oct. 8, 2003) at Masonic Eastern Star Community in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., the daughter of the late George J. and Elizabeth Katherine (Siebert) Goetz. She lived in Pardee, and Big Stone Gap, for over 30 years before living with her daughter in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Williamson was a former postmaster with the former Pardee U.S. Post Office. She was a former member of the Lonesome Pine Hospital Auxiliary and attended the Church of Christ in Big Stone Gap.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce "Dick" Williamson; and one sister, Laura Goetz.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Baker, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Patti Gray and husband Alvin, Redlands, Calif.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Lydia White and husband Forest, Crawfordsville, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Glencoe Cemetery in Big Stone Gap, with the Rev. Jim Johnson officiating.

Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, was in charge of arrangements.

EARL A. WRIGHT

Earl A. Wright, 80, of Coeburn died Monday (Aug. 18, 2003) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.



Mr. Wright was a retired coal miner of Clinchfield Coal Co. and a member of U.M.W.A., V.F.W., Coeburn

Masonic Lodge 97 A.F. & A. M. and Mary's Chapel Church.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emory H. and Sally Alba McReynolds Wright; a son, Michael Earl Wright; two sisters, Muriel Catherine Amburgey and Elma Mullins.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Mae Stanley Wright; son, Jerry Wright, Bristol; brothers, Raymond Wright, Coeburn, Burt Wright and Roger Wright, both of Greenville, Tenn.; sisters, Sally Long, Coeburn, Mae Huffman, Lebanon, Ruth Mullins, St. Paul, Irene Robinette, Midway, Tenn. and Shirley Mulheron, Woodbridge; two grandsons, one granddaughter, one great-grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Estes Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday after 6 p.m. and a Masonic evening service will be held at 7 p.m. by Coeburn Masonic Lodge 97 A.F. & A.M. Services for Earl A. Wright will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Rev. Marty Puckett officiating.



Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Coeburn

RANDY KEITH WRIGHT

Employee of Morgan-McClure
in Coeburn

Randy "Ab" Keith Wright, 42, of Wise, died Thursday (Dec. 18, 2003) at his home.

He was born in Norton, son of the late Bill Wright. He was a graduate of St. Paul High School. He was an employee of Morgan-McClure in Coeburn as parts manager.

Survivors include his mother, Jean Wright of St. Paul; four brothers, Gary R. Wright and wife Debbie of Castlewood, Wayne "Cotton" Wright and wife Kathy of Castlewood, Robert Wright and wife Lana of St. Paul and Ronald Wright and wife Cindy of Castlewood, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, in Castlewood Funeral Home chapel, Castlewood, with the Rev. Bill Crawford officiating.

Interment followed in Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood.

Pallbearers were Buddy Hamilton, Clinton Wright, Jeff Goodson, Bo Lee, Robert Lee and Lowell Bellamy. Honorary pallbearers were employees of Morgan-McClure of Coeburn.

VESSIE BALL WRIGHT

Vessie Ball Wright, 82, of Fletcher, N.C., passed away at her residence on Thursday (Aug. 7, 2003) with her husband of 66 years by her side.

She was a former resident of Pound and was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her parents, Jim Ball and Ida Plate Ball; two brother, James Ball Jr. and Robert Lee Ball; two sisters, Georgia Oakes and Jessie Elkins.

Survivors include her spouse, Delmer Wright; daughter, Vonnice Mae Addington, Pound; sons, Donnie Wright and Dale Lee Wright, both of Fletcher; sister, Dessie Fender, Black Mountain, N.C.; grandchildren, Regena Baker, Scottie Wright, William Wright and Roddy L. Addington; great-grandchildren, Isaiah Addington, Yronna Addington, Katie Baker and Jessica Wright.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Sadie Baker

Memorial Chapel of Baker Funeral Home, Pound with Elder James Gannon and others officiating.

Graveside services were held at noon Monday in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, Big Stone Gap.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

WILLIAM WRIGHT

Retired coal miner

William "Bill" Wright, 89, of Mooresburg, Tenn./Norton, died Wednesday (Sept. 10, 2003) at his home in Mooresburg.

A former resident of Norton, he made his home in Hawkins County for the past 20 years. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Wright was preceded in death by his wife, Callie Wright, a daughter Ava Kincer and a son, Charles Keller Wright.

Survivors include daughter, Brenda Hall, Mooresburg; son, Abel Wright, Norton; sister Bessie Sturgill, Norton; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Hagy & Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton.

Burial followed in the Laurel Grove Cemetery, Norton. ▲

HAROLD E. YATES

Harold Edward Yates, 75, of Waller, Texas, passed away Friday (Sept. 5, 2003).

He was preceded in death by son; Harold Yates Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Yates; sons, Roger Yates and wife Margie Michael Yates

and wife Bo, Gary Yates and wife Connie Ronald Yates and wife Laura, Joseph Yates and wife Cindy, Ray Yates and wife Carolyn; daughter, Joyce LeBlanc and husband Donald; brother, Claude Yates and wife Margaret; sister, Joann Dotson; 17 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Monday at Canon Funeral Home Chapel in Waller, Texas.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Fields Family Cemetery, McClure.

Mullins Funeral Home is serving the Yates family.

LESSIE YATES

Lessie S. Yates, 85, of Coeburn, passed away Monday (Aug. 18, 2003) in the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Yates was preceded in death by her parents, W.K. and Sally Mullins Stanley; and her husband, Garland Yates.

Survivors include brother and sister-in-law, Bernis and Josie Stanley of Coeburn; sister, Oma Gentry of Wise; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Sturgill Funeral Home in Coeburn with the Rev. Fletcher Strouth officiating.

Burial will follow in the Roundtop Cemetery, Wise.

DR. WOLFGANG ZAHNKE

Beloved father, husband

Dr. Wolfgang Zahnke,
MD, of Big Stone Gap,

passed away Thursday
(Aug. 21, 2003).

He was a beautiful person, totally giving of himself before thinking of his own needs. He worked 27 years at Lonesome Pine Hospital and was always there at a moments notice. It was his life and his dedication.

He was a loving father. He gave us a world outlook on life and taught us to work hard and accomplish our goals. He stood firmly behind our dreams and helped guide us through difficult times. He was a most loved grandpa, teaching them meticulously how to cook, fill the pond or whatever else they were interested in learning about.

Most of all, he was a wonderful husband to our mother, Fiona.

He was her cornerstone and partner through almost 39 years of marriage. They have travelled the world together and had great dreams about what his retirement was going to bring them.

She has loved him through thick and thin and this is a devastation like none other. We will all cherish our memories of him and his giving spirit. These mountains will miss his footsteps upon them.

Survivors include his wife, Fiona; children, Coleen, Kirsty, Serena (Lulu) and Kim; grandchildren, Liarucha, Gareth and Ygraine; sister, Marlis (Liza); nephew, Darius; his cousin, Madelein; and a host of relatives and friends around the world and especially in this community of Big Stone Gap and Wise County.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Christ Episcopal Church on Clinton Avenue in Big Stone Gap. The Rev. Raymond Moore will officiate.

We hope that all who knew and loved this beautiful person would come to mourn his passing. Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, is in charge of arrangements.