

## LEM (BABY) GAYHEART

By the request of the family, I will write an obituary to wit Lem (Baby) Gayheart. Baby was born April 22, 1900. Departed this life June 17, 1979. Making his stay here on earth 79 years, 1 month, and 26 days. He was a life long resident of Spewing and McDowell. In



the year of 1919, May 29, he was married to Parthena Newsome Gayheart. To this union was born 13 children of whom 4 preceded him in death, Elba Gayheart, Joan Dye, Millie Gayheart, and Melda Gayheart. Left to mourn his passing are 9 children, Edna Horn, Alma Dye, Lucrecy Gayheart, Sterlion Gayheart, Dial Gayheart, Reginald Gayheart, Rex Gayheart, Raymond Gayheart, and Barbara Henderson. There are 69 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. One brother Milford Gayheart and 2 sisters, Millie Hall and Melda Hall and a great host of friends and neighbors. Baby was blessed in this life to see five generations. He was a well beloved husband, father, and grandfather. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by his blessed wife and children and many friends who were so good to him. As much as his family loved him they had to give him up but the good part, God loved him so well that he shed his blood that he may have life everlasting. From the testimony he told me, I deeply feel our loss here on earth is Heaven's gain. I want to say to all his family, treasure up all the good memories of Dad and think of all the good things Dad has in store for him, for the Bible says a little sleep and a little slumber and the folding of the hands and then a little sleep and the fruit of a laboring man is sweet. Dear children, Dad is gone, he can't come back to you, but by the grace of God you can go to him. My prayers ascend to God for you.

Written by:  
Elder Clifford Williams

## ARMINA PARSONS TAYLOR

With much sadness, I will try, by the help of the good Lord to write an obituary of my dear sister, Armina Parsons Taylor, who passed away in the year 1963.

She was the daughter of Isaac and Darcus Parsons. She was born in 1900. She was married to Ralph Taylor in 1929. To them were born two children, a son, Ralph Gene Taylor, and a daughter, Joann Murphy. Five grandchildren, one brother, Bill Parsons, three sisters, Tava Hamilton, Melvina Gillis, and Lizzie P. Crum, many nieces and nephews, as well as many friends have mourned her passing.

She was sweet and kind to all and had a smile for everyone she met, rich or poor. She lived in the state of Maryland.

The last time she came to visit us, she said, "When I come back I am going to be baptized, I want to wash feet with you and Mom." The last word she ever said to me was, if I never get to see you anymore in this world, I will meet you in glory. She never got to come back. In five weeks after she went home, God saw that she had suffered enough and called her home. I believe that she was a true child of God and that I will meet her again. She only left a world of trouble and went to a land of happiness and peace. There will be no more trouble or sorrow there.

Sleep on dear sister I will meet you some sweet day and we will walk those golden streets together. Sister thou was mild, lovely, and gentle as the summer breeze, pleasant as the air of evening, as it floats among the trees. Peaceful in the grave so low, thou no more wilt join our number, thou no more our songs shall know.

Written by a lonely, sad sister,  
Lizzie P. Crum

## ALLIE FAIR MCMANN

With sadness and a broken heart, and by the help of the good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my dear sister, Allie Fair McMann. She was the daughter of Isaac and Darcus Parsons. She was born on October 15, 1912, and passed from this life on September 9, 1980.



In the year of 1933, she was married to William Lynn McMann. Unto them were born four children, one son, Ronnie McMann, and three daughters, Lou Ellen Ruocco, Sue Faron, and Darcus Shreive.

One brother, Bill Parsons, three sisters, Lizzie P. Crum, Melvina Gillis, Tava Hamilton, nine grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, as well as a great many friends will miss her dearly.

Sister, thy have left us with great sorrow and filled our hearts with grief. She has gone away. Our sister is a shining angel now. We all want to see her, we will meet her tomorrow in that bright and happy land. There will be no sorrow there and we won't have to part. Then we can shake her hand, look upon her sweet face, and with dear sister forever stay. A loved one from us is gone, a voice so kind and sweet is silent.

She was loving and kind in all her ways, upright and true to her Savior to the end of her days. Dear children, brothers and sisters, and friends, if you have not made peace with your Lord, now is the time to start. Don't put off till tomorrow, it may be too late.

Sincere and true in heart and mind, a beautiful memory she left for her children, brother, sisters, and friends. God called her home, it was His will. She had suffered enough. We all loved her, but God loved her best and called her home to rest.

Dear sister, here on earth we will meet no more. I feel it won't be long till I will meet you in the sweet by and by, and we will walk down those golden streets

together. So sleep on sister, I will see you again before long.

Written by a broken hearted sister,  
Lizzie P. Crum

## TOPSIE NEWSOM

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my beloved niece and sister in Christ. Topsis Newsom was the daughter of Geroid and Judy Tackett. She was born March 15, 1912. Deceased this life April 26, 1980. Her stay here on earth was 68 years,



one month and eleven days. She was united in marriage to Ola Newsom on November 20, 1936. They later moved to Detroit, Mich. where they lived until retirement.

Sister Topsis was employed by A&P for many years. She went through sleet and cold, ice and snow. Topsis was always punny but never complained. She joined the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ecorse Mich., September 19, 1960. She was very faithful and a devoted Christian. She gave good counsel to sinners and begged them to go to church.

After retirement they moved south to McDowell, Ky. She got her letter from Little Ida Church and layed it in at Little Rosa Church at McDowell, Ky. There is a vacant seat at Little Rosa Church but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Sister Topsis left a host of friends to mourn her loss. Also two brothers and two sisters. Lawrence Tackett, Lee Tackett and Birdie Tackett all of McDowell, Ky., and Nora Holt of Ashtubula, Ohio. I would like to say to Lee and Birdie if you haven't repented I hope you will seek the Lord before it is too late and be born again. We know Topsis can't return to us but by the Grace of God we can go to her. We hear the

Scripture saying blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labor and their works do follow them. We feel Topsyie is resting from her labor.

Written by her Uncle and  
Brother in Hope,  
Elder Jay H. Mitchell

### ELLIS JOHNSON

In loving memory of  
Ellis Johnson, a beloved  
and devoted husband  
and father.

Ellis Johnson was  
affectionately known as  
Pa to almost everyone  
in the neighborhood. He  
was the son of Caleb  
and Polly (Whittaker)  
Johnson, who preceded  
him in death. He was



born in Floyd County, Kentucky on October 25, 1909 and departed this life on January 18, 1980; making his stay here on earth 70 years, 2 months, and 24 days. He died at home on Marshall's Branch of Long Fork, Virgie, Kentucky, after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his Father and Mother and three brothers, Corbin, James, and Malcolm.

He was married to Allie F. Burke on May 4, 1935. To this union was born four children, one girl and three boys. They are Betty June, Billy Joe, Bobby James and Benny Jason.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years Allie F. (Burke) Johnson, one daughter Betty June of Elyria, Ohio; three sons, Bobby James at home, Billy Joe and Benny Jason of Elyria, Ohio; three grandchildren Louie Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, and Kimberly and Keith Johnson of Elyria, Ohio; two sisters, Hazle Burke of Virgie, Kentucky and Cora Tackett of Zebulon, Kentucky. He is also survived by one son-in-law Dewis Johnson and two daughters-in-law Norene and Gayle all of Elyria, Ohio.

He was a member of the Long Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. He joined the church on Dec. 27, 1979 and was baptized on Dec. 29, 1979.

He was sick with black lung and other ailments for about two years before his death. He was a retired carpenter and coal tippie worker. He was a member of the United Mine Workers practically all his working life. He was also a veteran of World War II in the United States Navy.

He was a loving husband and father. There is an empty space in our hearts and homes without him.

For Pa:

There's no words that can be written  
To express the way we feel  
To say how much we miss you Pa  
A hurt that time can't heal

So sadly missed by your family:

Wife: Allie

Daughter: Betty June

Sons: Billy Joe, Bobby James, and  
Benny Jason

Grandchildren: Louie, Kimberly, and  
Keith

Written by his son Bobby James  
and daughter Betty June

### CLARA HAMILTON

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary of Clara. She was born January 10, 1916 and passed away March 4, 1980 making her stay on this earth 64 years 1 month and 23 days. She was the daughter of Leonard and Mary Jane Tackett.



At age 14, she married Lack Hamilton, a widower with 4 children. To this union they were blessed with 10 children, 3 of which preceded her in death. All three died on the 14th



day of August. Gay was only nine months old. Luther died August 14, 1967 at age 31. Roger died August 14, 1975 at age 26.

She is survived by her husband Lack Hamilton of Langely, Ky.; Molly Thompson, Springport, Michigan; Fred Hamilton, Concord, Michigan; Shirley Whitehead, Alvin and Edward Hamilton all of Albion, Michigan; Wade, Ben and Ellis Hamilton all of Boise, Idaho; Betty Stephens of Langely, Ky.; 28 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 5 brothers and 6 sisters.

Clara loved to go to church. She joined the Long Fork Regular Baptist Church the 4th Saturday in June 1951. She was baptized on Sunday by M.V. Burke and Jesse Hampton. She was a devoted wife and mother and worried about her children. She always tried to give them good counsel and taught them the best she knew how. She prayed for them and asked the Lord to show them the straight and narrow way that they might turn to the Lord before it's too late.

Clara loved all the Brothers and Sisters and she asked me so many times to call Brother Monroe Jones and ask him to pray for her. She said if she could just see his face she believed it would help her. She said, "I shouldn't feel that way because I have faith in them all and I don't want to make a difference in my brethren. I love them all so just call anybody you want to and ask them to remember me in their prayers, and come and see me when they can."

Clara was loved by all who knew her and will be missed by all of us but I believe our loss is Heaven's gain. To her children I wish to say: Try to live your lives in such a way that you can meet Mother in Heaven some day.

Written by her loving and broken-  
hearted sister-in-law,  
Maggie Tackett

## MARTHA MARTIN

With a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear mother who gave us a book of loving memories, precious to all of our hearts.

Martha Newsome Martin of Virgie, Kentucky was born August 28, 1890. She was the daughter of



Samuel and Tamsey Ramsey Newsome. Martha had suffered a long illness which took her life on January 13, 1980, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Martha was married to the late Frank Martin on April 30, 1908, and to this union was born twelve children (six girls and six boys). Four of her children preceded her in death, leaving behind to mourn her loss are the following children: Marjorie Scott, Oma Irvin, Maxie Holsinger, Gertrude Tackett, Madge Adkins, Ishamel Martin, Okey Martin, and Lloyd Martin. She is also survived by twenty grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren (that she loved very much).

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on August 18, 1935, and was baptized by Elder Ellis Hopkins. Her membership was with the Enterprise Church, of which she lived a faithful membership until her death, filling her seat in the church as long as her health permitted.

Mother was a widow for forty-five years, truly a widow indeed. During the last three years of her life she was confined to a wheelchair, she had a tremendous amount of patience and affection during her illness. The last few days of her life, she asked, "Lord take me home." Which we feel the Lord did that lonely Sunday night.

Written by her daughter  
Madge Adkins

## BESSIE MAE ROBERTS

With much sadness and a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved mother Bessie Mae Roberts, born January 1, 1937 in Pike County Kentucky. To the late Harry Sword and Betty Bentley Sword. She departed this life May 14, 1980 making her stay on earth 43 years 4 months and 13 days.



She was united to Warren G. Roberts July 22, 1952 and to that union was born 7 daughters. Barbara Tackett and Amy Casebolt of Robinson Creek and Teresa Brown of Sugar Camp and Mildred Childers of Virgie, Kentucky. And Earline Damron of Collins and Maxie and Elizabeth Roberts of the home. Mother also had one brother Chester Sword of Pikeville, Ky. and two sisters Maxine Smallwood of Dorton, Ky. and Mildred Jones of Shelbiana, Ky. Mother also had 4 grandchildren to mourn her loss. Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Saturday and Sunday in December of 1975 and filled her seat as long as she was able. But the last few months mother lived she was very sickly so she couldn't attend the meeting but when mom was in the hospital she would ask us to call the Brothers and ask them to pray for her. If mom could speak back to her beloved husband and kids she would say don't weep for me because where I am there is no pain or sorrow. We all miss mom so very much but I wouldn't want her back to suffer the way she did. Just before she died she asked the nurse to come and get her kids and the nurse came and got us and we all stood by her bedside and she said she was going home. So sleep on mother, sleep on. Some day we all may meet again.

Written by her  
Broken hearted husband  
Warren G. Roberts  
and daughters

Mothers memorial will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May. Preachers are Matt Justice, Frank Newsome, Paul McCladhand, Johnny Newsome, Junior Damron and others.

### A Praying Mother

My mother was a poor woman as I said before but no woman could leave to her children more. The treasure she left us can't be locked in a vault and these memories she left, can never be brought.

I hope that each child mom leaves on this earth will use the blueprint from the day of their birth and each will receive their part of her will and we all can meet her on top of Calvary Hill. She didn't leave one any more than the other, she left us all a praying father and each of us an equal part of the love she had in her Christian heart.

Though some thought her poor cause she left us no gold but she left us more treasure than the world could hold. She left us a blue print to take us to heaven. A more valuable gift could never be given.

She meant so much to me this poor rich woman was my mother Bessie Mae Roberts and I would like for the whole world to know.

That I'm proud of you mommy where ever I go.

Written by her  
Broken hearted husband  
Warren G. Roberts and  
her broken hearted daughters

## LILLIE HALL

With the help of my Savior, I will try to write an obituary of Lillie (Mullins) Hall, she was the daughter of John and Nancy Jane (Hall) Mullins.

In early life, Lillie was married to Sam Hall who preceded her in death, Lillie was the mother of 11 children,



one child Joseph, died in an injury.

Lillie leaves behind 10 children to mourn her loss, 7 sons, Leonard, Robert, Jeff, Lawrence, Junior, Mac and George. 3 daughters, Mary, Martha and Bertha, 3 sisters, Dottie Slone, Halo, Ky., Essie Osborne, Wheelwright, Ky., and Mary Jane of Michigan, she also leaves 47 grandchildren and a great host of great-grandchildren.

Lillie was good to all who knew her, she was sick for a long period of time and stayed in the hospital at Martin, I would go and stay with her a lot and she would always talk of her good Lord and how merciful he was, she would ask me to call the Brothers to come see her and talk of our Saviour with her, she told me and Brother Clifford Williams she had made peace with the Almighty Lord, she ask Brother Clifford to pray for the Lord to take her home, if it could be his will, but she wanted his will to be done above all.

She told me on Sunday evening as I was leaving to come to Old Beaver Church, she wished she could come with me and be baptized, her heart was with all of us.

So I want to say to all of Lillie's family who hasn't made peace with our Lord, to fall out with sin if you want to see her again, because I feel with all my heart she is at rest and I will meet her again where we won't suffer anymore.

Written by Lillie's  
Daughter-in-law and  
Sister in hope  
Tessie (Ted) Hall

### HERMAN TACKETT

By the request of the family I will write an obituary to wit: Herman Tackett. Herman was the son of Ernest and Mary Casebolt Tackett. He was born October 28, 1919 and deceased this life January 7, 1980. He leaves to mourn his loss four brothers. They are

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Kermit of Jackson, Ohio, Clyde of Columbus, Ohio, Dave of Harts, West Virginia, and Harvey Lee of Bradford, Conn. Three sisters, Marie Bookhamer of Augusta, Georgia, Geneva Tackett of Virgie, Ky., and Lula Tackett of Halo, Ky. Also to mourn his loss are a host of friends and loved ones.

Herman served eighteen years in the U.S. Army, a country that he loved in this life, a country that he would have given his life for. According to the testimony that he told Brother Monroe and Brother Perry Jones while in the Pikeville Hospital, we believe that Herman is at rest in the Paradise of God, just waiting for that final call, when the Lord will call for all that are in the grave to get up. We believe he'll get up and meet the Lord in the air and everly be with him in a country where we, the children of God, will be satisfied. A place where there will be no wars or fighting, but in a country where it will all be peace and love.

Written by,  
Elder Ellis Holbrook

### JOE HAGER

It's with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write an obituary of my beloved husband Joe Hager; Joe was born on Jan. 14, 1907. And passed away Nov. 5, 1979. Making his stay here on earth 73 years 10 months. Joe met and married Essie Johnson Hager De-



cember 13, 1933. And to this union were born 11 children, two died in infancy. The others are as listed, Bobby L. Hager, and Ken Hager of Bryan, Texas, Stella J. Sykes of Slymar, Calif., Charles R. Hager of Detroit, Mich., Viola Wright of Bryan, Texas, Judy A. Cogburn of Carrolton, Texas, Terry Hager of Detroit, Mich., Patsy Ball of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Janie Smith of Weeksbury, Ky. He also leaves 18 grandchildren, three



brothers and one sister. We believe that our loss is heavens gain, and with Gods help we will se our beloved husband and father. He is at peace with sweet Jesus.

Written by his broken hearted  
wife, Essie Hager

### RANDELL L. TACKETT

By request of the family and by the help of the Lord, I will try in my weakness to write an obituary of Randell Lynn Tackett.

Randell was born September 16, 1957 at Melvin, Ky., the son of Brother Denver and Sister Lula Tackett of Halo, Ky. Also surviving are his wife, Carol Hall Tackett and daughter Chastity of Halo, Ky. Two children by a previous marriage also survives. They are Laura Tackett and Daniel Lynn Tackett. Randell had three brothers and three sisters. They are as follows: David, Amos, Scott, Lucille Gayheart, Betty Cook, and Mary Tackett. He also leaves to mourn his loss a host of relatives and friends.

Randell expired on Saturday, January 12, 1980. He was a young man of 22 years of age. So I say to all that reads this, the young are dying as well as the old. We have no promises of tomorrow. My advice to the young people is this, as the Lord said, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." The Lord also said, "I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no saviour."

So Brother Denver and Sister Lula, I know your heart has been made sad in this world. But thanks be to God who gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. May I close by saying as the Psalmist David, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with they likeness."



Randell's memorial will be the 5th Saturday and Sunday in August 1981 at the home of Brother Denver Tackett on Jacks Creek. Everyone is welcome.

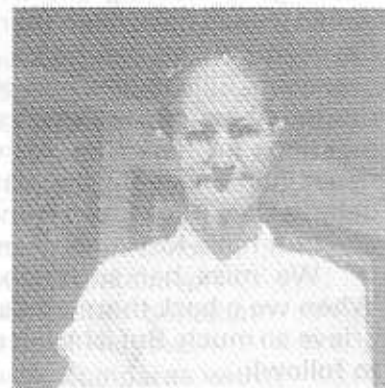
May God bless all  
Written by:  
Elder Ellis Holbrook

### SUSAN BURKE

I will try with the help of the good Lord to write this obituary of my dear sweet mother, Susan Hall Burke. She was born April 26, 1885 and passed on to her sweet heavenly rest January 11, 1980. She was the daughter of Tommy Hall and Martha Fouts Hall, both

deceased. She was married to Daniel Boone Burke about the year of 1903. He passed on in February of 1919. Unto this union was born seven children, four boys and three girls. Delphia Burke, Kite, Ky., Silas Burke, Halo, Ky., Stella Mae Holbrook, Pikeville, Ky., Ed Burke, (deceased), John M. Burke, Bevinsville, Ky., Hassell Burke, Wheelwright, Ky., and Lonnie King of Kite, Ky. They have a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has three brothers still living, Johnny, Merion and Bill.

Mom was so sweet to everyone she came in contact with. I believe she really was a Christian Mother. She was always praising the Lord and telling me how she wanted to live. And that sweet love was always there. Delphia, I will never forget you and Lonnie for being so good to our sweet mother. Delphia, you would always be there to cook for her. The rest of us had families of our own and couldn't stay with her the way you did. The good Lord will make a way for you if you just trust in Him.



Mom never wanted to call us children when she was ill. She never wanted to worry us.

Mom loved her sons-in-laws and daughters-in-law as her own children. She always said the love for her grandchildren was almost the same love she had for her own.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year of 1913, at Rebecca. She lived a faithful life to her profession. After Mom was disabled to go to church, she always wanted to hear from it. She would ask if we had a good meeting and who preached. She'd say, "I would love to have been there." Sometimes they would have church at her home. She always wanted her grandson, Ellis to be a part of it. I would like to thank all the members of the Rebecca Church for having these meetings for her. They were all so good to her. Mom never had an ought against her in the Church and I believe they have lost a wonderful member and we the children have lost a good and wonderful mother.

We miss her so much around the home place. When we o back there and she isn't there it makes me grieve so much. But, she left a light shining for everyone to followl.

Mothers memorial will be the 5th Saturday and Sunday in May 1981 at the Rebecca Church. If the Lord willing, everyone is welcome.

Written by her daughter and  
Sister in Hope  
Stella Mae Holbrook

### RHONDA JEAN HALL

It is with a sad and aching heart I will try to write an obituary of our darling little girl Rhonda Jean Hall. Rhonda was born September 22, 1977 and passed away April 18, 1979 in the Pikeville, Methodist Hospital following a sudden illness.

Rhonda is survived



by her parents Ronnie Dean and Wilma Jean Hall and her new baby sister Marsha Renee, born February 14, 1980. Also her paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hall of Wales. Her maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Bevins of Millard, Ky. The paternal great-grandfather, Ben Hall of Melvin, Ky. and the maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Owens of Regina, Ky. and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

We miss our baby so very much, but we know she's in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her broken  
hearted parents  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dean Hall

### "LITTLE ANGELS"

When God calls little children  
to dwell with Him above,  
we mortals sometimes question  
the wisdom of His love.

For no heartache compares with  
the death of one small child  
who does so much to make our  
world seem wonderful and mild.  
Perhaps God tires of calling the  
aged to his fold,  
so He picks a rosebud before  
it can grow old.

God knows how much we need them  
and so He only takes but few  
to make the land of Heaven  
more beautiful to view.

Believing this is difficult  
still somehow we must try.  
The saddest word mankind knows  
will always be "Good-Bye".  
So when a little child departs,  
we who are left behind  
must realize God loves children,  
Angels are hard to find.



## SARAH JANE JOHNSON

Born January 22,  
1904 - Died June 29,  
1980.

Sarah Jane was born to a wonderful union of Monroe Hall and Betsy Holbrook Hall. Sarah Jane was the eldest of eight children born to this blessed union. The children besides Sarah included: Lillian Fleming, Melvin, Ky.; Anna Hall, deceased; Hazel Jones, Bevinville, Ky.; Liza Little, deceased; Arnie Johnson, Bevinville, Ky.; Maggie Hall, Price, Ky.; and Woodrow Hall, Millington, Michigan.

Sara Jane was married to Bryan Johnson in February 1921 and lived in the Weeksbury area during this time. Bryan and Sarah were blessed with two children who are Vernie Jones, Weeksbury, Ky. and Vernon (Jim) Johnson Bristol, Tennessee. From these two children were born four grandchildren, and from these grandchildren were born seven great grandchildren.

Sarah Jane lived a very wonderful and fruitful life during her seventy-six years on this earth. The best years seemed to be when she was married to her loving husband, Bryan. She enjoyed life very much during this marriage. The children she raised along with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren made her life very meaningful. Even with the children, her life seemed to end when her husband Bryan passed away in 1976.

In closing this obituary there are many, many good words that could be said of the person we love so much. We would like to say that God in our hearts received her the day she was born and never once let her go. Sarah Jane was baptized on July, 1976 but was a truthful child of God all her life. Many a good word from her loving family, sisters and brothers should be said in this obituary, but there is not enough room to say what they really feel. We close in saying that we know in our hearts that she is at rest in heaven with her loving



husband in God's house and someday we hope to meet them there.

By: Archie Justice

## GLADYS AND LIZA LITTLE

With much sadness and a broken heart, I am writing an obituary of my mommy and daddy, who I loved very dearly.

Gladys Little, my dad, was born September 25, 1913 to Lafe and Mary Little of Bypro, Ky. Daddy had six sisters and three brothers who are; Maggie Wallen of Bypro, Ky., Julia Little of Bypro, Ky., Dovie Hall of Bypro, Ky., Bubby Mullins of Bypro, Ky., Vassie Little deceased, Vertie Newsome, deceased, Bill Little of Bypro, Ky., Mikey Little of Wheelwright, Ky. and James Little of Bypro, Ky.

My dad passed away on October 14, 1967. And not having an obituary of him I desire to make this a joining one for mom and dad. I hated to see dad go but I hope to see him again. He was a man who worked hard for his family and I could never express the love I had for him. His stay on earth was a short one, but during this time he was loved by all his family and friends. Daddy joined the Joppa Baptist Church in 1967.

My mom, Liza Hall Little was born on October 25, 1913 to Monroe and Betsy Holbrook Hall. She passed away on July 19, 1980. Mommy had six sisters and one brother who are; Sarah Johnson deceased, Lillian Fleming of Melvin, Annie Hall deceased, Hazel Jones of Bevinville, Ky., Arnie Johnson of Bevinville, Ky., Maggie Hall of Price, Ky., and one brother Woodrow Hall of Millington, Michigan.

Mommy was married to Gladys Little November of 1935. They had one daughter Betty Jo Hall of Melvin Ky., and two granddaughters Sonya and Susan Hall also



of Melvin. Mommy joined the Joppa Baptist Church in 1965. Her last days were very sick ones, she didn't get to go to church like she wanted to, but she loved all the brothers and sisters very dearly. Mommy was loved by everyone who knew her. She always had a warm smile and a kind hello for everyone.

I feel as if my mom has gone to rest. On the morning of her death she was praying so kind and sincerely to God and I know with all my heart that our dear saviour heard her prayers, and mom and dad will see each other again in that wonderful land, called HEAVEN.

Written By:  
A Lonely Daughter  
Betty Jo

### LENDIA BRYANT

By the help of the Lord I will try to write a few words of a loving grandmother, who I loved very much. She was the mother of 8 children that of which there are 2 still living. Their names are Josephine Mullins of Pride, Kentucky and Pharah "Buddy" Bryant of Bypro, Kentucky and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the stepmother of 3 children who she loved very much whose names were Ransom Salisbury and Larnee Bryant she was married to Ab Bryant and joined the Church in 1932 or 33. Oh, how I loved to see her in Church, with that old fashioned long black dress and white apron and black bonnet. She was a good old fashioned Christian and believed in the old fashioned way. In December 1938 on a sad day when they laid my grannie to rest. I remember when I was a little girl I would lay on her or sister Onicia Childers lap and listen to them tell each other their experience. Although I did not understand at that time what they were talking about until the Lord saved this

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soul of mine. Then I understood, Oh, children unless you were raised by a mother like that it would be hard to understand how good she was. She raised so many children besides her own I can see her praising the good Lord and clapping them feeble hands and begging sweet Jesus to take her home.

Written by her granddaughter  
and grandson-in-law  
Dave and Francis Henderson

### VIOLA BRYANT

I will try to write a few lines about a dear Aunt who passed away in May of 1979. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Caudill Bryant and was married to Buddy Bryant. Into this union was born 10 children of which one preceded her in death. The children

still living are: Bert T. Bryant of Bypro, Gertrude Burke of Bypro, Octavia Johnson of Wheelwright, Willie and Frank Bryant of Wheelwright, Bonnie Bryant of Bypro, Betty Slone of Bypro, Arenda Collins of Bypro and Viola Perkins of Bypro. She leaves 22 grandchildren and a loving husband to mourn the loss of a wife, mother and grandmother. Although Aunt Vie did not belong to any Church, I believe the angels came and took her home to be with the Lord. The day they took her in to the operating room, Dave and I went to see her and she asked me if Dave had joined the church. I told her yes, and she raised her hands to Heaven and said thank you Lord, I have been praying for him so long, and I asked her if you don't get to come back out to talk to us how will it be with you and the Lord. She said "Francis, if I never talk with you any more, the Lord saved my soul when Baby was born. Now I can't see why I have not gone to Church, but if I live to get out of here, that will be the first thing I will do." Oh children if ever you expect to

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see Mom again you will have to turn to the same God mom did. For I believe with all my heart she is resting from all her labor and has gone on to receive a bright crown. She labored so hard in this world below but now she is wearing that robe as white as snow.

Written by those who loved  
her very much  
Brother and Sister in Hope  
Dave and Francis Henderson

### JUDY FRANCES NEWMAN JOHNSON

It is with sadness that I try with the help of the Dear Lord, to write an obituary of our Sister in Christ, Judy Frances Newman Johnson. She was the beloved daughter of Richard and Sultana Newman of Clear Creek, Ky. Judy loved the Lord, and was a devout Christian from the early years of her life. She was married to George C. Johnson of Melvin, Ky. She was born January 1, 1906, and went to meet her Lord and Master on September 8, 1979.



She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, George C. Johnson of Peebles, Ohio. Four daughters and six sons - Mrs. Leona Johnson, Winchester, Ohio. Mrs. Irene Burgess, Tipp City, Ohio. Mrs. Josie Seaman, Mrs. Oma Cobbler, Homer Johnson, Clail Johnson, Wilbur Johnson, Robert Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, and Jerry Johnson all of Peebles, Ohio. Two sons preceded her in death - Junior Johnson and Charlie Johnson, both of Peebles, Ohio.

She had been a member of the Joppa Church most of her life. I first met Sister Johnson twelve years ago. She was a wonderful person. I believe in my heart a true child of God. She would talk to me about how she loved to hear her Brothern preach the gospel, and sing the old

songs of Zion. I feel that she is now resting in her eternal home with her High Master. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Written by her friend,  
Mrs. Margaret Clark  
Peebles, Ohio

### JAY LEE (HERB) HALL

It is with much sorrow, over the loss of my beloved brother in Christ Jesus my saviour. That I trust Christ to bless me to write an obituary of to wit: Elder Jay Lee (Herb) Hall the son of the late Charlie and Alice Hall originally of Banner, Kentucky. Born September 4, 1928 deceased this life August 3, 1980 making his sojourning here on earth 51 years, 10 months, and 30 days.



Jay Lee was united in marriage to Avalia Hall, February 4, 1953 and to this union was born 2 daughters Sandra Tackett and Brenda Hamilton both of Craynor, Kentucky.

Brother Jay Lee was a veteran of The Korean War of which he served his country well and came home to the hill country of Ole Eastern Kentucky honorably discharged.

I and as many as took notice to Brother Herb saw the fruits of the effectual working of God's spirit from the time he started going to church all the way through till the last time we saw him alive. If indeed I may be permitted to judge my feelings, I think it can be safely said Brother Herb was a model Christian. He always met his brother's and sister's and everyone with kindness, his dealings were just and fair and he truly loved peace. I enjoyed many conversations with him concerning the pleasures in Christ.



My brother gave his hand to become a member of the church April 12, 1975 shortly after this, he felt the calling to the ministry. After spending some time in court ship with the calling, The Mothers Home Church of which held his membership deemed it necessary to ordain him a minister in the full function of the gospel, September 2nd Saturday 1978.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wonderful companion Avalia, his 2 dear daughters Sandra and Brenda, his 2 precious grandchildren little Penny and little Josh. 2 brothers Willard Hall, Dwale, Kentucky and Cecil Bert Hall, Stanville, Kentucky. One brother Jimmy Neff Hall preceded him in death. 1 sister Lillie Mae Boyd, Banner, Kentucky. 3 aunts Hester Hall, Banner, Kentucky, Hazel Hamilton, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and Fanny Harvey his daddy's sister. 2 uncles Jake Hall, McDowell, Kentucky and Bascom Hall, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. A multitude of relatives, friends, neighbors, and a host of brother's and sister's in Christ Jesus to mourn his passing.

Although there is an emptiness in me that can't or has not been made at ease since I heard the news of his passing. I truly regret losing him, but all that is in me or about me rejoices in the fact that our redeemer blessed him to go to rest praising him. This is a great witness for us, the children of hope, and his family.

Sister Avalia, Sandra, Brenda and babies, I know you will miss him very, very much, but it was God's command and he had to go. We all will miss him so very much, but he is better off than we are. He is as I have heard him say so many times, asleep in the arms of Jesus until that great resurrection morning. He will also be missed so dearly by The Mothers Home Church of which he was the clerk.

A wonderful soldier, Christ has called away, but my precious dearly beloved in Christ, let us love, cherish, and be kind to each other, and all we come in contact with, by this way we may gain and not lose.

To the family, just trust Christ for comfort and guidance, he knows all our needs and is able to save to the utter most, them that do trust and believe on his name.

With love and kindness in Christ Jesus my Lord and King.

Written by his Brother in Christ  
Elder C. Edd Kidd

## RISSIE JUSTICE

It is with much sadness, that I try to write a short obituary of my mother Rissie Justice, who was born September 11, 1885 - departed this life, June 2, 1980, making her stay on earth 94 years 8 months, and 21 days. She was married to



James M. Justice. They had a long and happy life together. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1963. She also had five sons, and one daughter who preceded her in death. Rissie had belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years, and lived a good and faithful life.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters, one sister, a host of Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren, as well as many friends and neighbors.

After mom was disable to walk, she would lie in bed and sing the Old Regular Baptist songs and beg the Lord to take her home. I believe without a doubt she is with Him, and if the family wants to meet her again we will have to live the kind of life Mom lived.

Written by her daughter