

# Obituaries

## Katherine S. Walters Perry of Huntington

Katherine S. Walters Perry, 86, of Huntington, W.Va., went home in the arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Born to the late Ulysses Grant and Evelyn Ruby Walters on January 14, 1931, she was a loving daughter, sister, wife, and aunt. In addition to her parents, her loving husband of 55 years, James Perry also preceded her in death, along with a sister, Lillian Walters Tate; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Juanita Walters; nephew James H. Watts; great-niece Brandy Lee McGowen; and great-great nephew Jace Ryan. Katherine was a homemaker and a member of Mays Chapel Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister and caregiver, Eva (James) Watts; brothers Harold (Lorraine) Walters, and Ulysses (Loretta) Walters, all of Huntington; sister Lavonne (John) McDonley of Dayton, Ohio; brothers-in-law James Tate of Georgia, Herman (Rose) Perry and Al Tiller, all of Huntington; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 15, 2017 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Talbert and Brother Gary McGowen officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Friends may call after 12 noon on Sunday.



## Roger Dale Johnson of Kermit

Roger Dale Johnson 55, of Kermit, West Virginia passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Tug Valley ARH in South Williamson, Kentucky. He was born on August 17, 1961 in Logan County, West Virginia to the late Robert and Ethel Johnson. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three siblings, Archie Johnson, Bryant Johnson and Pauline Ferguson.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Rhonda Muncy Johnson, two special nephews, Dalton Messer and Paul David Marcum along with seven siblings, Danny Johnson of Warfield, Kentucky, Arvil Johnson of Fort Fay, West Virginia, Grethal Johnson Hooper, Rebecca Johnson both of Pisqah Forrest, North Carolina, Ledonna Messer of Sunbury, Ohio, Juanita Mathis of Brevard, North Carolina and Loucrisa Waller of Crum, West Virginia.

Funeral services were held at the Warfield Chapel of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home in Warfield, Kentucky on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 11:00 am with Eugene Marcum and Jennings Messer officiating. Burial followed at the Fitzpatrick Cemetery. Friends called at the chapel on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 starting at 6:00 pm and on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.



## Marguerite F. Damron of Huntington

Marguerite F. Damron, 88 of Huntington passed away at St. Marys IMCU on January 9, 2017.

She was born on December 4, 1928 at her home in Wellmantown (Fort Gay), West Virginia, the second child of Cullie and Lillian Wellman-Finley.

Marguerite graduated from Fort Gay High School and furthered her education at Marshall University. She began her career as a teacher in a one-room school house in Wayne County, West Virginia at the age of 17, retiring after 13 years. Always a hard worker, Marguerite launched several other careers and retired from Owens Illinois Glass Factory. Everyone who knew her acknowledged that she was an excellent cook, and Marguerite later retired Dottie's Pies, Clo-Bel's Restaurant and CISCOs.

In her spare time, Marguerite was an established antique dealer and avid reader. More than anything, she loved spending precious time with her beloved family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Marguerite was preceded in death by her husband, Robert A. "Bob" Damron and one brother Charles Finley.

Survivors include her devoted son Robert L. Dameron and his spouse Matthew Kincaid of Charleston; one sister Sadie Aliliff of Fort Gay; one brother Paul Finley of Fort Gay; sister in law Alice Finley of Ashland; special friend Barbara Spaulding George of Huntington; four nieces; two nephews and 19 great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at the Young Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Lousia. Friends called at the funeral home 5-8 pm on Friday, January 13, 2017 and one hour before the service.

Online condolences may be left for the family by visiting [www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com)

## Margaret Ann Graham

Margaret Ann Graham Bell passed away peacefully, January 3rd, 2017. She was 83 years old. She and her husband lived in Raleigh, NC, for the past 30 years.

Ann was born July 7th, 1934, in Cherokee, KY, daughter of Lem and Elizabeth Graham. She attended grade school in Cherokee and graduated from Blaine High School.

On her first day in college, she met her future husband, John Paul Bell. They were married August 29th, 1954. Before she graduated from college, she started teaching in the one-room Needmore School House.

In 1959, Ann graduated from Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Virginia. She took art classes, taught school, and started studying for her Master's degree in Education. In 1962, she gave birth to their daughter, Elizabeth.

By the mid-1970's, John and Ann had moved to Raleigh, NC. Ann taught school while studying for her Master's. Ann always subscribed to Architectural Digest and had interests in decorating and in investing, so she also took some real estate sales classes and discovered that she had a knack for real estate. She earned her Broker's license and opened her own office. She took care of her parents in their final years, bred sweet-tempered show cats, collected art and antiques, and managed the family business with her husband in Raleigh. She was also a breast cancer survivor.

In 2014, Ann was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Her husband took care of her at home until she needed the freedom and safety of a controlled environment. Since late autumn of 2015, Ann resided at Falls River Court Memory Care, in Raleigh. She enjoyed her life there, watching all the busyness. Her final months were made comfortable by the attentive and thoughtful Hospice Transitions care-givers. Ann died in her sleep of respiratory complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Ann is survived by her husband, John Paul Bell and her only child, Elizabeth. Her grandson, John Paul Garner, lives in NM. Her granddaughter, Laura, lives in Raleigh. Ann had one great-grandson, Graham, aged 2 and named for her. She will be missed and always remembered for her intelligence, kindness, hard work, brilliant blue eyes and thousand-watt smile.

Funeral services were conducted 1:00 PM Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at the Graham Cemetery, Blaine, Ky.. Visitation was 6-8pm Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at Young Funeral Home.

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## Anita J. "Jadie" Adkins of Palatka, FL., formerly of Wayne

Anita J. "Jadie" Adkins, 79, of Palatka, FL (formerly of Wayne, WV and Ashland, KY), died on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, FL following an extended illness. She was born on July 18, 1937 in Wayne, WV to the late Welston "Pete" Smith and Patsy Maynard Smith of Wayne, WV. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, William Tolbert "Tob" Adkins and Glen Gilbert, and a grandson, James Ian McGrath of New Port Richey, FL. Her youngest daughter, Patricia Pete "Petie" Gilbert of Hawthorne, FL just passed away on January 13, 2017. Jadie is survived by one daughter, Jean Ann "Cricket" (Paul) Augevich of Wythville, VA; a granddaughter, Kadie K. (Dake) Schmidt of Kodiak, Alaska; a grandson, Seth Weston (Jessica) Walsh of Bland, VA; a great granddaughter, Haven Walsh; a great grandson, Weston McGrath of New Port Richey, FL; baby Walsh due in June; a special aunt, Seay Hess and a cousin "Little Sister" Lexa (Stan) Carr of St. Charles, MO. Before moving to Palatka, FL, Jadie spent most of her professional life in the banking and finance business in Wayne, WV, Huntington, WV and Ashland, KY where she retired from National City Bank, Ashland, KY. In accordance with her wishes a memorial service will be held at a later date with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Wayne, WV. Memorial contributions may be made to Oak Ridge Chapel, P.O. Box 975, Interlachen, FL 32148 or Haven Hospice House - Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177. Messages of encouragement or sympathy may be expressed on her online guest book at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com). Funeral Home of Palatka is assisting the family.

## Lucille Bailey-Rice of Ashland

Lucille Bailey-Rice, 95 of Ashland passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ashland. Emma was born on December 13, 1921 in Chapman, Kentucky to the late Robert Lee and Virginia Mae Carter-Bailey. She worked for nearly 30 years as a nurse at the Louisa General Hospital, Humana Hospital and as it is known now Three Rivers Medical Center and attended the Louisa Freewill Baptist Church in Louisa and the Moore Street Tabernacle in Ashland. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one grandson Herbert Hoosier; a son-in-law Ronnie Hoosier as well as nine brothers and one sister. Left behind to cherish her loving memory is two daughters Rita (Raymond) Mecca of Ashland and Judith Hoosier of Prichard; eight grandchildren Missy (Tom) Derifield-Gillespie of Aurora, IL, Phillip Derifield of Lexington, KY, Angela (Owen) Daniels of Houston, TX, Nick Mecca of Ashland, Nina Mecca of Cincinnati, OH, Mark (Allison) of Beckley, WV and Adam (Brynna) Hoosier of Fort Gay, WV; one granddaughter-in-law Samantha Hoosier of Fort Gay; 12 great grandchildren as well as many friends whose lives were all touched in some form during her 95 years. Funeral Services will be held at 2 pm of Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the Young Funeral Home Chapel, burial will follow at the Bailey Cemetery in Chapman. Visitation for family and friends was held on Friday, January 13, 2017 from 6-8 pm at the Young Funeral Home Chapel.

## Michael Reynolds Jr., of Huntington

Michael Dallas Reynolds Jr., 42, of Huntington, passed away January 5, 2017. He was born on January 9, 1974. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Talmage Reynolds and Nollie Ann, paternal grandparents, Bill and Iris Plybon, aunts, Priscilla Plybon and Glenna Shore, and stepfather, Donald Brown, all of Huntington. Michael was a graduate of Huntington High School with honors in 1992 and a graduate from Marshall University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and history. He leaves behind to mourn his loss his mother, Phyllis Plybon Eastham (Dennie), father, Michael Dallas Reynolds Sr. (Sheila), daughters, Taylor and Lauren Reynolds, and sisters, Melissa Ashworth (Mike) and Lisa Johnson (Jeff), all of Huntington. Also surviving are one nephew, Keaton Johnson; nieces, Kendyl Johnson and Mia Grace Ashworth; special aunts and uncles, Jim and Susie Corder of Ceredo, W.Va., Paula and Rick Byrd, William Shore and Penny and Gary Laslo, all of Huntington. In addition, he also leaves behind his loving fiancée, Thea Haggard; and a host of cousins and friends. A visitation was held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2017, at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Saturday with Pastor Greg Wolford officiating.

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foolhardiness the Obama administration employed in attempting to fundamentally change our country to align with the president's apparent rancorous view of the United States.

For perspective, let's "metamorphically" go where no liberal has gone before and reminisce how Democrats passed Obamacare.

During Obama's 2008 presidential campaign, he repeatedly (eight times per a 2010 New York Post column by Clemente Lisi) promised that health care negotiations "will be on C-SPAN" and "the public will be part of the conversation and will see the choices being made."

Never happened. In March 2010, then-Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said of the Affordable Care Act, "But we have to pass the bill, so you can find out what is in it, away from the fog of controversy."

Voters surely paid for this sort of dereliction of duty. In 2013, Obama gave us the "PolitiFact 'Lie of the Year'" when he made his healthcare promise to Americans, "If you like your healthcare plan, you can keep it."

And maybe the "crime de la crime" denoting the progressive path of prevarication enabling passage of Obamacare happened when, in 2014, the so-called "architect" of the federal healthcare law said the "lack of transparency" and the "stupidity of the American voter" helped Congress approve Obamacare.

The disregard Democrats have shown for the American people is flabbergasting!

Allow me to borrow a familiar idiom. "Democrat's chickens have come home to roost."

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Forty-eight years later, the same questions are still being asked. A 2016 Gallup poll showed that 60 percent of Americans believe we should legalize it. You would think that in half a century, Americans would have figured out a realistic policy for dealing with marijuana use.

Time magazine's Jan. 5, 1970, cover identified "The Middle Americans" as the "Man and Woman of the Year." According to the commentary, "The American dream that they were living was no longer the dream as advertised others seemed to be taking over the liberals, the radicals, the defiant young." "Pornography, dissent and drugs seemed to wash over them in waves, tearing some of their children away." "They sought to reclaim their culture. Taxes hit them the hardest, yet they feel less and less voice where and how their money is spent." "Middle Americans feel mocked and assaulted everywhere except in Richard Nixon's Washington." "When (Vice President) Spiro Agnew (who resigned over tax evasion charges) erupted against television and newspaper commentators and against dissent's 'effete corps of impudent snobs,' Middle America was further comforted." The cast of characters is different today, but the thoughts are eerily similar.

Is 2017 America really so different from the middle of the 20th century? We still haven't solved the marijuana conundrum. Yes it's legal to grow, sell and use in some states, but the rules of engagement vary greatly. It's still a pathway to prison for some and for others it's been a jailhouse residence for decades.

Race problems, which have been with this nation since its inception, were supposed to have receded; obviously, that's not the case. And for those of us who have forgotten or never realized it, the swing to conservatism isn't a brand-new event, but another move in our government's ever-changing political pendulum. The Newseum's photos were a good reminder that America's issues haven't changed that much in a half-century.

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Pore also appealed to Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, who voted in favor of the repeal, to reconsider her position. She encouraged those in attendance to contact Capito to do the same.

"We have to keep this pressure on her," she said.

Mary Ann Claytor, a St. Albans resident who ran for state auditor last year, also spoke in support of keeping the Affordable Care Act. Claytor's son, Cedric, developed a rare disease at age 20. The disease caused blood clots that damaged his liver, she said.

"I didn't realize that I had this fine print in our [insurance] policy that I had a million dollar maximum lifetime benefits [limit]," Claytor said. "So, once he met the million dollars, he would have been taken off."

As Claytor and her family waited for Cedric to receive a liver transplant, the insurance company continued to send reminders that they were reaching the limit on their benefits.

"How would you imagine that you are worried about whether your child is going to live or your child is going to die and you are getting these letters from the insurance company keeping you on a countdown, just counting down the time," she said.

The Affordable Care Act put an end to lifetime benefit caps and it requires companies to offer health insurance to people even if they have pre-existing health conditions that make their care costly.

But Claytor worries that if the law is repealed, her insurance company might reinstate the limits. Her son, who is now paralyzed and requires her help full time, acquired a second rare disease, she said. He's reached more than \$1 million in insurance benefits. Would another insurance company cover him with his pre-existing health conditions?

"I urge our representatives to look in their own children's faces and to imagine they're in this situation," Claytor said.

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