

Obituaries

Jerry Lee Russell of East Lynn

Jerry Lee Russell, 62 of East Lynn, WV, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 am Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel by Pastor Travis Perry. Burial will follow at Adkins Cemetery on Little Lynn Creek Road in East Lynn, WV. He was born January 19, 1955 in Huntington, WV, a son of the late Truman and Gladys Davis Russell. Jerry was a retired school bus driver for the Wayne County Board of Education with 40 years of service. He was also a lifetime cattle farmer and Deacon of the Rush Branch Church. Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Janet Russell and Mary Justice and husband, Roy; four brothers, Clifford, David, Daniel and Truman Russell, Jr. Surviving to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Kathern Finley Russell; two daughters, Nancy Jo Staats and husband, Jason of Culloden, WV, Karen Marie Christian and husband, Jarrod of East Lynn, WV; four grandchildren, Haylee and Kamron Christian, Joseph and Elizabeth Swain; stepchildren, Patrick Finley and Marissa Finley; step-grandchildren, Victoria Finley, Alexa and Levi Perry, Aiden Hall and Cole Pierce; sisters, Gladys Ferguson and husband, Ralph of New Boston, MI, Betty Russell of Lavalette, WV, Arlene Caldwell and husband, Delbert of Fort Gay, WV, Judy Christian and husband, Roger of Wayne, WV, brothers, Jimmy Russell of Wayne, WV, Jackie Russell and companion Mary "Tiney" Fortner of East Lynn, WV; along with many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the MICU Doctors and nurses at St. Mary's Medical Center and the Doctors at HIMG for their excellent care during Jerry's final days. Friends may call from 6 to 9 pm Wednesday at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne, WV.



Arthur Wellington Smith of Lavalette

Arthur Wellington Smith, 94, of Lavalette, WV, beloved Dad, "Poppa" and great-grandfather, and a real friend to many, went to be with the Lord, Our Savior on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, WV with Pastor Bob Talbert officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Vernon Cemetery at Wayne. Arthur was born June 18, 1922 in Wayne County, a son of the late Charles and Bertha McGinnis Smith. He was a retired butcher and car salesman for several businesses in Huntington, most notably, Moses Pontiac. He was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army, serving his country during World War II. He was a member of Mays Chapel United Methodist Church and a past volunteer at the Veteran's Hospital in Huntington, WV. Arthur was an amazing man with many talents, his best was making folks laugh. He never met a stranger and was always willing to talk a while with anyone. His loving wife of 60 years, Emily Frances Ray Smith, preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were brothers Harry Smith, Frank Smith, Sam Smith, Earl Smith and Kenneth Smith, as well as two sisters, Elizabeth Adkins and Faye Davis. He is survived by three daughters, Connie (Darol) Kendrick and Sallie (Dudley) Dickerson, all of Lavalette, WV, and Janie (Rev. David) Thompson of Beverly, WV. Surviving are five grandchildren, Aimee (Nate) Jackson, Jason (Misti) Queen, and Jennifer Webb, all of Lavalette, WV, Dr. Aaron S. (Tracy) Kendrick of Louisa, KY, and Allison (Josh) Hatfield of Catlettsburg, KY. There are eight great-grandchildren, Tyler, Marcus and Marley Webb, Logan, Lindsay and Reagan Queen, and Lilee Jackson, all of Lavalette, WV, and Chase Kendrick of Louisa, KY. The family extends special thanks and love to caregiver Sharon Dishman, nephews Porter and "Tick" Adkins, and his dog "Baby Doll" for always being by his side, and also to his neighbors June and Gary Thompson. In addition, special thanks to the Huntington VA Medical Center, home nurse Kaylyn Williams of Louisa, KY, Tudors Biscuit World in Lavalette, and Huntington Health and Rehabilitation. Visitation will be one hour prior to services Thursday at Morris Funeral Home.



Karen B. Blankenship of Wayne

Karen B. Blankenship, 70 of Wayne, WV, died Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel by Minister Roger Perry. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery, Wayne. She was born June 10, 1946 in Wayne, a daughter of the late Burl and Lucy Dean Blankenship. Karen was a retired school teacher for Wayne County Board of Education where she taught at East Lynn School for most of those years. She was also a member of the Bethesda Baptist Church as well as a member of 4-H. Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Evelyn Tony (Don) and Jacqueline "Hilda" Waggoner (Les); and a brother, Larry N. Blankenship. Survivors include two sisters, Elenor B. Fry and husband, Andrew J. IV. of East Lynn, WV, Sally B. Moore and husband, Sherman of Paplin, VA; a sister-in-law, Dottie Blankenship of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews all of whom she loved like her own. The family would like to thank the staff of Grayson Assisted Living and Cabell Huntington Hospital for the care and support shown to Karen and her family. Friends may call one hour prior to services at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made in Karen's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.



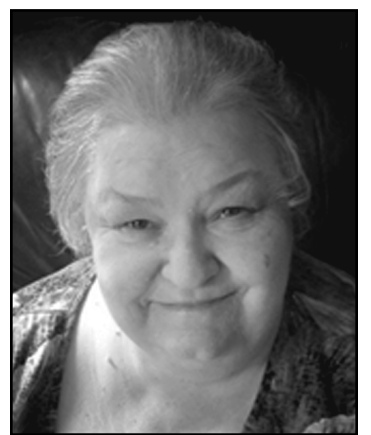
Clyde Monroe Waller of Ceredo

Clyde Monroe Waller, 81 of Ceredo, WV passed away on March 16, 2017. He was born on March 11, 1936 in Hattiesburg, MS; a son of George Harold Waller and Maudi Ainsworth. Clyde retired as a foreman from Owens-Illinois Glass Factory. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. Clyde leaves behind his beloved wife, Evelyn Irene Waller; two sons, Randall Clyde Waller (Tina Anderson) and Stephen Lee Waller (Gina Handley). Also surviving are his two grandchildren, Alisha Dawn Waller and Stephen Paul Waller; his three great-grandchildren, Zack Adkins, Jordan Adkins and Rebecca Adkins; his sister, Carol Young, and his sister-in-law, Milda Justice. Funeral services for Clyde will be conducted on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, with Minister David Roach officiating at Ceredo-Kenova Funeral Home at 1 p.m. with visitation one hour prior. Burial will follow at Crescent Hill Cemetery, Ceredo, WV. Visit his tribute page at www.ceredo-kenovafuneralhome.com to leave online condolences or memories for the family.



Rebecca Ann Messer of Kermit

Rebecca Ann Messer 64, of Kermit, West Virginia passed away at her home on Saturday, March 18, 2017. She was born in South Williamson on December 20, 1952 to the late Lonnie and Mae Marcum Spaulding. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother, Jackie Dale Spaulding. Rebecca is survived by her husband, Ira Lee Messer Jr., 2 sons, Ira Lee (Phelecia) Messer III and John D. Messer both of Stonecoal, West Virginia, 3 daughters, Ida Mae (Tim) Brewer of Marrowbone, West Virginia, Melissa (Jim) Gholson of Ironton, Ohio and Debbie (Larry) Allen of Mudlick, West Virginia along with 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by 6 brothers, Sherman Spaulding, Wallace Spaulding, Alonzo Spaulding, Alex Spaulding, Jess Spaulding all of Kermit, West Virginia and Roscoe Spaulding of Steptown, West Virginia and one sisters, Polly Mae Dunnigan of Murango, Ohio. She was a member of the Walnut Grove Church of Christ and a retired custodian with the Wayne County Board of Education. Funeral services were held at the Walnut Grove Church of Christ on Jennies Creek Rd., in Kermit, West Virginia on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 1:00 pm with Bruce Justice officiating. Burial followed at the Kyler Mountain Cemetery in Crum, West Virginia. Friends called at the Warfield Chapel of the Callahan Funeral Home in Warfield, Kentucky on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.



Wanda Lee Robertson of Fort Gay

Wanda Lee Robertson 81 of Fort Gay, WV went to be with the Lord on Saturday evening March 18, 2017 surrounded by her loving family.

Wanda was born July 15, 1935 at Fort Gay, the daughter of the late Lindsey and Minnie Elizabeth Adkins Spears. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by three children, Debra Lynn Robertson, Ralph Dale Robertson, and Sharon Kay Lockhart. Wanda was a homemaker and a member of the Oak Grove Church.



Survivors include her loving husband of 62 years Ralph Robertson, three daughters Bonnie Wilcoxon and husband Dean and Linda Maynard and husband Steve all of Fort Gay and Pamela Thompson and husband Mike of Georgetown, KY; two sons Darrell Ray Robertson and wife Roberta also of Fort Gay and Carl Hardwick and wife Ava of Cardington, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; a special nephew Greg Hardwick and wife Dean and a host of other nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday March 21st at 1:00 pm at the Oak Grove Church with Rev. Mack Ray Cyrus officiating. Burial followed in the Robertson Cemetery Fort Gay, WV. Friends called the family on Monday from 6:00 pm until time of services at the Oak Grove Church. Care has been entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home

Geneva Scott Evans of Kenova

Geneva Scott Evans, 79, of Kenova, WV widow of Walter Harry Evans, passed away Monday March 20, 2017 at her home. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m Friday March 24, 2017 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova with Deacon Dave Akers officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery, Kenova. Geneva was born July 7, 1937 in Tazewell, VA, a daughter of the late Henry and Virgie White Scott. She was a 1954 graduate of Vinson High School. Geneva attended Marshall University and was an avid supporter of the Herd. She was a secretary and tax preparer for Boggs Insurance Agency. Geneva was a member of First Baptist Church of Kenova and a former member of Westmoreland Baptist Church where she taught preschoolers in Sunday school. She was also a member of the Paw Taw Square Dance Club and the Harvest Club. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded by one brother, William Thomas Scott. Geneva is survived by one son, Larry Evans of Kenova; one daughter Jennifer A. Evans of Huntington; one grandson, Jarrod (Michelle) Evans of Kenova; one beloved sister, Libby Hall of Ashland; one sister-in-law, Maxine Blakely of Lavalette, WV; one brother-in-law, Tom Evans of Cincinnati, OH; and several very special cousins. The family would like to express a special thank you to Hospice of Huntington for their care of Geneva. Visitation will be Thursday evening from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Ruth Ellen Grimm Meredith of Topeka, KS formerly of Kenova

Ruth Ellen Grimm Meredith, 92, of Topeka, KS formerly of Kenova, WV passed away Saturday March 18, 2017 at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka. She was born November 30, 1924 in Kenova, WV a daughter of the late Wilbur C. and Leah Jane Harris Grimm. Ruth worked for American Airlines and The First National Bank of Kenova. Ruth enjoyed music and was a loyal member of the C-K Alumni Band for many years. She was also deeply devoted to the First Presbyterian Church of Kenova where she had been a member for many years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, of 53 years, John Raymond Meredith; two daughters, Jody Ray Meredith and Margaret Ellen Meredith and her sister, Betty Jane Grimm. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Lee (Michael) Langfitt and one granddaughter and her husband, Meredith (T. J.) Snapp; and one great granddaughter, Madeline Grace Snapp, all of Topeka.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rollins Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church of Kenova with Pastor Pat Collier officiating. Burial will follow in Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Huntington, WV. Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Kenova.

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June Evelyn Chadwick Brinkley of Prichard

June Evelyn Chadwick Brinkley, 89, of Prichard, W.Va., passed away Friday, March 17, 2017. She was born June 19, 1927, in Kenova, a daughter of the late Fred and Carrie Akers Chadwick.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Warner Brinkley; two grandsons, Michael and Jeremy Dyer; one great-grandchild, Tristan Shelton; two brothers, George and John Chadwick; and one sister-in-law, Irene Chadwick. June was a member of Cyrus Baptist Church. She is survived by three daughters, Dr. Shirley Brinkley of North Carolina, Mary (Dannie) Dyer of Prichard, W.Va., Patricia Brinkley of Tennessee; one son, David (Bonnie) Brinkley of Prichard, W.Va.; one brother, Abe (Nancy) Chadwick of Colonial Heights, Va.; one sister-in-law, Garnetta Chadwick of Tennessee; four grandchildren, Dannie Lee (Phoenix) Dyer II, Georgia Carrie (Mark) Coronato, Jennifer (Ronald) Thompson and Tommy (Vaughna) Copley; one great-grandchild, Shane Copley; two great-great-grandchildren, Kylar Caudill and Aarailyn Copley; a special cousin, Erma Lee Christian; and a host of other family and friends. The family would like to express a special thanks to the staff of Wayne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their care of June.

Visitation was from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2017, at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova. Funeral services began immediately following the visitation at 2 p.m. with Pastor Manfred Langer officiating. Burial was in Cyrus Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.



Charles Henry Mills of Wayne

Charles "Hick" Henry Mills, 69 of Wayne, WV, died Monday, March 20, 2017 at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 am Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel by Pastor Roger Perry. Burial will follow at Mills Cemetery, Wayne, WV.

He was born March 5, 1947 in Wayne, WV, a son of Cullie and Ester May Luxmore Mills. Charles was a welder/fitter for Babcock and Wilcox and a U.S. Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War. His wife, Fredia Gail Mills also preceded him in death, along with a son, Ronnie Keith Mills; four sisters, Freda Mills-Price, Ester Sue Jaques, Dena Ruth Mills and Crystal Rene Mills. Survivors include three sons, Charles Jody Mills of Rittman, OH, Jeffrey Adam Mills of Washington and Mark Todd Mills of Norton, OH; six sisters, Betty Jo Browning, Lois Young, Lyna G. Shultz, Judy Rosemary Cecil, Bertha Jean Neal, Rebecca Lee Layne; five brothers, Truman Cullie Mills, John Rodney Mills, Harry Glen Mills, Lewis Samuel Mills, Luther Mark Mills; and nine grandchildren. Friends may call from 6 to 9 Friday at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne, WV.

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