

# Obituaries

## Henrietta Napier Dyer of Wayne

Henrietta Napier Dyer, 100, of Wayne, formerly of Waverly, Ohio went home to be with the Lord on her 100th birthday Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Wayne Nursing & Rehabilitation with family by her side.

Henrietta was born at Stiltner, WV to the late Lucian and Martha Ross Napier and lived on Lick Creek during her younger years. In 1938, she married Homer "Boss" Dyer who preceded her in death in 1984. They both worked in Cleveland, Ohio for many years and upon their retirement moved to Waverly, Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband, preceding her in death were two brothers, Ralph Napier and William Napier and two sisters, Betty Lou Lucas and Pauline Skeens.

Surviving are three sisters, Nancy Margaret Wallace of Wayne, WV, Rebecca (Coy) Spence of Twinsburg, Ohio and Martha Fay (Merrill) Pack of Spencer, Ohio, two sisters-in-law Gladys Napier of Waverly, Ohio and Lucille Napier of Wayne, WV. Many nieces and nephews will also continue to cherish memories of their Aunt's kind, sweet and gentle nature.

Henrietta was a long time member of Salem United Baptist Church and Order of Eastern Star, Elbrook Chapter #408. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne with Elder Noah Williamson, Elder Rex Maynard and Pastor Jeff Lycans officiating. Burial will follow at Community Memorial Gardens, Wayne. Visitation will be held from noon until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the entire staff of Wayne Nursing and Rehabilitation for all their exceptional tender loving care of Henrietta.



## Carrie Opal Fisher of Lavalette

Carrie Opal Fisher, 106, was born on October 4, 1910, and passed peacefully on to her heavenly home February 17, 2017. She was the daughter of Minnie and Julius Marion Smith, and was preceded in death by her loving husband, Grandville Fisher. Opal was also preceded in death by sisters Ada (Edison) Bowen, Reba (Charlie) Smith and Julius (George) Cox, and by a niece Marion Jean Adkins, nephews Jack Smith and Tob Adkins. She is survived by niece Pam Burcham and nephews Billie (Donna) Bowen, Ronald (Olive) Smith and a host of great-nieces and nephews, whom she adored. She is also survived by her faithful friend and neighbor, Joe Chapman. Aunt Opal, as many of us knew her, was a grand and classy lady who was a lifelong resident of Lavalette. She was also a longtime member of Lavalette United Methodist Church, where she served faithfully with grace and dignity, and was its oldest member. The family wishes to thank the staff of Grayson Assisted Living for their gracious care and love of Aunt Opal. Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary, Huntington, is in charge of arrangements. Visitation was from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at Lavalette United Methodist Church, with the funeral immediately following at 2 p.m. Burial was in Woodmere Memorial Park, Huntington. Family guestbook at [www.klingelcarpenter.com](http://www.klingelcarpenter.com)

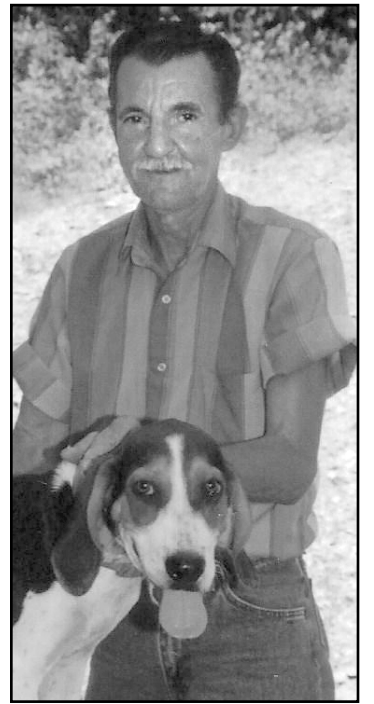


## Robert L. Block of Branchland

Robert L. Block, 77, of Branchland, W.Va., lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center. He was born March 10, 1939 at Marrowbone, W.Va., a son of the late Lafe and Elizabeth Vance Block. Also preceding him in death were five brothers, John Block, Mosey Block, Charley Block, George Block and Sid Block; and three sisters, Liz Charles, Handy Burchfield, and Martha Block.

He leaves behind two brothers, Jack Block of Crum, W.Va., and Lafe Block of Branchland; one sister, Jessie (George) Finley of Branchland; a host of nieces and nephews; very special friends, Landon and Brenda Toppins and Tom Fry.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Jenny's Creek Church with Brothers Tom Fry, Ray Messer and A.J. Block officiating. Burial will follow at the Block Cemetery, Marrowbone with George New, Wayne Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Steve Block, Wayne Williams, Ed Block, and Jim Sizemore serving as pallbearers. Friends called after 3 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Johnson Tiller Funeral Home is honored to serve the Block family.



## Michael R. Bishop of Ceredo

Michael R. Bishop, 51 of Ceredo, WV passed away on February 26, 2017 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was born on September 22, 1965 in Boyd County, KY; a son of the late Allister Bishop and Brenda Cantrell. He leaves behind his beloved wife and soul mate, Donna Bishop; and his siblings, Jennifer Prader, Debbie Hanners (Ted) and Tony Bishop. Also surviving are two nephews, Jeremy Hanners and Josh Prader; and two great-nephews, Logan and Grayson Hanners; and fur babies, Dude, Sophie. A public visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.ceredo-kenovafuneralhome.com](http://www.ceredo-kenovafuneralhome.com).



## Margaret Gail Russell of Louisa

Margaret Gail Russell, 61, of Louisa, Kentucky passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. Gail was born August 8, 1955 in Louisa, Ky. a daughter of the late Clayton and Mary Farris Calhoun. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her two daughters, Lori Ann Blankenship and Cassandra Blankenship (Infant); brother, Orville Calhoun; sisters, Audrey Calhoun Wheat, Stella Mae Calhoun Wanda; Arzie Calhoun Wellman, and Martha Calhoun Blankenship. Gail was a retired clerk for Goodwill and she was of Baptist Faith.

Survivors include, two sons, Trenton Blake Young of Louisa, Ky.; Michael Day Blankenship of Louisa, Ky.; sister, Emma Jean Calhoun Thompson of Louisa, Ky.; brothers, Ray Calhoun of Louisa, Ky. ; and Earl Calhoun of Michigan. Grandchildren, Cody Blankenship and Christian Blankenship; several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

A graveside service was conducted 3:00 pm Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Berry Cemetery, Louisa, Ky. with Kenneth Wright officiating.



## Bobby L. Adkins of Fort Gay

Bobby L. Adkins, 72 of Fort Gay, WV passed away on Friday, February 24, 2017 at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Mr. Adkins was born in Louisa, Kentucky on November 20, 1944 to the late Charlie and Tenny Berry-Adkins. He was a mechanic for many years and was a member of Bartrams Chapel. Bobby was also a Veteran of the US Army having served his country honorably.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three siblings Randall Diamond, Sue Crabtree and Paul Adkins.

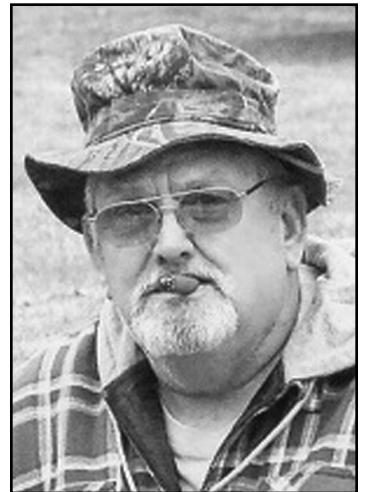
Survivors include three children Kimberly Delong, Diane Dean and Teddy Adkins all of Fort Gay; 25 grandchildren Mellinea Wilhite, Harry Delong, Dalton Adkins, Katherine Adkins, Kayla Hay, Rylee Adkins, Rylan Adkins, Abby Adkins, Kylie Cain, Kara Cain, Hannah Osborne, Morgan Orr, Kristen Dean, Ricky Dean, Amanda Fannin, Samantha Hoosier, Devon Deering, Serenitee Tarkington, Adrianna Tarkington, Brooklyn Fannin, Maddox Fannin, Lynnox Fannin, Samuel Hossier, Glendon Hoosier and Jeb Evans; four great grandchildren Nevaeh Delong, Kevin Delong, Katheryn Hay, Colton Hay and one on the way; one sister Marybeth Grider; very close niece and nephew Mitsie Kitts and Woody Diamond as well as a great nephew Joey Adkins and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends all of who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services will be held at the Young Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 4, 2017 with Mack Ray Cyrus and Joey Adkins officiating burial will follow at the Christian Cemetery at Big Hurricane in Fort Gay.

Visitation for family and friends will be at the Young Funeral Home Chapel from 5-8 pm on Friday, March 3, 2017.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Mr. Adkins are suggested to the Oak Grove Church or the Huntington City Mission.

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



## Robert Dixon May of Louisa

Robert Dixon May, 93, of Louisa, Kentucky passed away Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky. Bob was born March 10, 1923 in Louisa, Kentucky to the late Harrison and Fredonia Wellman May.

Bob was a construction worker and a long time Teamsters Union member as well a police officer, deputy, and constable in Lawrence County, Kentucky. Bob was a United States Army Veteran who honorably served his country.

Survivors include, his wife, Colista Ratcliff May of Louisa, Kentucky; two daughters, Carolyn Branham of Louisa Ky.; Bobbie (Lowell) Meek of Louisa, Ky.; 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

There will be no services at this time.



## Delbert Randall Cole of Ceredo

Delbert Randall Cole, 67, of Ceredo, WV passed away on Saturday February 25, 2017. He was born September 7, 1949 in Buckhannon, WV a son of the late Douglas B. and Edith Pruitt Cole. Randall worked as a brakeman for the C & O Railroad for many years. He was a C-K High School graduate and attended both West Virginia Wesleyan and Marshall University. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of American Legion Post 93 Kenova whose Military Honor Guard will conduct graveside rites. In addition to his parents, Randall was preceded in death by one nephew, James A. Cole Jr. He is survived by two brothers and sister in laws, Douglas B. (Hersie) Cole of Cannonsburg, KY and James A. (Mary Elizabeth) Cole of Ceredo, WV; one niece, Beverly (Gary) Simmons of Ft. Myers, FL; three nephews, Steven (Debbie) Cole of Cannonsburg, KY, William D (Heather) Cole of Huston, TX, and Brian K. (Melissa) Cole of Winston Salem, NC; and several grand nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Friday March 3, 2017 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova with Pastor Jim Richards officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Burial will follow in Spring Valley Memory Gardens. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rollinsfh.com](http://www.rollinsfh.com).

## DISABILITIES from Page 5A

unless educators are given training that offers meaningful intervention and alternatives to restraint and seclusion. Only then will these complaints decrease.

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So while I applaud the debate about what an "appropriate" education looks like for children with disabilities, we are skipping a fundamental first step. Before we can educate children, we have to stop hurting them.

Kim Sanders is president of Ukeru Systems, a division of Grafton Integrated Health Network that is based in Winchester, Virginia.

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## Adam Lee Spencer of South Point

Adam Lee Spencer, 32 of South Point, OH, formerly of Hardy, KY, died, Saturday, February 25, 2017. He was born July 24, 1984 in Logan, W.Va. the son of Donald Spencer and Debra Shelton. In addition to his parents, he is also survived by one sister, Samantha O'Brien of South Point, OH; He was a member of Celebration Church, Huntington, W.Va.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, W.Va. Burial will follow in the Clay-Fraleigh Cemetery, East Lynn, W.Va. The family received friends from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2016 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, W.Va. [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com)

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### ARE THERE ANY WORDS FOR THE DYING?

It is entirely understandable that concerned visitors may be at a loss as to what to say to a dying friend or family member. Experts suggest that visitors be as open and honest as possible. Attention should be focused upon sharing the experience with the dying person, in hopes of offering strength and understanding in the face of approaching death and the struggle to accept it. When terminal patients are apprised of their conditions, it fosters a sense of partnership with caretakers and promotes a crucial sense of dignity. In this honest environment, patients are better able to come to terms with their fate and discuss it openly. Visitors can then perform the invaluable service of lending a receptive ear.

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- Hugh Robert Orr

## GRACE from Page 5A

Reading the finished book, I appreciated that I'd been wrong to label it "inauthentic."

The memoir tells the remarkable, if often painful, story of a kid at risk of delinquency, drugs and dissipation evolving into a gifted and hardworking student and legal eagle. And indeed it more than justifies its \$27.99 list price by delineating the beleaguered white working class culture, from Appalachia, the rust belt and elsewhere, that vaulted Trump into the oval office over the far better credentialed and prepared Hillary Clinton.

Barack Obama felt alien to J.D.'s friends in Jackson and Middletown, not so much because he was black but because he was black, brilliant and wealthy and spoke like the professor of constitutional law he had once been.

As the book puts it: "He is a good father while many of us aren't. He wears suits to his job while we wear overalls, if we're lucky enough to have a job at all."

J.D. Vance cited pre-2016 election surveys that showed a majority of white conservatives did not even believe Obama was American born.

Many distrusted the media and some believed wild-eyed conspiracy theories such as that the U.S. government played a role in the massacre of its own people on 9/11.

Giving voice to people of his childhood environment, Vance writes: "We can't trust the evening news. We can't trust our politicians. Our universities . are rigged against us. We can't get jobs ..."

It's clear that Donald Trump tapped into the frustrations, anxieties and yes, even the paranoia, of just these kinds of folks to capture the presidency. And when he rails against the media as "Fake News!" it's no wonder that his supporters chant "Amen."

John Patrick Grace is the executive director of Publishers Place, a 501-c-3 nonprofit publishing consortium based in Huntington. He also teaches the Life Writing Class.