

Obituaries

Charles Franklin Cornette of Catlettsburg

Charles Franklin Cornette, 69 of Catlettsburg passed away Thursday April 13, 2017 at his home, his loving family at his side.

Mr. Cornette was born January 5, 1948 in Kenova, West Virginia to the late Charles and Hesaline Cremeans Cornette. He was also preceded in death by a grandson William Richard Cornette II.

Charlie attended Catlettsburg Schools and retired in 2012 from Mansback Metals. He enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

Left to cherish memories is his adoring wife of 52 years Janet Lee Coffey Cornette, their son Billy Cornette and his wife Pam of Catlettsburg, grandchildren Kelli Butler (Timmy), Tiffany Cornette, and Brandon Kyle Cornette, and six great grandchildren.

A Funeral service for Mr. Cornette will be at 7:00pm Tuesday April 18, 2017 at the Kilgore & Collier Funeral Home, 2702 Panola Street, Catlettsburg. Pastors Jim Webster and Frank Hulet will officiate. A Committal will be at 10:00am Wednesday April 19, 2017 at Catlettsburg Cemetery. Visiting hours will be 6:00pm until Service time Tuesday evening at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Community Hospice, 1480 Carter Ave, Ashland, KY 41101, or Southside Church of the Nazarene, 426 36th Street, Catlettsburg, KY 41129. Condolences may be left: kilgorecollierfuneralhome.com.



James Russell Runyon of Barboursville

James Russell Runyon, 80, of Barboursville, went home to be with the Lord and also with the love of his life, Carma Lee Runyon, Monday April 17, 2017 at Heartland of Riverview, South Point, Ohio. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 am Thursday at the Reger Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Asbury Family Cemetery, East Lynn, WV. He was born October 20, 1936 in Cabell County, WV, a son of the late Harvey Ollie and Nancy Crockett Runyon. James was a retired truck driver. In addition to his wife and parents he was also preceded in death by his brothers Dean, Otis, Samuel and Edmond Ray and sisters Edna, Maxine, Doris, Louise and Evelyn. Survivors include his son and daughter in law Todd and Joanna Runyon; grandchildren Lyla and Avalynn Runyon; daughter and son in law Jamey and Joey Peterman; grandchildren Codey and Caitlyn Foster and Melinda and Nick Peterman; great grandchildren Riley, Julie, Bryce and one on the way; and several special nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank his caregivers. Friends may call from 6 to 8 pm Wednesday at the Reger Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.



Dorothy Jean Smith of Huntington

Dorothy Jean Smith, 77, of Huntington, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2017, at her residence. Memorial services will be conducted at 6:00 pm Monday at the Reger Funeral Chapel. She was born May 2, 1939 in Harts, WV to the late Ray and Mahala Evans Ross.

She was a retired employee of the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her former husband David Bates Smith. She is survived by two sons, David Ray Smith and Julie Eldridge of Greenville, SC, Timothy Wayne and Ruth Smith of Huntington, WV; one daughter, Melanie and Kris Aldridge of Barboursville, WV; five grandchildren, Cole and Mitchell Smith, Kane Smith, Sailor and Boone Aldridge; one brother Ray Ross, Jr. and Paula Ross of Toledo, OH; one sister Kathleen and Wallace Dean of Lavalette, WV; several nieces and nephews; and two special dogs Fuzzy and BB.

Friends may call from 5 – 6 pm on Monday at the Reger Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com. Contributions may be made to Little Victories, 3589 Wire Branch Rd, Ona, WV 25545.



Danny Ray Estep of Genoa

Danny Ray Estep, 72, of Genoa, WV passed away on Monday, April 17, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, WV. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, WV with Pastor Jason Salmons officiating.

He was born on August 22, 1944 in Huntington, WV, a son of the late Lester and Mary Stephens Estep. Danny was an equipment operator for CJ Hughes and was a United States Army veteran.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers Jackie and Roger Estep. Survivors include four daughters, Jessie Hudson (C.H.) of Gilbert S.C.; Clarissa Adkins and Rachel Estep both of Wayne, WV; Fannie Estep of Lavalette, WV; five sons, Danny Ray Estep Jr. (Donna) of Gaston, S.C.; Ralph Estep of Elkhart, Indiana; Robert Estep (Karyn) of Barboursville, WV; John Adkins and Joseph Estep both of Wayne. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren with one on the way, several brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles and his dog Precious.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Janet Gayle Robinson Davis of Wayne County

Janet Gayle Robinson Davis of Wayne County, West Virginia passed away on Friday, April 14, 2017, at her home. She was born on October 25, 1959, to the late Hayes and Olga Robinson.

Janet is survived by her husband, Harvey Arnold Davis of Inez, Kentucky, three sons, Harvey Davis of Van Lear, Kentucky, Adam Davis of Beauty, Kentucky and Jeremy Davis of Inez, Kentucky, one daughter, Nicole David Horn of Louisa, Kentucky and six grandchildren. She is also survived by Hayes Robinson of Pike County, Kentucky and Glen Robinson of Fallsburg, Kentucky.

Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Davis of Huntington

Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Davis, 92 of Huntington, WV loving mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor passed away Friday April 14, 2017 at her home. Betty was born in Kenova, WV on August 26, 1924. She worked as a sales clerk for K Mart and also kept the books for her husband and their family business. She lovingly cared for her family and enjoyed cooking for everyone. Betty was a volunteer in the gift shop of Cabell Huntington Hospital for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold R. Davis; her children, David Ray Davis, Wanda Lee Davis, Donald Lee Davis, Dennis Michael Davis and Steven Allen Davis. She is survived by two daughters, Linda Carol (Robert) LeMaster of Temecula, CA and Teresa Elizabeth (Dennis) Russell of Paintsville, KY; three special granddaughters who were her care givers, Stephanie Davis, Suzi Mills and Jamie Falls; and numerous other grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Visitation will be from 11 to 1 p.m. Monday April 17, 2017 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova. Funeral services will begin immediately after visitation at 1:00 with Rev. Eddie Gandy officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Valley Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter, 1900 James River Road, Huntington, WV 25701 or Recovery Point of Huntington 2425 9th Ave. Huntington, WV 25703. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.

Richard Bruce Board Sr. of Lavalette

Richard Bruce Board Sr., 67, of Lavalette, widower of Donna Sue Board, died Thursday, April 13, 2017 at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 pm Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Chapman's Mortuary with Pastor Carl Lovins officiating. Burial will be in Plybon Cemetery. He was born July 27, 1949 in Fort Knox, KY, a son of the late Clifton Harrison and Dorothy Louise Rader Board. In addition to his parents he had a son, Jeffrey Addison Board and a sister, Donna Mills precede him in death. He retired as a welder and assembler from J.H. Fletcher Company. Richard was a member of First Huntington Christian Baptist Church of God, member of the Wild Turkey Federation and the Issiac Walton League. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Bruce Maze of Lavalette; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Board, Jr., and Brenda Board of Huntington; two nieces whom he raised, Laura Bailey of Huntington and Amanda Harmon of Huntington; two brothers, William Everett Board and Shelby James Board, both of Huntington; a special daughter-in-law, Tammy McCoy; eight grandchildren, Chris Gecsey, Tiffany Gecsey, Nicholas Meadows, Richard Board III, Taylor Board, Shea Corns, Aden Corns, and Samuel Board, and six great grandchildren. Friends may visit with family 6:00-8:00 pm Monday at Chapman's Mortuary and send condolences to www.chapmans-mortuary.com



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Betty Ward, my sister-in-law of Rt. 75 had a lot of dinner guests also. Close to 20 or more. It's a hard job but we love doing it also.

Seen a lot of people on cousin Don Bias' porch in Kenova. He always invites the fire department and police officers who are on duty to come and eat. I'm sure they appreciate you and Tim for inviting them.

A special happy birthday to my daughter Tammy Adkins Keyser on April 18. She turned 55. "Oh no. I can't be that old, but I guess I am. Hope it was great sweetheart!

A special birthday to our pastor Roger Mooney of Westmoreland on May 1. May you have many more happy days.

Buffalo Elementary retirees will meet Thursday May 4 at the Marshall Café in Huntington about noon. This is for all faculty retirees and people who worked at Buffalo Elementary. Hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday to my sister Lois Ward Adkins of Ashland, Ky. on May 4. Hope you have a lovely day.

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tag of \$10 million," CBS reported. Since it costs \$180,000 per hour to operate Air Force One, the "roughly four-hour roundtrip flight to his seaside estate costs more than \$700,000."

Both Presidents Bush and Obama used Camp David, Maryland, for a considerable number of weekend getaways. President Trump doesn't seem to enjoy the rustic life and has yet to use the presidential retreat. He could save a few million dollars now and then by the short helicopter flight to what was originally called Shangri-La by President Roosevelt.

I don't begrudge the presidents the time they can squeeze in at their own special digs. Yes, it's expensive to support "the elaborate lifestyle of America's first families," but it goes with the territory.

It's a bit alarming, on the other hand, to realize that President Trump "is on pace to outspend [Obama's] eight year travel bill in less than one year!" - as contributing columnist Niall McCarthy wrote in Forbes Magazine in February.

According to The Stuffed Suitcase, the average vacation cost for a family of four in the United States is about \$4,000.

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FOOTBALL from Page 5A

cover state and local government as well as Pierson. But I do have experience with political intrigue - and that's what we have here.

As a Herd fan, I sort of hope the governor gets WVU to bury their fears and play Marshall. State taxpayers, who supplement both schools, should be the first consideration of all. They aren't at WVU. The Mountaineers would rather risk losing to Liberty, who won't fill the stadium, than take any chance that Marshall might beat them in front of a packed house.

So, let's hope Justice prevails on that one, although no MU fan is devastated if he doesn't. We understand cowardice when we see it.

But the other plot is definitely thicker. Sources from the MU board of governors tell me Pruett "leaked" word of the December meeting with Justice so "pressure" could be applied to Gilbert to fire Holliday and Hamrick. Thus far, the pressure has apparently not prevailed.

So, a second meeting was held two weeks ago at the governor's request to make his position clearer. This time, plans a day before the meeting called for Gilbert to again attend. His name was axed by the day of the meeting, so only board of governors members attended. And not all of them were invited. On the governor's side, chief of staff Nick Casey and a stenographer attended. That might well make "minutes" of the meeting legally available to the press and public.

While successful, Holliday rubs some Herd and Mountaineer fans the wrong way because of his position. Apparently the "coach in waiting" at WVU at one point, Holliday deserted Morgantown

for Herd Country. A number of MU fans resent the fact that he is "still a Mountaineer." That doesn't sit well with devoted Marshall fans either.

Holliday's overall record is 53-37, but the team suffered a dismal season last year. Justice is a Marshall graduate who coaches high school basketball. As such, he is said to be keenly interested in the Herd's athletic success.

Against all this backdrop, the board of governors executive committee meets next week. Although board President Wyatt Scaggs told Pierson that Gilbert has "100 percent" support from the board, that remains to be seen. A governor who graduated with two degrees from MU may just have more influence than many imagine at the moment.

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A hearing is scheduled next Thursday in Mingo County as Dawson Isom's attorney attempts to unseal the police files regarding Isom's 2015 beating in downtown Williamson. The files were sealed by Judge Miki Thompson.

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Finally, a readers' quiz. Since his inauguration, how many nights has Justice actually spent at the governor's mansion? First prize? An invitation to meet me at Jim's for a nice lunch on me.

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Your comments, outlandish gossip and Morgantown tailgate plans for when the MU-WVU series resumes are always welcome.

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Michael Flynn. The firing came about because Trump learned that Flynn had lied to vice president Mike Pence in saying that he, Flynn, had had no contacts with Russian ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak during the 2016 electoral campaign.

Suddenly H.R. McMaster showed up at the White House and was announced as the new national security director. It was never clear who exactly had proposed McMaster, a thorough-going career soldier and savvy student of Middle Eastern power struggles, but it seemed Trump was being told, "Look, this is your guy. Work with him."

Noting that Bannon and his fringe right group seemed to be calling the shots in the White House, and pushing an "America First" neo-isolationism, McMaster looked for an ally to take Trump in a different direction. He found his man in Kushner, husband of Trump's daughter Ivanka, a New York entrepreneur and a registered Democrat. Kushner has from the outset been working as an unpaid White House aide.

McMaster took Kushner with him on a trip to inspect U.S. troops in Iraq and assess the fight against ISIS. Their alliance jelled and became pivotal to Trump's change of policy vis--vis the Syrian quagmire.

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The loss of a spouse can rob surviving partners of their main source of emotional support and can also significantly alter their daily routines and relationships with friends, who viewed them as one-half of a couple. It is important for those who have lost their husbands or wives to enlist the help of family and friends, who can assist them during this emotionally challenging time in their lives. It helps greatly, in this regard, for grieving individuals to tell the well-intentioned people around them what is needed. While some people prefer to talk about their feelings, others are more circumspect. With this in mind, friends and family of surviving spouses need to be flexible and provide emotional support as needed.
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