

Obituaries

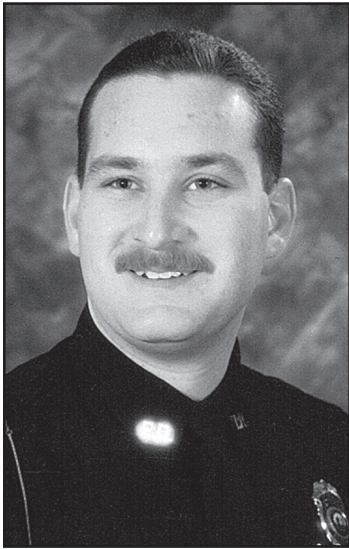


Earl Adkins of Kenova

Earl Adkins, 80, died Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Born in Chattaroy, West Virginia, on September 20, 1937, Earl lived most of his life in Kenova and graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School in 1956. He was the son of Herbert and Sadie (Varney) Adkins. Earl worked as a building contractor for more than 50 years, building churches, businesses, and countless custom homes, and in the last 28 years passed on his skills, craftsmanship, and commitment to excellence to his son, Jerry. One of Earl's passions was the growth of God's kingdom; over the years, he encouraged and worked alongside pastors who were planting new churches in the Tri-State area. His life and his work earned Earl the respect of everyone who knew him. Earl's life is best summed up in what he loved: God, his wife, his children, and his church (the Kenova Church of God, where he was a member for 50 years, serving as a trustee and a member of the pastor's council). He also loved his work, building the places families call "home" and the building where he and his fellow church members worshipped the God who is near to the brokenhearted and who heals their broken hearts. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Sharla Marie (Thacker) Adkins; two sons, Jeffery Earl Adkins (wife Amy) and Jerry David Adkins, and two daughters, Karen Marie Adkins and Rebecca Adkins Messinger; ten grandchildren (Jacob Adkins and his wife Krista, Caleb Adkins and his wife Jihye, Daniel Adkins, Zachary Adkins and his wife Stephanie, Clay Messinger, Leah Adkins, Molly Messinger, Tyler Adkins, Levi Adkins and his wife Josie, and Jack Messinger); five great-grandchildren; one brother, Glen Adkins and his wife Jennifer; two sisters, Edith Pulley and Geraldine Light and her husband Don; and three sisters-in-law, Ermalene Adkins, Lucretia Webb and her husband Joe, and Ginger Weber and her husband Dick. He was preceded in death by two brothers, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Lola Thacker; Everett Adkins and Ellis Adkins; his sister-in-law, Jerry Lou Adkins; and his brother-in-law, Milton Pulley. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, October 9; the funeral was 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rabun Haddock and Rev. Ernest Pennington. All services were held at the Kenova Church of God at 1601 Maple Street. Earl will be buried at the Dock's Creek Cemetery. Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova is assisting the Adkins family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.

Jeffrey Lee Nolan of Huntington

Jeffrey Lee Nolan, 47, of Huntington, passed away on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center. Funeral service were conducted on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Reger Funeral Chapel. Burial followed at Spring Valley Memory Gardens. Jeff was born on May 30, 1970, the son of Frances White Nolan and the late Alfred Nolan. He was a police officer at the Tri-State Airport. In addition to his mother, he is survived by sister and brother-in-law, Shawna and Michael Taylor; one brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Cynthia Nolan; eight nieces and nephews, Braden, Caleb, Aiden and Devin Taylor, Michael Nix, Courtney, Tyler and Ryan Nolan; great nieces and nephews, Kayden and Emma Nix and Levi Bouck. Online condolences may be expressed at www.regerfh.com.



Frederick Wendell Hite of Kenova

Frederick Wendell Hite, 77, of Kenova died Oct. 9 at home. He was born September 26, 1940, in Westmorland, a son of the late Alfred Hite and Ethel Casey Hite. Tri-State Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements, and there will be no services at this time. www.ceredo-kenovafuneralhome.com.

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What's to blame for this mayhem? If you ask an intellectual, a leftist or an academic in a sociology or psychology department, he will tell you that it is caused by poverty, discrimination and a lack of opportunities. But the black murder rate and other crime statistics in the 1940s and '50s were not nearly so high as they are now. I wonder whether your intellectual, leftist or academic would explain that we had less black poverty, less racial discrimination and far greater opportunities for blacks during earlier periods than we do today. He'd have to be an unrepentant idiot to make such an utterance.

So what can be done? Black people need to find new heroes. Right now, at least in terms of the support given, their heroes are criminals such as Baltimore's Freddie Gray, Ferguson's Michael Brown and Florida's Trayvon Martin. Black support tends to go toward the criminals in the community rather than to the overwhelming number of people in the community who are law-abiding. That needs to end. What also needs to end is the lack of respect for and cooperation with police officers. Some police are crooked, but black people are likelier to be victims of violent confrontations with police officers than whites simply because blacks commit more violent crimes than whites per capita.

For a race of people, these crime statistics are by no means flattering, but if something good is to be done about it, we cannot fall prey to the blame games that black politicians, black NFL players, civil rights leaders and white liberals want to play. If their vision is accepted, we can expect little improvement of the status quo.

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Norma Ann Dixon Booth of Ceredo

Norma Ann Dixon Booth, 83 of Ceredo, went on vacation to the Paradise of God on Friday, October 6, 2017. She was born on August 25, 1934, in Wayne County, to the late parents Leonard and Daisy Michaels Dixon. She was preceded in death by her half-sister, Betty Brown and one son, James P. Booth Sr. She leaves behind to mourn her loss, her loving husband of 68 years, McDonald Booth; two daughters, Debbie Mae Sansom (Danny) and Sheila Lykins (Lloyd) all of Ceredo; and one son, Leonard Booth (Cheryl) of Colorado. She was blessed with eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild that's on the way. Also surviving is a host of other family members and friends. The family would like to thank Hospice of Huntington and Calvin and Gail Walters for all they have done for Mother and all that have kept our Mother and Father and our family in prayer. Family welcomed friends from 6-8 p.m., Monday, October 9, 2017 at Ceredo-Kenova Funeral Home. Funeral services were at noon on Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Charles Crank, officiating. Burial followed at Crescent Hill Cemetery, Ceredo.



Carl Edward Lowe, II of Waco

Carl Edward Lowe, II, 70, of Waco, passed to his eternal rest, Friday, October 6, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, October 13, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Lake Shore Funeral Home, 5201 Steinbeck Bend in Waco, Texas. A funeral service will be Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 11:00AM, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7201 Viking Drive in Waco, Texas. Carl will be buried at a later date at The Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, where the United States Marine Corp. Honor Guard will render military honors. Pallbearers will be Carl Edward Lowe, III, Bradley R. Lowe, Jeremy J. Lowe, Brian D. Lowe, Carl E. Lowe, IV, Keaton Lowe, and Niel Christensen. Honorary pallbearers are Peyton Lowe, Kenny Devito, and Jason Devito. Carl was the son of Carl E. Lowe and Irene Branham Lowe of Fort Gay, West Virginia. He was born in Louisa, Kentucky on November 11, 1946. He grew up in Fort Gay and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam Era as a Marine Corps Security Guard in Brussels, Belgium. While serving overseas he met his wife, Carolyn Smith Lowe from Burley, Idaho and are the parents of five children - C. E. Lowe III, Bradley R. Lowe, Jeremy J. Lowe, Brian D. Lowe and Kara L. Lowe, all living in the State of Texas. He has 15 grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren. Some of the many awards he has received over the years are: the distinguished alumni award of Fort Gay High School provided by the Marshall University Foundation, as well as the Native American Warrior Certificate of Recognition from the National Congress of American Indians, and was recognized as the Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year through the United States Air Force Association.



Mary G. Gannon of Ft. Gay

Mary G. Gannon, 55, of Ft. Gay, WV passed away Sunday, October 8, 2017 at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV surrounded by her family. Mrs. Gannon was born April 19, 1962 to the late Curtis and Ivy (Davis) Marcum. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter Crystal Gannon, seven brothers and one sister. She is survived by her husband James Gannon; children Anthony (Nikki) Gannon, Mary Ann (Donnie) Hickman, Paul (Robin) Gannon, Dreama (Robert) Field, James Misy) Gannon and Rhonda (James) Gannon; grandchildren Deanna, John, Paul, Raeanna, Neveah, Macie, Robert, Kaden, Kailey, Anthony, Mikey, Austin, Madison, Lexi, Christa, Zack, Arianna, and James; and siblings Eddie Dean Marcum, Joann Marcum, Cindy Spurlock, and Dixie Blevins. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 12th at 11:00AM at Nolan Church Acts 20:28 in Nolan, WV. Burial will follow in the Marcum Family Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday October 11th from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at Nolan Church Acts 20:28 in Nolan, WV. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com.

Marvin Fields formerly of Kenova

Marvin Fields, 95, passed away on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at the Dayton VA Hospice in Dayton, Ohio. Marvin was born on March 11, 1922, in Kenova, West Virginia, to DC and Elizabeth Fields. Marvin is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Ann. Marvin and Ann were married in 1952 and she passed away in 1993. He is survived by his sons, William C. Fields and John H. Fields. Marvin was a veteran of World War II, serving as a Lieutenant from 1940 to 1945. He was also a 1949 graduate of Purdue University. Marvin was a traffic engineer for more than 30 years with the State of Ohio and a Fellow with the Institute of Traffic Engineers. Marvin will be laid to rest at 2:30 p.m. at Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Hilliard, Ohio, on Friday, October 13, 2017, with full military honors. Messages of condolence may be left at www.NewcomerColumbus.com.

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harder time pinpointing the hotel room from which he was firing — or even in determining that only one shooter was raining bullets down upon the festival crowd.

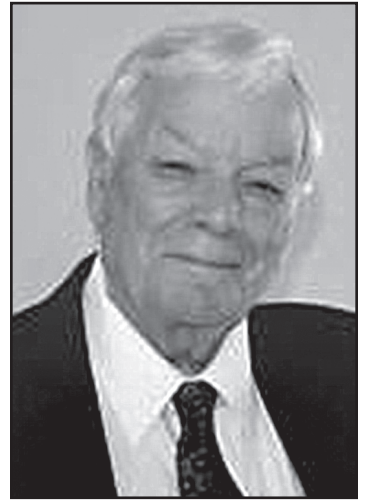
Already earlier this year the Rhode Island state legislature had voted to take guns away from those convicted of domestic violence. A local news outlet called the new law "a hard-fought win."

During the 2016 presidential campaign, then-candidate Trump boasted that he was going to push for more expansive "gun rights" even to the point of eliminating so-called "gun-free zones" in places such as churches, schools, libraries and even day-care centers. That kind of legislative push will now likely be moved to a back burner — or off the agenda entirely.

Might we be entering into an era of more enlightened gun policy? Surely citizens' Second Amendment rights to bear arms need to be protected. But the Second Amendment never said you could buy an automatic rifle with a silencer and dozens of 50-round ammo clips even though you might be a domestic abuser or mentally ill or someone with a history of threatening mayhem.

Harry L. Burgess Jr., of Monroe, N.C., formerly of Barboursville

Harry L. Burgess Jr., 80, of Monroe, N.C., formerly of Barboursville, W.Va., passed away Friday, September 1, 2017, at the McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe. Harry was born September 15, 1936, to the late Harry and Maude Brumfield Burgess. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Judith Black. Harry played high school football for Barboursville High School where the team won the State Championship in 1954. He loved the mountains. He was also the former owner of Snack Shack and Country Squire Restaurant. Harry is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Vi Vance Burgess; children Jeffrey Burgess and wife Nicki of Barboursville, W.Va., Amy Burgess Moser of Charleston, S.C., Christopher Burgess of Indian Trail, N.C., and Michael Freeman and wife Tiffany of Hickory, N.C.; sisters Connie Kelley of Connecticut and Susie Tracey of Florida.; seven grandchildren, Josh, Dylan, Reagan, Allyson, Ryan, Tyler and Tristan; and one great-grandchild, Zander. Services to celebrate Harry's life will be at noon Saturday, October 14 at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, US Route 60, Midland Trail, Barboursville, W.Va. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. The family requests no flowers please. Online condolences may be made at www.bensonfuneralservices.com.



Edgar Perry of Dunlow

Edgar Perry, 95, of Dunlow, WV passed away on Monday, October 9, 2017 at Huntington Health and Rehab. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Mac Ray Cyrus officiating. Burial will follow at S.D. Copley Cemetery, Dunlow, WV with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post #93, Kenova. He was born on July 3, 1922 at Dunlow, WV a son of the late James Perry and Marinda Nelson Perry. Edgar was a member of Dunlow Freewill Baptist Church and was a highly decorated Army veteran of World War II. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife of 72 years, Sena Jane Ferguson Perry; son, Edgar Ray Perry; grandson, Wade Edgar Marcum; granddaughter, Dawn McDaniels; sister, Florida Pilbeam; brothers, Oscar, Obie and Wetzel Perry. Survivors include his daughter, Edith Faye Marcum (Wade) of Dunlow; one brother, Wayne Perry (Ella) of Huntington, WV; two grandsons, Kevin Marcum (Sherry) of Ft. Gay, WV and Mark Perry of Daytona, FL; granddaughters, Venessa Thomas and Teressa Strickland, both of Georgetown, KY; 7 great grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren, two special friends, Brenda Fisher and Bill Painter; daughter-in-law, Susie Perry and a host of friends at Oak Grove Church and Huntington Health and Rehab. Edgar made friends wherever he went and he will be sadly missed by all. Friends may visit from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Morris Funeral Home Chapel.



Sister Leola Finley of Huntington

Sister Leola Finley, 71, of Huntington, W.Va., went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 8, 2017. She was born December 25, 1945, at Holden, W.Va., a daughter of the late Wayne and Lura Frazier Runyon. Two brothers, Larry Runyon and Wayne Runyon also preceded her in death. Leola was a 1963 graduate of Guyan Valley High School and a member of Salem United Baptist Church. She leaves behind her husband of 49 years and love of her life, Walter Roy "Bo Bo" Finley; her children Angela Finley, Debra Finley, Glenna (Shane) Ramsey, all of Chicago, Ill., and Walter Roy Finley Jr., of Huntington; eight grandchildren, Jocelyn Andino, Kailee Nelson, Brandon Andino, Nicholas Finley, Kamryn Finley, Kalen Finley, Brooke Ramsey and Avery Ramsey; and one great-granddaughter, Kennedy. Also surviving is her step-mother, Juanita Runyon of Chapmanville, W.Va.; five sisters, Sylvia (Ronnie) Huybert of W.Va., Maudie Isaacs of Huntington, Carol (Philip) Adkins of Cove Gap, W.Va., Genoa (Harold) Keithley of Florida and Tami Jo (Michael) Vance of Lake, W.Va.; and nieces, nephews, family, and friends too numerous to mention. The family would like to thank Cabell Huntington Hospital, Hospice of Huntington, and all the great caregivers at Heritage Center for their love. Funeral service will be conducted at noon Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Elder Roger Maynard and Brother Clifford Napier officiating. Burial will follow at Community Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.



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debate over this radical and costly change. In fact, the opposite is true. Congress has declined to enact laws limiting carbon emissions, including when Democrats held both houses of Congress under President Obama.

If the future of the planet is at stake and it requires a generational effort to save it, surely it is not too much to ask that a statute or two be enacted by Congress explicitly committing the country to the task. Yes, this requires winning elections and gaining democratic assent, but such are the challenges of living in a republic and a nation of laws.

In his impatience with Congress and his administrative impetuosity, President Obama dispensed with all that. What he imposed unilaterally is subject to unilateral reversal. The rollback will encounter its own regulatory and legal obstacles, but can be achieved more readily than if Obama had been able or bothered to write a swath of his legacy into law.