

Obituaries

Lester Messer of Dunlow

Lester Messer 89, of Ferguson Branch Rd., Dunlow, West Virginia went home to be with the Lord on August 25, 2017, at home with his wife and family by his side. Born November 1, 1927, in Breden, West Virginia, he was the son of the late, Bryant Messer and Rhonda Marcum Messer Dillon. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Gilbert Messer, Clellen Messer and Montie Messer, one sister, Betty Meade and one son, Kenneth Lyle Messer.



He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ethel Griffin Messer, two sons, Chuck Messer and Paul (Kathy) Messer, one daughter, Eva Messer Foster and a special granddaughter they raised, Lila Spaulding Elms, one brother, Edward Messer and a special nephew, Stanley Messer. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 1 great great-grandchild.

He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War, where he received a Medal of Honor and a purple heart. He was an avid car lover. He was kind and a loving, caring man, who valued every minute of life. He was loved by all, many nieces and nephews with whom he loved. He will be missed by all.

Per his wishes, there will be no services. Lester donated his body to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Jody Rae Dingess of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Kenova

Jody Rae Dingess, 42, of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Kenova, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2017, in Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville. She was born March 4, 1975, in Huntington, a daughter of the late Joseph Ray Dingess and the late Martha E. Hartman. Funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017, at Rollins Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Mullens officiating. Interment will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Jody enjoyed cheerleading and gymnastics. She was employed at Churchill Downs as a horse attendant. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandmother, Elsie E. "Nin" Pierce. Survivors include five children, Jacob Massie, Zachery Massie, Hayleigh Raecann Gard, Peyton Dingess and Erika Dingess; three brothers, Jacob Dingess (LaDonna), Sean Tyler Dingess and Justin E. Schiller; two sisters, Jamie Michelle Gilkerson and Amber Nichole King; grandfather, Jerry "Dwa" Pierce; and a host of other family and friends. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017, at Rollins Funeral Home. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.rollinsfh.com.

Mary Ruth Whisman of Huntington

Mary Ruth Whisman, 82, of Huntington, WV passed away on Tuesday August 29, 2017 at JoLin Health Center, Ironton, Ohio.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Spring Valley Memory Gardens.

Mary was born on January 28, 1935 in McCreary, KY., the daughter of the late John Everett and Ora May Gibson Davis. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband: Charles CLEVELAND Whisman, daughters: Judy Prino, Chuck Whisman and Teresa Yates, two brothers and two sisters also preceded her.

She is survived by her daughter Charlene Leek, seven grand children, two borthers: Tommy Davis and Orville Davis, one sister Josie Turner and a son in law: Greg Yates.

There will be no visitation or procession to the cemetery. Reger Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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following the news as avidly as we do at home, there was no escaping Charlottesville's hate-filled, torchlight parade. Millions around the world watched in horror as the TV feeds and their electronic gadgets showed young people dressed in Nazi outfits chanting Nazi slogans and anti-Semitic phrases. If that was not bad enough, those watching asked how an anti-Nazi protestor could be killed and others injured by a Nazi enthusiast driving into the crowd? How could that happen in a beautiful stable American college town? That's what Europeans mean when they ask "What has happened to America?"

We were in Serbia just before this event and were reminded that the Serbians still were angry with their neighbor, Croatia, not only because of the vicious fighting in the 1990s, but because in WWII Croatia's military group, the Ustace, was allied with the Nazis. Three-quarters of a century later, they still remember the dreadfulness of the Nazis. Yet, when the Nazis caused death and mayhem in Charlottesville, our American president could not denounce Nazis for what they are and have always been. Europeans hearing this remembered and shuddered.

Europeans, even in most poor countries, have some sort of health care for everyone. No one has to fear an expensive medical bill wrecking his or her life. The U.S. is considered the most advanced and wealthiest nation among first world countries yet, dependent on surveys, ranks about 37th to 50th in providing health care. Europeans can't understand this.

Europeans are equally mystified by President Trump's aversion to recognizing climate change. They understand that since President Obama wholeheartedly endorsed this Paris Treaty, that President Trump would not be enthusiastic about it, but they still believed that rational data would rule the day. Obviously, that is not going to happen.

Most Europeans still see the United States as an amazing nation and almost everyone there has relatives or friends who have emigrated here. But today the question for many Europeans is, "What has happened to America?" We Americans should ask the same question.

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Nellie Brewer Clark of Fort Gay

Nellie Brewer Clark, 74, of Fort Gay, WV went to be with the Lord Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Three Rivers medical Center surrounded by her loving family. Nellie was born June 24th 1943 in Kermit, WV a daughter of the late Roy H. Brewer and the late Minerva Marcum Brewer Smith. She was a homemaker and a member of Bellomy Chapel Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Randy Clark; two brothers, Emory Brewer, and James Brewer; two sisters, Deloris Williamson, and Grace Fitzpatrick Johnson.



Survivors include her loving husband of 55 years, Jemerson Clark Jr. of Fort Gay, WV; her children, Debbie Quick of London, Ohio; Basil Ray Brewer of California; Charlina (James) Williams of Kermit, WV; James Clark III (Rhonda) of Fort Gay, WV; Wannetta Sue Clark of Fort Gay, WV; Vickie Victoria Clark of Fort Gay, WV; Donald Edward Clark of Fort Gay, WV; Elvis (Tina) Clark also of Fort Gay, WV; brothers, Dewey Brewer of Akron, Ohio; Sanford Brewer of Nolan Ky.; Eule Brewer of Columbus, Ohio; sisters, Anna Mae Brewer Sartin of Kermit, WV; Lucille Hackney of Columbus, Ohio; Ruth Marlow of Colo; Donita Brewer of Col. Ohio; grandchildren, Andy Clark, Regina Williams, Nicole Johnson, Elvis Clark Jr., Brandi Quick and April Quick; great grandchildren, Brittany Williams and Michael Marcum.

Funeral services will be conducted 12:00 PM Saturday, September 2, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at the Clark Cemetery, Fort Gay, WV.. Visitation will be held 6:00 - 9:00 PM Thursday and Friday evening at the Young Funeral Home Chapel.

Gloria Jean Crank Tackett of Louisa

Gloria Jean Crank Tackett was born on October 6, 1926 in Lawrence/Louisa, KY to Victoria Mae Roberts and Eugene Crank. She moved to Heaven August 29, 2017, in her apartment in Lexington, KY.



Gloria was the wife of James Ishmael Tackett, also of Louisa. Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sisters, and her beloved husband of 60+ years. She is survived by her 2 sons: James Ashley Tackett (Beth) of Lexington, and Timothy Tackett (Tammy) of Louisa; grandchildren: Andrea Lynn Tackett, Desirae Gayle Huff (Brandon), Bowen Tackett; great-grandchildren: Victoria Gayle Brown, Eva Grace Brown.

Gloria was a faithful Christian and a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She loved her family, her home, her church, and politics. She spent most of her life on the same mountain where she grew up. However, after marrying a Navy man, she and her beloved Ish traveled the US (including Hawaii, Alaska, and roadtrips to California) before returning to KY.

Gloria touched countless lives and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She lived her life faithful to God, and is no doubt with Him now. Let those who love her live for Christ as she did so we may all see her again soon.

Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 pm Friday, September 1, 2017 at Louisa United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Smith and Jody Vansickle officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Louisa, Ky. Young Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

CASERTA from Page 5A

Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal was a major step in delivering on his promise to level the playing field.

"We're going to stop the ridiculous trade deals that have taken everybody out of our country and taken companies out of our country and it's going to be reversed," Trump told a group of labor leaders in January. "Companies that left are going to come back to our country, and they're going to hire a lot of people."

In agreement with many experts who felt it was too costly and ineffective in addressing climate change, the president decisively pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement. The deal would destroy hundreds of thousands of jobs, harm American manufacturing and destroy \$2.5 trillion in gross domestic product by the year 2035, per The Heritage Foundation.

Trump's list of wins is lengthy and irrefutable. The stock market is at a record high. Our military is regaining its power and resolve. We have another conservative on the Supreme Court, with possibly more to come. And President Trump will be relentless in delivering on the repeal and replacement of Obamacare and a wall along the southern border.

Perhaps the most important win is that patriots once again feel good about the direction of our nation. Anyone paying attention can see beyond the misdirection of the polls and the hypocrisy of the left. We see wins!

So, Mr. President, please stay focused on delivering on your promises to the American people.

Continued winning on behalf of Americans will make the liberal crusade to destroy you irrelevant.

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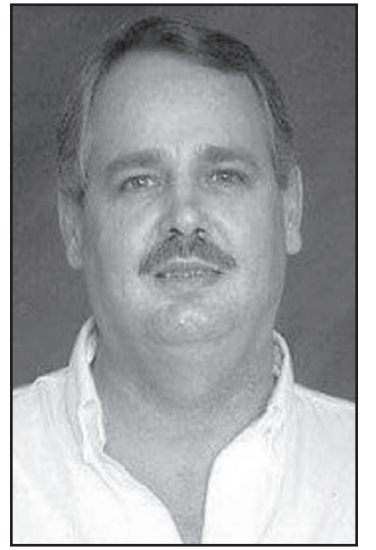
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David Luther Abbott of Huntington

David Luther Abbott, 54, of Huntington, W.Va., passed away Monday, August 28, 2017. He was born June 25, 1963 at Logan, W.Va., a son of the late Alfred Ray and Stella Margaret Neace Abbott. One brother, Billy Joe Abbott also preceded him in death.



He leaves behind two daughters, Jessica (Bruce) Wooten of Milton, W.Va., and Kristin Abbott of Santa Maria, Cal.; and two grandchildren, Vincent Rangel, and Mason Wooten.

Also surviving are his loving brothers and sisters, Patty Ann (Perry) Webb of Salt Rock, W.Va., Juanita (Rick) Smith of Huntington, Linda (Joe) Sipocz of Myersville, Md., Johnny (Verenia) Abbott of Cove Gap, W.Va., James Abbott, and Ronald Abbott, both of Huntington; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday, September 3, 2017 at the Cove Gap United Baptist Church with Pastor Mark Hatfield officiating. Burial will follow at the Cove Gap Resting Place Cemetery. Friends may call after 11 a.m. at the church. Johnson Tiller Funeral Home is honored to serve the Abbott family.

Carson Curry, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio

Carson Curry Jr., 71, of Columbus, Ohio, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at the Wayne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Carson Jr. was born November 1, 1945, at Big Laurel, W.Va., a son of the late Carson and Anice Ramey Curry. He was also preceded in death by one son, Jamie Curry; two brothers, Major and Josh Curry; one sister, Marie Curry; sister-in-law Shirley Curry; two brothers-in-law, Marvin Pruitt and Marvin Crawford; and mother-in-law Linda Rowe. Carson Jr. was a U.S. Navy veteran during the Vietnam War, serving on the USS Neches AO47. He was also a member of Mount Sterling Baptist Church since 1980 and was a retired industrial electrician at Gen Pac. Survivors include his wife Joyce Rowe Curry, son Donnie Curry; and granddaughter Karson Jo Curry, all of Ohio. Also surviving are four sisters, Madeline Crawford of Ohio, Maxine Cook and her husband Lamar of West Virginia, Opal Bivens and her husband Lenny of Maryland, and Brenda Blyrley and her husband Howard of North Carolina; one brother, Jay Curry and wife Jean of West Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Judy Rowe Curry and Judy Pack Curry, both of Ohio; and many loving nieces and nephews.



Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, September 2, 2017, at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home, Wayne, W.Va., with Revs. Randy May and Charles O. Adkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Pres Friley Cemetery, Kiahsville, W.Va. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family would like to extend a special thank you to EVERYONE at Wayne Nursing and Rehabilitation. Carson Jr. loved each of you.

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LOWRY from Page 5A

They don't do the country any favors by highlighting Trump's weakness and by making it obvious that the American government doesn't speak with one voice.

It should be up to chief of staff John Kelly to make it stop. This isn't "the system working," the cliché for how various other power centers have thwarted Trump in the early going. It's the system gone haywire and tottering on the brink of a more serious crisis.

Nothing good can come from top officials of the U.S. government making it obvious that they believe, to borrow Tillerson's phrase, that the president speaks for himself -- and no one else.

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Although spirituality may contain some elements of religion, it is generally a broader concept. Religion may set forth a set of standards and beliefs accompanied by religious practices, while spirituality seeks to answer questions about our existence and our relationship to living things. Spirituality is often a primary component of religion, but it can also exist in the absence of religious beliefs. If so, it may be music, art, reading, praying, meditating, or some other impulse that helps the dying get in touch with their spiritual sides. With this in mind, family and friends should talk to the dying about how they can help address their spiritual concerns and ease them through the transition to death.

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