

Obituaries

EVEREND RONALD R. BROOKS of Lavalette



EVEREND RONALD R. BROOKS, age 79, passed away July 1 at Woodlands Retirement Community, after a long illness. Rev. Brooks served the United Methodist Church for more than forty years, following graduation from West Virginia Wesleyan College and Wesley Theological Seminary. He was the pastor for churches in Johnsville-Middleburg, Md. (1959-1961); Kermit, W.Va. (1961-1965); Wayne (1965-1969); Romney, W.Va. (1969-1976); Epworth Church in Ripley, W.Va. (1976-1985); First UMC in Huntington (1985-1992); and First UMC in Ravenswood, W.Va. (1998-2000). He also served as District Superintendent in Wheeling, W.Va., from 1992-1998 and on various boards and agencies. As much as he loved the Church, Ron loved his family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years Edna Miller Brooks of Huntington, and four children: Jay Brooks of Coral Gables, Fla.; Ronald Brooks, Jr. of Point Pleasant; Maribeth Anderson (Scott) of Huntington and Jennifer Brooks of Frederick, Md. He was an adoring grandpa to Cameron and Tyler Brooks, Sophia Pajevic, and Brooks and Tess Anderson. Almost as much as he loved the Church, and his family, Ron loved golf! His hole-in-one on the #13 at Twin Silos in 2008 was a highlight. A native of Logan County, W.Va., and son of Ray and Athleen Brooks, he is survived by three brothers and two sisters: Robert Brooks (Lea) of Elgin, Ill.; Patty Roach (Jim) of Logan, W.Va.; Jim Brooks (Ellen) of Corydon, Ind.; Gena Ryan (Don) of South Charleston, W.Va., and Scott Brooks (Anita) of Oceana, W.Va. He will also be missed by a host of nieces and nephews, each of them special to him. Services will be Wednesday, July 5, at Huntington First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at noon and the funeral will be at 2 p.m. The family would like to express appreciation to the staff and community of Woodlands, and to special nurses and aids who cared so well for Ron, especially in his final weeks. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made either to the "United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc." for the Ronald R. Brooks endowment for seminary scholarships (PO Box 3811, Charleston, WV 25338-3811), or to the Huntington First United Methodist Church (1124 5TH Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701). Family guestbook at www.klingelcarpenter.com.

MINERVA KIRK of Breedon

MINERVA (MARCUM) KIRK age 92, of Breedon W.V., entered into her eternal home on Saturday, July 1, 2017.

Minerva was born March 26, 1925 to the late Lil Joe Marcum and Cozie (Ferguson) Marcum. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by sisters; Mahala Marcum Vannetter, Nettie Marcum Kirk, Eloise Marcum Baldwin, Irene Marcum Chaffins and Madge Marcum Perry and one brother; Elzie Marcum.

She is survived by her siblings; Sidney Marcum of Dingess, W.V., Conard Marcum of Baltimore, Oh., and Sandra Kay Fletcher of Nelsonville, Oh.

She was a loving mother to seven surviving children. Jerry (Drema) Kirk of Ashville, Ohio, Eula (Dave) Murphy of Spartanburg, S.C., Carolyn (Tommie) Dempsey of Myrtle, W.V., Cozy (Ricky) Workman of Breedon, W.V., Johnny (Charlene) Kirk of Crum, W.V., Loretta (Freelin) Browning, Kiahsville, W.V., and Lisa (Donnie) Canterbury of Lenore, W.V. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, July 6, 2017 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Vannetter Cemetery, Dunlow, W.V., Daniel Perry will be officiating. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Friends can visit the funeral home from 6-9 pm Wednesday. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Dignity Hospice of Chapmanville, W.V. Arrangements are under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

David Austin Henderson

David Austin Henderson, 60, passed away at Kings Daughters Medical Center Monday, July 3, 2017. He was born September 4, 1956 in Ashland, Ky., the son of the late William and Marie Henderson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Henderson and a nephew, Timmy Henderson. Surviving are his loving wife of 40 years, Diana Hughes Henderson, a daughter, Althea Henderson, a son, Joshua Henderson all of Louisa, Ky., a brother, Tom (Connie) Henderson of Catlettsburg, Ky., two sisters, Mary Sue Driver of Lexington, Ky., Shirley Bennett of Indiana. Three nephews, Scott Driver, Tommy Henderson, Kenton Henderson. Three nieces, Shirley Lee, Sharla, and Sherry. David was retired from AEP. He preached the gospel for more than 30 years. He was a man of faith and devoted to his wife and family. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 am Thursday, July 6, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Noah Wilks, Rev. Jerry Hughes and Rev. Gordan Crisp officiating. Burial will follow at the Henderson Cemetery, Louisa, Ky. Visitation will be held 5:00 until 8:00 pm Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at Young Funeral Home.

ROY ALLEN DAVIS of Kenova



ROY ALLEN DAVIS, 94, of Kenova, passed away on Friday June 30, 2017 at River's Bend Health Care, South Point, Ohio. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Phillip Warren and Pastor Tim Jayne on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 4 p.m. at the Reger Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery, Kenova.

Pallbearers are grandsons-in-law, Eric Adkins, Chuck Bays, Brad Nelson; and great grandsons, Willie Bays, Cody Bays, and Donald "D.J." Bays; honorary pallbearers are great grandsons, Logan Perry and Garrett Nelson. Military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 93 of Kenova.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at the Reger Funeral Home. Roy was born on January 20, 1923 in Wayne County, to the late Jack C. and Mary Etta Christian Davis.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Frances Ray Davis; three brothers, Walter, Kay, and Amos Davis; two sisters, Lenora Thompson, and Julia Stevens; a daughter-in-law, Rebekah Davis; and a great granddaughter, Hanna Effingham.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Donald A. and Paula Davis; and a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Raleigh Sowder; six granddaughter and their husbands, Melissa and William Effingham, Melinda and Charles Bays, Michelle and Eric Adkins, Natalie and Bill Lycans, Julie and Brad Nelson, and Chrissy and Bob Theuring; eight great grandchildren, Willie, Cody, and Donald "D.J." Bays, Abigail Effingham, Morgan Adkins, Brooke and Logan Perry, and Garrett Nelson; and seven great grandchildren; two brothers John and June Davis of Kenova, James E. Davis of Apple Grove, W.Va., and a sister Ruth and Clyde Mayberry of Sterling, Ohio.

Roy is a US Army veteran having served during WWII in Okinawa, Japan, as an automatic weapons and anti-aircraft artillery NCO. He was awarded the Victory Medal, and the American Theater: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Good Conduct Medal. Until the final days of his life he exemplified the Army attitude of a fine soldier- God, Country, and Family. He worked at Houdaille Industries until the closing of the plant and finished his working career at Ashland Oil Refinery. He was a member of the Buffalo Valley Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and at any given time could burst into song singing His praises. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge- Buena Vista #60 and was a charter member of the O.E.S. White's Creek #159. The family would like to acknowledge and thank River's Bend Health Care staff for their excellent care of our father but more for their compassion, dedication, love, and respect to him and his family. A special "thank you" to Hospice for aiding in the comfort care during his final days. Also to the Huntington VA Medical Center from Audiology Department, Visual Program, Pharmacy, ER, to the Green Team Doctors and Staff for providing his health care needs during the last several years. There aren't enough words to properly thank the above mentioned people. He was the son of a farmer and his fondest hobby was farming. He always grew a garden that produced enough food to feed several families. Our father was a man who was very passionate about the things he believed. In lieu of flowers was ask that, if you desire, you may honor one of his passions - feeding the hungry. Isaiah 58:7 "Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them and do not hide from relatives who need help". Huntington City Mission Huntington. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.

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He had a pragmatic cast. In his campaign for governor of California, he noted that "public officials are elected primarily for one purpose -- to solve public problems." He never let the perfect be the enemy of the good enough for a working politician. Hostile to taxes, he raised them as governor of California in response to a budget crisis, and as president as part of a Social Security deal. A free-trader, he brushed back the Japanese on trade.

Reagan's tone and program, coupled with his generational talent as a politician, allowed him to unlock the working-class vote in his races for governor and president. "The Reagan Democrat" has been part of our political vocabulary ever since. President Donald Trump is a very different man and politician, but it is telling how -- not having learned the purported lessons of Reagan -- he was able to go and get these voters in a way that Republican politicians bound by Reaganite truisms were not.

All that said, Reagan was hardly a friend of the welfare state. He said the ultimate source of the New Deal was Mussolini's fascism. His foundational 1964 speech attacked farm programs, government planning, welfare, the size and power of bureaucracy, and regulations that "have cost us many of our constitutional safeguards." He called for adding "voluntary features" to Social Security, and for electing Barry Goldwater to stop the advance of socialism.

Reagan was a constitutional conservative, although an exceptionally gifted one who understood how to meet Americans where they live. In this important book, Henry Olsen reminds us how.

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used cigarettes, 89 percent also had used alcohol and 82 percent also had used marijuana.

Johnson said even if we get passed the opioid epidemic facing the nation today, it could start all over again with another drug.

It's something Huntington is already trying to tackle along with Marshall University. The Joan C. Edward's School of Medicine is currently searching for a new medical director and professor for a new addiction science program, who will work with Bob Hansen, director of addiction science.

"They realize how important addiction research is and what it means to our community, but also to the country as a whole because this is not just a Huntington problem, or a southern West Virginia problem or an eastern panhandle problem - it's a problem from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

The report was part of the latest edition of the Hazelden Betty Ford Institute for Recovery Advocacy's Emerging Drug Trends report, produced in collaboration with the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

FAKE NEWS from Page 5A

Hitler's vicious attacks and carried out his grand illusions - at the cost of millions of lives!

Could this sort of "thing" happen in the United States of America? Have we been predisposed as little children to believe the unbelievable? Could we actually be "taken in" by fake stories like we were as little children?

Every American needs to think about these subjects and ask him/herself these questions.

Milt Hankins is a theologian, former pastor and local author. His website is columnistwithaview.com.

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