

# Obituaries

## Leroy Hitchcock of Huntington

Leroy Hitchcock, 77 of Huntington, WV passed away September 14, 2017 at His residence. He was born July 15, 1940 in Kenova, WV a son of the late Roy Mitchell Hitchcock and the late Daisy Blanton Benson. He was an antique dealer. He was preceded in death by his wife Judy Ann Hitchcock a grandson Steven Garrett Hitchcock and one sister Joyce Ann Hardan. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ricky Hitchcock (Sandra) of Lavalette, one daughter and son-in-law Jessica Layton (David) of Kenova, a step-son Ronnie Stevens and one step-daughter Faith Ann Stevens. Eleven grandchildren: Christopher, Claudia, David, Courtney, Alyssa, Michael, John-Henry, Victoria and Vincent and Kierra and Avonte, Tanner one great grandchild, Brooklyn Nicole Hitchcock and one brother and sister-in-law James Edward (Harriet) Hitchcock all survive him as well. Services will be announced later.

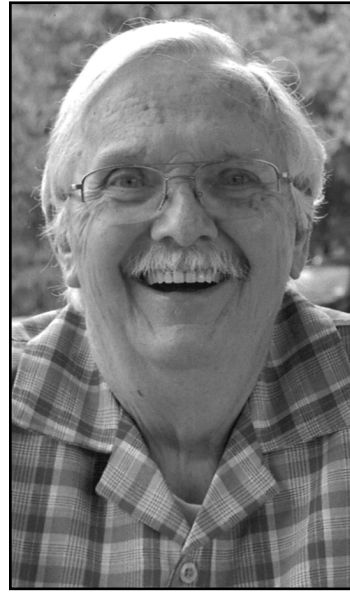


## Helen Chaffin of Webbsville, Ky.

Helen Chaffin, 90, of Webbsville, Ky., went to sleep at the home of her daughter Sandra Jobe and woke up in the arms of Jesus on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Helen was born February 10, 1927, in Chatteroy, West Virginia, a daughter of the late James Millard and Lucy Belle Penix Adams. Helen was a nurse aide at Louisa General Hospital and retired from J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother who loved her family. Helen was a wonderful cook and loved to make quilts. She attended Irish Creek Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Ira Chaffin; a daughter, Lorene Chaffin; a son Charles Chaffin; brothers Chester, Paul, Bernard, and Fred Adams and sisters Madge Simpson, Marie Olson, Permelia Rogers, and Berniece Jennings. Left to cherish her memory are a son Harold (Mary) Chaffin of Logan, Ohio; daughters Betty Salyer of Martha, Ky., and Sandra (Paul) Jobe of Louisa, Ky.; 12 very special grandchildren, several very special great-grandchildren and one special little great-great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was 1 p.m. Monday, September 18, 2017, at Irish Creek Church in Webbsville, Ky. Burial followed in Chaffin Cemetery. Her family would like to thank Dr. Marc Workman and Dr. Jill Short, as well as Three Rivers Home Health for the loving care shown. The family would also like to express gratitude to Brooke Hite for the love and compassion shown. Young Funeral Home, Louisa, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

## Jerry Ronald Wellman of Wayne

Jerry Ronald Wellman, 77, of Wayne, West Virginia, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Cornerstone Hospital in Huntington, WV. He was born October 5, 1939 at Wayne, WV, a son of the late Curtis Arnold and Edith Ellen Ross "Dutch" Wellman. Jerry retired from Cabell-Huntington Hospital as a radiographic technologist with over 30 years of service. He was a graduate of Wayne High School where he was a member of National Honor Society, Society of Journalism Club, member and president of 4-H Leaders. He was a member of Gideons International and former president of Wayne High Band Boosters. He attended Wayne Baptist Church but was a member of 61 years of the Wayne United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and had received a 35 year attendance pin. Jerry was also a member of Wayne Masonic Lodge # 18, AF & AM which will conduct graveside rites. His daughter, Vicky Ellen Adkins and his sister, Glennalee Fulks, also preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Deedy Mount Wellman; a sister, Otalee Reynolds and husband, Joe of Reynoldsburg, OH; his twin brother, Jack D. Wellman and wife Anna of Wayne, WV; and special friends Dwayne and Clara Wallace, Erika Wallace and the Herbert Toppings family and several additional relatives and friends. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2017 at the Wayne United Methodist Church with Rev. Devin Olachea officiating. Burial will follow at Community Memorial Gardens at Wayne. Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne, WV and one hour prior to the service.



## Rosella Virginia McGown of Huntington

Rosella Virginia McGown, 85, of Huntington, widow of Elder Sherman D. McGown, passed away Monday September 18, 2017 at Grayson's Assisted Living, Huntington. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 pm Friday at the Reger Funeral Chapel by David Messer. Burial will follow in Docks Creek Cemetery, Kenova, WV. She was born May 11, 1932 in Cabell County, WV, a daughter of the late William Carl and Lula Bates Smith. Rosella was a homemaker and a member of the United Baptist Church. In addition to her husband and parents she was also preceded in death by grandsons Travis and Clayton Lucas; brothers Alvin, Bill, Bob, Wayne and Dave Smith and sister Connie Banks. Survivors include a son and daughter in law Sherman and Julie McGown; daughters and sons in law Virginia and Lewis Nelson, Rebecca and Norman Lucas, Julie and Don Collins and Sheri McGown; grandchildren Darron (Kathy) Nelson, Brad (Julie) Nelson, Evan (Kyla) Nelson, Greta (Roger) Sowards, Ashton McGown, Haley McGown, Richard (Bailey) Peyton, Dillon Collins and Kelli Ash; great grandchildren Riley Nelson, Garrett Nelson, Lily Sowards, Lucas Sowards, Parker Nelson and Farrah Rosella Sowards; siblings Jim Smith, Helen Thompson, Peggy McComas, Shirley Spurlock and Mary Chatterton and many of her children's friends whom she treated as her own. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Kevin and Alisha and their staff at Grayson's Assisted Living. Friends may call from noon until service time on Friday at the Reger Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.



## Alice Faye Reynolds

Alice Faye Reynolds 67 went home to be with the Lord on Friday Sept. 15, 2017 following a long illness. Alice was born Sept. 15, 1950 at Williamson, WV the daughter of the late Homer and Hazel Thompson Burgett. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist Faith. Survivors include her loving husband Carl Noah Reynolds of Louisa; a daughter and son-in-law Carla and Jimmy Marcum also of Louisa; a son and daughter-in-law Josh and Courtney Reynolds of Huntington, WV; two grandchildren Jimmy Marcum II and Sofia Marcum; three sisters Linda Blackburn, Evelyn Ray, and Tammy Swafford; and a brother Brian Burgett. Graveside Funeral Services will be held on Monday Sept. 18th at noon at the Riverview Memorial Gardens Louisa, KY. with Rev. Bobby Workman officiating. There will be no visitation. Care has been entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home.

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signs," he told Vanity Fair, "exactly the same images, and you're also seeing Capitol police with guns, not firing them, thank God, but it's the same image."

Actually, it's the opposite image. There's a vast difference between the forces of a totalitarian state crushing a protest, as happens in the show, and police maintaining the peace during a demonstration in a robustly free country, as occurred right here in Donald Trump's USA.

According to Atwood: "If you're going to get women back into the home, which some people still firmly believe is where they belong, how would you do that? All you have to do is remove the rights and freedoms that [women] have fought for and accumulated over the [past] 200 years."

Yeah, that's all you have to do. Atwood doesn't explain who, straw men aside, actually wants to do this, or how they'd go about it. She wrote a book that, despite her intentions, has become a cautionary tale about how sophisticated people lose their minds.

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climate change as little more than a political position.

Part of the problem is illustrated by Trump's withdrawal from the landmark Paris global warming agreement. A June 1, 2017, article by Michael D. Shear in The New York Times, quoted Trump as saying, "America remains committed to the trans-Atlantic alliance and to robust efforts to protect the environment." But, he did not, as usual, mean what he said.

Leaders of France, Germany and Italy immediately spoke out, saying "the Paris climate accord was 'irreversible' and could not be renegotiated." Trump has never seen a deal that he didn't think he could re-negotiate for his or the country's benefit. Sure! And, he listened to Stephen K. Bannon, his chief strategist at the time and Scott Pruitt of the EPA. They convinced the president that the agreement was full of "dangers."

Trump has said publicly that climate change is a "hoax." Well, the intensity of Mother Nature's reactions proves the opposite. Climate change is real, and what happened to south Texas and the entire state of Florida clearly tell us how climate change is intensifying weather catastrophes.

Shall I trust Trump and his EPA advisors? No, I think I'll believe Harvey and Irma!

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### GRACE from Page 5A

tycoon-turned-president Donald J. Trump blew off the leaders of his own Republican party to strike a deal with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). The deal involved a three-month extension on raising the debt ceiling and encouragement for bipartisan cooperation on comprehensive immigration reform.

Left out in the cold were Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wis.). North Carolina Republican representative Mark Warner reported that his "Freedom Caucus" (far-right) members and much of Trump's hardcore base were "confused."

Meanwhile, Special Counsel Robert Mueller, a former FBI director, and his team of attorneys continued to bear down on potential criminal charges against members of Trump's own family and Trump's former campaign staff. The prospective areas for indictment centered on evidence indicating collusion with Russian operatives to undermine the campaign of Trump's rival for the presidency, the former first lady, secretary of state and Democratic senator from New York, Hillary Clinton.

As if all this were not enough to send the average television news viewer over the edge, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un kept upping the ante on his game of nuclear chicken with Trump and the U.S. defense establishment. No sooner had Trump, in off-the-cuff remarks, threatened Kim with "fire and fury the likes of which the world has never seen" than Kim countered with the news that his country now had a hydrogen bomb that could be delivered to the U.S. mainland. Then the North Koreans unleashed two more nuclear tests in the Pacific.

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Irma in a devastated central and southern Florida, our focus was yanked from the storm, the wildfires and the North Korean threat to somber memorials of the 9/11 terrorist attacks of 2001 on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon just outside Washington. Trump, flanked by Gen. James Mattis, his defense secretary, and joint-chiefs chairman Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, laid a wreath on the esplanade in front of the Pentagon.

It was a lot to process in one week. Overwhelming.

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## Westmoreland

by Nancy Chapman

Hello everyone! Are you staying warm? People on Facebook are saying they are freezing after last week's cold-snap. Did you turn your furnace on yet? I did.

Tim and Georjeann Bias of Kenova have just returned from a vacation in Myrtle Beach, which was "much-needed". Tim is fire chief in Kenova and a mortician at Rollins funeral Home. Georjeann works at the Kenova City Hall. We're glad you had a wonderful, restful vacation. Now back to work for another year!

Tim's brother Robert "Bub" Bias and friend came home to visit his former stomping grounds of Kenova last week for a visit with his father Don. He really enjoyed himself.

I'm supposed to have knee surgery soon but there has been a mix up on my testing. Well it was canceled for Monday, September 11. I do not know when I will have it. They are putting off testing on the same days and at same times! They just call you and give you a date if you are free on that date. Also my daughter Tammy takes me to my appointments and she has to be home at a certain time to get her grandchildren off the school bus. What a few days I've had! Very stressful!

Hey did you read it in the Wayne County News where a person who was fixing frozen egg rolls that was purchased at the Wayne Save-A-Lot found a cat paw in it? I didn't read

this. I must have missed it, but someone told me about it and this person would not lie.

The retired faculty from Buffalo Elementary met Thursday, Sept. 7 at O' Charley's in Barboursville. Sorry ladies I did not come but had been waiting on doctors office to call. They had moved me up from January 2018 so I was in a bad mood, because they had canceled.

Now I have to have some surgery on my gums before getting dentures at the end of September so I guess I'll try to get that done before knee surgery when they re-schedule me which 2will probably be January. God says to leave it in his hands so that's what I'm trying t do. Have stronger faith in the Lord. Keep me in your prayers.

My sister-in-law Betty ward and I had lunch on Thursday at Jim's in Huntington to calm my nerves. We really enjoy each others company. We're more like sisters than in-laws. Then we met one day for breakfast at Bob Evans last week. We just have a "gab session" and enjoy each other.

Happy Birthday to my youngest daughter Carla (Adkins) Ball on Sept. 26. Hope you have a great day sweetheart! And I hope you feel better soon. She has had bronchitis for weeks and can't get over her coughing.

Happy Birthday to 6-year-old Bentley Keyser on Sept.

29. He is excited. Love you Big Guy. He is the son of Channing Keyser of Ashland and my great-grandson.

Revival at Kellogg Independent Missionary Church of God will hold its Fall Revival Sept. 25-29 at 7 p.m. nightly. Please try to attend. You will be blessed. Our church's homecoming was Sept. 17 was a wonderful day with the Branham Brothers and lunch in the auxiliary building. There was a good attendance.

Had a big bunch to visit me Saturday. Betty Ward brought her granddaughter Caroline, Tammy and Cahnning came to mow the grass and brought Chloe and Bentley my great-grandchildren. The kids played and played.

Fall begins September 22. I think it has already begun.

Happy Anniversary on Sept. 22 to Charley and Kathy Bailey. Enjoy it you two!

Tim and Brenda Sisler will celebrate their Anniversary Sept. 27. Happy day you two. Happy Anniversary to Fred and Paulette Crossen on Sept. 28. Hope you have many more. Happy Anniversary to Rt. 75 residents Gary and Brenda Hatten Staley on Sept. 20.

Happy Birthday to John E. Frazier II on September 20. Happy Birthday to Patty (Mayo) Lewis (who just moved to Westmoreland from Pine hill Estates). Great day is wished to you Patty.

Richard and Jami Ward of



Rt. 75 will celebrate their 7th Anniversary on Sept. 22.

Belated Sept. 16 birthdays to Teresa (Hatten) Horn and Joe Webb of Kenova.

Happy Anniversary to Terry and Faye Lusher on Sept. 25. Would love to see you guys.

Happy belated birthday to Pam Bailey of Westmoreland on Sept. 25. Have a lovely day.

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