

# Obituaries

## Clifton Ward

### Brown of Fort Gay

Clifton Ward Brown, 73, of Fort Gay, W.Va., formerly of Williamson, W.Va., passed away on November 23, 2017, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, W.Va. Born December 26, 1943, in Hatfield, Ky., he was a son of the late Robert Brown and Eula Webb Brown. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a beloved infant son, Mark Brown; and three sisters, an infant sister Sharon Brown, Peggy Parsley and Shirley Curry; and a sister-in-law, Lorraine Brown. Ward was a retired electrical supervisor in the mining industry. A hard worker, Ward was a devoted family man who loved and cherished his wife, children, grandchildren and siblings. To know Ward was to know a man of great character, inner strength, honesty; and he was earnestly loving and compassionate towards others. He was respected by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Ward was a veteran of the United States Army; a paratrooper and medic. Ward was a member of the Borderland Baptist Church, and attended the Bellamy Chapel at Big Hurricane after his move to Fort Gay. His favorite pastime was hunting. Ward is survived by his loving wife Barbara Whitt Brown; two sons, Scott (Brandy) Brown of Hardy, Ky., and Robert (Laura) Brown of Prichard, W.Va.; a daughter, Sharon Brown of Prichard; two brothers, Johnnie (Naomi) Brown of Old Field Branch, Williamson, and Leonard Brown of Ohio; a brother-in-law, Bill Parsley of Genoa, W.Va.; six grandchildren, Michael Moore, Aaron Moore, Preston Akers, Noah Brown, Whitney and Haley Brown; four great-grandchildren, Aaron and Madison Moore, Ramzie Sammons and Braxlyn Marcum, and one unborn great-grandchild. Ward is also survived by a host of extended family members and friends. Visitation is from 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, November 26, 2017, at Weaver Mortuary, West Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, November 27, 2017, at the mortuary. Reverend Rick Gannon will officiate. Interment is in Mountain View Memory Gardens, Maher, W.Va. Family members, friends and grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Graveside military rites will be presented by the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 141, Belfry, Ky. You may express online condolences at [www.weavermortuaryinc.com](http://www.weavermortuaryinc.com). Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson is serving the Brown family.



## David Lee Crockett

### of Kenova

David Lee Crockett, 38, of Kenova, W.Va., passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017, at Prichard, W.Va. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2017, at **Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne**, with Pastor Jack Marcum officiating. Burial will follow at **Docks Creek Cemetery, Kenova, W.Va.** He was born May 29, 1979, at Huntington, W.Va., a son of Charles Crockett of Ranger, W.Va., and Betty Chaney Westfall and husband Jeremy of Sutton, W.Va. He previously worked at A1 Construction. Survivors include his loving spouse of 22 years, Sharon Louise Nalley; two sons, David Lee Crockett Jr., and Trinity George Nalley, both of Kenova; two sisters, Brenda and Amber Dyer, both of Sutton, W.Va.; two brothers, Charles Crockett Jr., of Sutton and Johnny Crockett and wife Amy of Gassaway, W.Va.; and a host of extended family members and friends. Visitation will be from noon until service time on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **Morris Funeral Home** to assist with burial expenses.



## Robert Daniel Wheeler of Kenova

Robert Daniel Wheeler, 94, of Kenova, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2017, in Huntington Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral service was 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at **Rollins Funeral Home, Kenova**, with Pastor Scott Byard officiating. Interment followed in **Maple Hill Cemetery**. He was born August 11, 1923, in Huntington, a son of the late Roy and Ona Daniels Wheeler. He was a retired polisher from Houdaille, and a member of the First Independent Missionary Baptist Church. He was a veteran, having served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances Sloan Wheeler; three sisters and two brothers. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Kay Frazier (Milford) of Kenova; one son and daughter-in-law, Daniel Wheeler (Judy) of Kenneth City, Fla.; one granddaughter and her spouse, Kelly Light (Dale) of St. Pete, Fla.; three grandsons and their spouses, Terry Frazier (Laura) of Kenova, Mark Wheeler (Debbie) of St. Pete, Fla., and John Frazier (Kim) of Kenova. Additional survivors include one sister, Margaret Adkins of Prichard, W.Va.; one brother, Bill Wheeler of Wheelersburg, Ohio; three great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons, and seven great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rollinsfh.com](http://www.rollinsfh.com).

## Alice Hamilton Nida of Wilmington, NC formerly of Ceredo

The world lost one of its best advocates for peace, harmony, and justice when **Alice Hamilton Nida** (70) died peacefully on Nov. 14, 2017, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Born and raised in Wayne County West Virginia, she grew up with her parents and younger sister, Jody Hamilton, in Ceredo. She graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School in 1964, and Marshall University in 1968. She married her husband of 48 years, Rick Nida, of West Hamlin, West Virginia that same year. She is survived by her husband, Rick, her daughter, Leigh Hamilton Nida, of Iowa City, Iowa and her sister, Jody Hamilton of Raleigh, North Carolina. During her adult lifetime she and her family traveled widely and moved frequently, living in 10 states across the country before retiring to North Carolina. She and her family traveled the U.S., visiting all 50 states, plus vacationing in Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, and Asia. She began her work life as a social worker for the Department of Social Services in West Virginia. Also, she worked at Ohio University in Athens, served as Executive Director of Cabin Creek Quilts in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, and led a social work program for the elderly in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, whose population was primarily from the Osage Indian Tribe. She subsequently obtained a law degree from the University of Tulsa and was a legal services developer for the Kansas Department on Aging before entering private practice with offices in Lawrence, Leawood, and Emporia, Kansas. Other work experiences included a position at Towson State University

## Norma Lee Clay

### of Wayne

Norma Lee Clay, 88, of Wayne, W.Va., went to be with her Heavenly Father, Saturday, November 25, 2017, after a hard-fought battle, from breast cancer. She was born April 8, 1929 to Maggie Jane Stephens Thompson and Norman Thompson. Norma was a member of Laurel Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Clay and son Hubert Leo Clay; two sisters, Esther Thompson Miller, Jean Thompson Spence; one brother, Clyde Thompson; and a great-granddaughter, Marissa Motz. Survivors include a sister, Doris Rockwell of Georgia; a daughter, Linda Clay Tomblin and husband Robert K. of Huntington; two sons, George Clay and wife Terene Stroud Clay, Norman Leonard "Joe" Clay and wife Brenda of Wayne; eight grandchildren, Steven Tomblin and wife Brandy and Matthew Tomblin of Huntington, Angela Maynard of Wayne, Tina Motz and husband Todd of Huntington, Tony Clay and wife Cala of Wayne, and Andy Dobbs; two step-grandsons, Andy Pinson and wife Jerri and Chad Pinson and wife Alyssa; eight great-grandchildren, Austin Tomblin, Nathaniel, Shelby and Nicholas Maynard, Makayla Motz, Graysen, Preslie and Linzie Pinson; a special sister-in-law, Eadris Clay; and numerous nieces and nephews. Norma Lee was well-known for years of devoted love and care to her family, love of God, and her talent for creating beautiful homemade quilts and crafts. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at **Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, W.Va.**, by Pastor Jerry Casteel, Elder Garland Perry and Elder Tony Clay. Burial will follow at **Community Memorial Gardens, Wayne, W.Va.** The family would like to thank her faithful caregiver and friend, Vickie Hensley and the staff at Huntington Health and Rehabilitation, along with Dr. Cynthia Pinson.



## Edgar Wendell

### May of Huntington

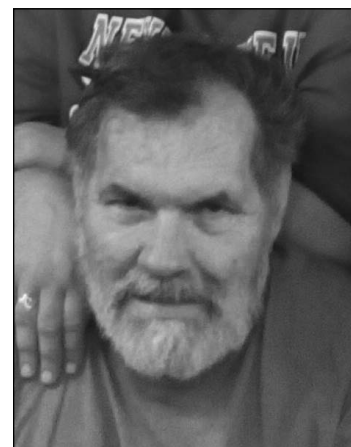
Edgar Wendell May, 95, of Huntington, a loving husband, father and grandfather went to be with the Lord, November 25, 2017, with his family at his side. Funeral services were Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 1 p.m. at **Reger Funeral Chapel** by Dr. Larry Greene. Burial followed at **White Chapel Memorial Gardens**. He was born August 12, 1922, in Wayne County, the son of the late Waldeck and Norma McCloud May. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Beulah Crum May and his second wife, Venus LeGrand May, as well as three sisters, Pauline Graves, Irene Ashworth and Louella Ashworth (all of Columbus, Ohio). He is survived by his son, Thomas W. May and his daughter, Catherine Weiss, of Huntington; four grandchildren, Karen Bishop (Mark), Beckie Nourse (Tim), Ed May II (Julie) and their mother Sandra May, all of Columbus, Ohio, and Amanda McComas (Josh) of Huntington; nine great-grandchildren, Matthew and Shawn Bishop, Samantha Snyder Stephens (Geoff), Emily and Sarah Snyder, Zachary May and Jackson, Ryan and Rachel McComas. Also surviving is one sister, Mildred Thompson of Rensselaer, Ind., as well as two special nephews, Richard Crum of Spring Hill, Fla., and Jeffrey Crum of Juneau, Wis. As a member of the "Greatest Generation," Ed grew up working from a very early age at the Blatt Dairy Farm and moved with his family to Baltimore, Md., where he worked as a welder in a shipyard. He joined the Navy, serving in the Pacific theater, as a gunner during World War II, and as a member of the Navy Reserve was called back to active duty during the Korean War. He operated his own auto body shop in Huntington for 57 years and was known as the best auto painter/body man in the area, never having to advertise; his work was his advertisement. He never met a stranger and his honesty was one of his many outstanding traits that allowed him to be very successful in his business. He was a member of River Cities Community Church and loved to read the Bible, reading it from cover to cover many times. His favorite hobby was golf which he played into his nineties. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.regerfh.com](http://www.regerfh.com).



## Ernie Dale Morgan

### of Wilsondale

Ernie Dale Morgan, 67, of Wilsondale, W.Va., went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 25, 2017, at his residence. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at **Turkey Creek Church, Wilsondale**, with Brothers Emanuel Ferguson and George Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at the **Stroud Cemetery, Wilsondale, W.Va.** He was born on February 20, 1950, in Huntington, W.Va., a son of the late Chester and Ida Marcum Morgan. Ernie worked as a security guard for Argus Energy and was a member of Turkey Creek Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three sisters, Martha Morgan, Ella Metz and Helen Pace. Survivors include his loving wife of 35 years, Shirlene Robinson Morgan; three daughters, Jessica Stroud and husband Troy of Dunlow, W.Va., Shawna Morgan of Wilsondale, W.Va., and Marlenea Brand and husband Michael of Barboursville, W.Va.; one brother, Roy Morgan and wife Myrtle of Columbus, Ohio; Edna Copley, whom he referred to as his "adopted" mom; and his special friends, Ricky and Don Spaulding of Wilsondale, Ked Spaulding and Jenna Robinson, both of Dunlow, W.Va., and Carlos Spaulding of Huntington. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Tuesday at the church. **Morris Funeral Home, Wayne**, is assisting his family.



## Pamela Kay

### Blankenship

Pamela Kay Blankenship January 26, 1954 - November 27, 2017. I was the child of Jay and Jean Blankenship, now deceased. They were two wonderful people I was fortunate enough to know. I had two brothers who have predeceased me, Chuck Leibee and Paul D. Blankenship (Diane). These were two men with whom I found love and laughter and wish there had been more time to experience more with them. They were truly admirable men. My heart, my son, Parker Earp (Keysha) taught me to be a more loving human being and mother to him in a way I would not have learned otherwise. I listened to this child and young man, and I know that we were fortunate to have found one another. May you take this bonding further into your life and enjoy what we experienced and share that experience with others. My love and best friend, David Taylor, without whom this adventure would have been very difficult. The selfless, caring, and confident manner he bestowed upon me was so comforting. I know we will find each other again and resume what we share forever. I had two siblings, Joann (David) Blankenship and Mike (Mary) Blankenship, and we three, together, made the Three Musketeers. We will stay strong. Jody and Mike, please take care of each other, I'll be waiting for you. I need to mention my cousin, Susan Leibee, as she has been by my side for the past several years with a wealth of information and emotional support. Her latest encouragement led me to Hospice of Huntington. I cannot thank them enough for their help. There will be no funeral services. At this time I would appreciate any donations to Hospice of Huntington to help them continue their good works, and as you know me, any donation to an animal rescue or shelter would be greatly appreciated. I will only say if it's not lights out, then I am continuing on a grand adventure. Online condolences may be made at [www.johnsontillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnsontillerfuneralhome.com).



## Charlotte Ullom

### of Huntington

Charlotte Ullom, 85, of Huntington, died Sunday, November 26, 2017, at St. Mary's Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at the **Reger Funeral Home**, by her two sons-in-law, B.K. Marshall and Dan Black. Burial will follow at **White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, W.Va.** Charlotte was born on August 31, 1932, in Genoa, W.Va., to the late Charles and Eva Shelby Holland Sr. As well as being a loving mother, she was a devoted wife, working side-by-side with her husband of 58 years in several businesses, before finally selling their last, Miller Drug, and retiring. They continued to spend every day together, watching sports, getting their noon cappuccino, and enjoying donuts. In the last few years, Charlotte endured some serious health issues but always kept fighting, even graduating from Hospice. She has been blessed by meeting many wonderfully caring healthcare workers and new friends along the way. She was and we are forever grateful to them. Donations may be made to the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Ullom; one brother, Charles Holland Jr.; and three sisters, Reba Hatten, Bertie Holland, Nada McKenzie. Charlotte is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Dan Black of Dublin, Ohio, Kelley and BK Marshall of Kenova, W.Va.; grandchildren Noah and Ian Black, Zach, Austin and Shannon Marshall; brother-in-law and sister in law, Steve Collins and Janet Collins; one sister and brother-in-law, Garnet and Robert Bryant of Ceredo, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews. Friends may call from noon until service time on Thursday at the **Reger Funeral Home**. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.regerfh.com](http://www.regerfh.com).



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