

Obituaries

HAZEL MARIE GOODERHAM of Huntington

HAZEL MARIE GOODERHAM, 87, of Huntington, W.Va., passed away Monday, June 19, 2017, at Heartland of Riverview, South Point, Ohio. Funeral services were Thursday, June 22, 2017, at the Reger Funeral Chapel by Pastor Dan Preece and Pastor Bernie Riggs. Burial followed in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, W.Va. Hazel was born January 17, 1930, in Wayne County, West Virginia, a daughter of the late Granville Thomas and Ida Mae Ferguson Howerton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allie Benson Gooderham; seven brothers, Azel Howerton, Orion Howerton, Virgil Howerton, Arthur Howerton, Thomas Howerton Jr., Jim Howerton and John Homer Howerton; four sisters, Gladys Perdue, Betty Jane Martin, Kathleen Howerton and Marjorie Howerton. Those that survive her include one brother, Robert F. (Audrey L.) Howerton and numerous nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to her loving care givers Dena Howerton, Pam McCullough, Jessica Scaggs and April Scaggs. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.



MICHAEL K. BELCHER of Huntington

MICHAEL K. BELCHER, 42, of Huntington WV, passed away June 18, 2017 at St. Mary's Hospital from long term medical conditions. He was born June 2, 1975 in Huntington, WV, the son of Martha Gwyn and Terry Belcher.

Michael graduated from Huntington High School in 1994 and was the captain of the football team. He attended Marshall University where was part of the 94-95 Thundering Herd. He was a member of Orchard Hills golf club and Huntington bowling association. Michael was an avid bowler and bowled multiple 300 games. He also played baseball and was a great coach and umpire for little league baseball and softball. Michael had a great love for music, he was an amazing drummer and taught himself to play guitar. Above all Michael's greatest love was his daughter Emily.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandfather Jimmy Jordan Jr. and his brother Charles (Charlie) Belcher.

Michael is survived by his mother Martha Gwyn; his stepfather Thomas Gwyn; his grandmother June Jordan; his daughter Emily Belcher and his lifelong partner and friend Brooke Snider.

Michael had a long hard journey and fought a good fight, may his next journey be peaceful. Fly high my friend.

Arrangements are being handled by Chapman's Mortuary. There will be a celebration of life gathering Thursday June, 22nd from 6 pm-8 pm.



RUTH EVELYN DAVIS RIDDLE LAZEAR of Culloden

RUTH EVELYN DAVIS RIDDLE LAZEAR, 86 of Culloden, W.Va., passed away Thursday, June 22, 2017, at Broadmore Assisted Living. Ruth was born September 28, 1930, to the late Oscar and Mary Davis. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Raleigh M. Riddle; sister Ruby Jackson; and brothers Charles Davis, MacRae Davis and Don Davis. Ruth was a schoolteacher in Putnam County for more than 35 years, and enjoyed quilting. She was also a Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir at Hurricane First Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband Jesse A. Lazear of Culloden; sons Timothy D. Riddle of Hurricane, W.Va., and Paul A. Riddle of Scott Depot, W.Va.; sisters Betty White (Nye) of Culloden and Jean Ferguson of Lexington, Ky.; sister-in-law, Mildred Davis of Fort Gay, W.Va.; grandchildren, Sarah Riddle, Rachel Riddle, Justin T. Riddle, April Riddle Letart (Eric), and Heather R. Riddle; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25, 2017, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating. Private burial will be in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Visit www.ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories with the family. Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, is honored to serve the Riddle and Lazear family.



MICHAEL DWAYNE SALMONS

MICHAEL DWAYNE SALMONS, loving husband and father, entered into the joys of heaven on Sunday, June 18, 2017, at his home, surrounded by family and friends. Michael is preceded in passing by his mother Elba Marie Thompson Salmons, father Leonard Ray Salmons, step-mother Mildred McComas Salmons, and brothers Ronnie Salmons and Ike Salmons. Michael is survived by his wife of 37 years, Helen Ann Bays Salmons, son Aaron Michael, siblings Steve (Dee), Tommy (Mattie), Keith (Jackie), Wayne (Denise), Sharon Salmons Matheny, Terri Salmons Reasor (David), many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and his wonderful church family and Sunday School class of Open Door Bible Church near Hamlin, W.Va. A graduate of Hamlin High School, Michael went on to West Virginia Wesleyan College where he played football, and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Michael enjoyed West Virginia Mountaineer football, and cheering on family members in their sports activities. A charter member, deacon and leader on the church council at Open Door Bible Church, Michael loved singing in the praise group and teaching an adult Sunday school class. He enjoyed participating in many church musicals, and volunteering at Calvary Baptist Academy. Most of all, born of his love of the Lord, Michael loved serving others, bringing his love of music to worship opportunities for senior citizens in the Open Door Bible Church nursing home ministry. Michael also loved helping to send the Word of God throughout the world in his work with the Gleaning for Christ Ministry at Looneyville, W.Va. And, he enjoyed blessing those in need of understanding God's love in a tangible way. Michael's desire is that his legacy be that all he knew accept salvation through Christ. He would ask you if you have made that decision, and if you have not, he would invite you to accept Christ as your Savior, so that you will know the blessings, peace and joy he knew during his short time on this earth, and be reunited with him in Heaven in due time. The funeral was 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Visitation and funeral will be at Open Door Bible Church, located at 6711 State Route 34 South, in Lincoln County near Hamlin, W.Va. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be made to the Michael D. Salmons Memorial Fund, so that Michael's life of service may continue to help those in need. Contributions can be mailed to Open Door Bible Church, for The Michael D. Salmons Memorial Fund, 6711 State Route 34, Culloden, WV 25510. Koontz Funeral Home, Hamlin, W.Va., is assisting the family with arrangements.

OWEN JOHNSE HARMON WELLS of London, Ky. formerly of East Lynn

OWEN JOHNSE HARMON WELLS, 86, of London, Ky., formerly of Switzer, W.Va., and East Lynn, W.Va., departed this world on June 18, 2017. He was born on December 26, 1930, the son of the late Owen and Myrtle Farley Wells. Mr. Wells was a member of UMWA. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Daphne Wells, who preceded him in death.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jeffrey Kyle Wells and John D. Wells. He is survived by one son, Michael J. Wells (Cathleen) of Coeburn, Va., and one daughter, Barbara J. Fitch of London, Ky.; four brothers, Jack Wells of Greenwood, Ind., Jimmy Wells of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jerry Wells of Morgantown, Ind., and Joel Wells of Martinsville, Ind.; eight sisters, Edith Flanary of Scottsdale, Ariz., Hazel McKinney of Big Stone Gap, Va., Joyce Glenn of Switzer, W.Va., Joanne Dragoo of Rossville, Ga., June Coffey of Indianapolis, Ind., Julie Benson of Indianapolis, Ind., Janet Colborn of Martinsville, Ind., and Nancy Kelso of Morgantown, Ind.; four grandchildren, Sara Fitch, Julie Wells, Emily Wells and Owen Wells; five great-grandchildren, Jackson, Oliver, Jaylen, Alexis and Daphne; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Services were Friday, June 23, 2017, at Evans Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Chapmanville, W.Va., with Pastor James Terry officiating. Entombment followed at Forest Lawn Mausoleum, Pecks Mill, W.Va.

ESTILL J. WILLIAMS Jr. of Louisa

ESTILL J. WILLIAMS Jr. 90, of Louisa, Ky. passed away Monday, June 19, 2017 at the Jordan Center in Louisa, Ky. Estill was born October 8, 1926 in Louisa, Ky a son of the late Estill and Cora Mae Skaggs Williams. Estill was a cabinet maker and retired from Castle Show Case after many years of service, he was also a United States Marine Veteran who served his country honorably, and he was a member of West United Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie Lemaster Williams who passed away in 2016. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Williams and Les Williams. Survivors include, one brother, Bill (Mary Jane) Williams of Summit, Ky.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Graveside service will be conducted 2:00 pm Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Fairchild Lemaster Cemetery. Under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

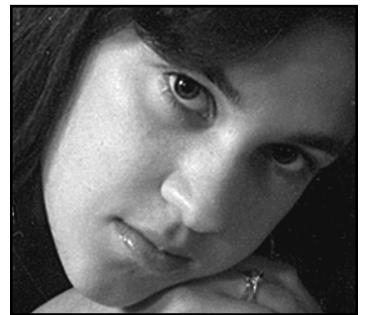


KIMBERLY HILL VANCE of Louisa

KIMBERLY HILL VANCE 26, of Louisa, Kentucky passed away on Monday, June 19, 2017, at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. She was born in Louisa, Kentucky on July 21, 1990, to David Hill and Ruth Porter Fluty.

Kimberly is survived by her husband, Thomas Vance and one daughter, Nevaeh Grace Vance. She is also survived by three siblings, David Allen Lee Hill of Ashland, Kentucky, Davina Bragg of Crum, West Virginia, Brittany Hill also of Ashland, Kentucky, Cory Hill, Tabitha Hill, and Edna Hill, step-sister, Tiffany Fluty and step-brother, James "Tank" Perry, step-mother, Joni Hill and stepfather, James Fluty along with a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Callaham Funeral Home in Inez, Kentucky on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 1:00 pm. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, from 6:00-9:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.



Cemetery Appreciates Your Support

Members of the Old Docks Creek Cemetery Board spent this Memorial Day weekend at the cemetery soliciting donations to keep the cemetery mowed again this summer. We want to thank all those who contributed to the mowing fund. Your support and generosity will allow us to keep the cemetery mowed throughout the summer. Special thanks to our board members for giving of their time this busy holiday weekend to help in this effort. We also want to thank the American Legion for placing flags on our Veterans' gravesites. The cemetery looked beautiful!

The interest rate in our perpetual care investment fund does not generate enough income to property maintain the cemetery at this time. Therefore, we are dependent on your donations. We are a non-profit corporation; your donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to "Old Docks Creek Mowing Fund" and mailed to Herma Lynn Davis, Treasurer; 1962 Route 75; Kenova, WV 25530.

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to be the pervasive attitude among liberals.

George Bernard Shaw is quoted as saying, "Hatred is the coward's revenge for being intimidated."

What do liberals hope to accomplish with this paralyzing animus?

And what else will they be willing to accept to see President Trump fail?

Mark Caserta is a conservative blogger, a Cabell County resident and a regular contributor to The Herald-Dispatch editorial page.

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