

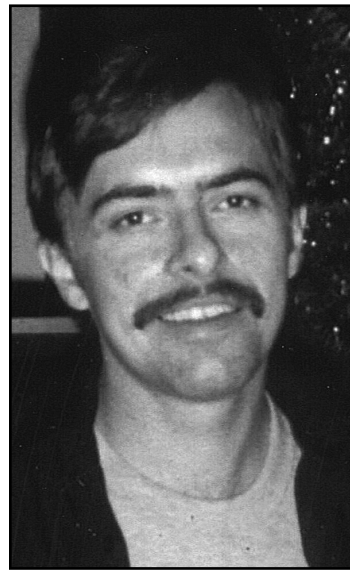
Obituaries

Mary Ellen Workman Blankenship of Kenova



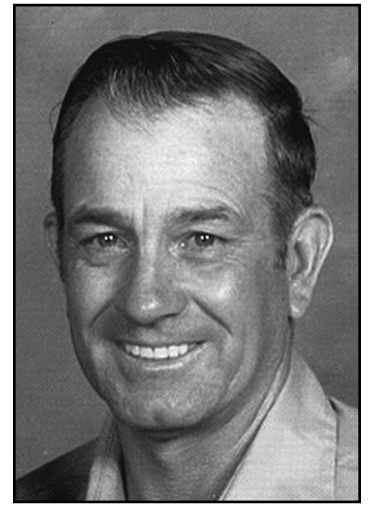
Mary Ellen Workman Blankenship, 71 of Kenova won her battle with illness and entered into peaceful rest on Friday, May 19, 2017 at her residence. She was a loving wife, mother, mamaw, Grammy and friend to so many that loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Anna Ruth Workman, two brothers, Garrett and Charles Workman, and a very special friend Carol Sammons. She leaves behind her loving husband of 51 years, Hiram Blankenship, Jr., her children and their spouses, Lisa (Bill) Palmer, Steve (Vicki) Blankenship, LaShelle (Scott) Stambaugh, all of Kenova, eight grandchildren: Courtney, Alex, Marci, Christian, Allison, Austin, Jake and Jordan, five great grandbabies: Lilah, Caroline, Reese, Ellie, Jensen and one on the way. All of who will miss her dearly. She is also survived by a sister, Dova Murphy and a special sister-in-law Sylvia Luther. Those that know her knew of her special love for dogs, and she leaves behind two fur babies Ruby and Lucy. Her family would like to especially thank Andi, Rhonda and Tina of Hospice for their Compassion, Care and support over the last 4 months. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 AM Tuesday at the Reger Funeral Chapel, by Pastor Eddie Hay. Burial will follow in Docks Creek Cemetery, Kenova. Visitation will be from 6-8 PM Monday at the Reger Funeral Home. Flowers are appreciated, however contributions may be made to Hospice of Huntington in her memory.

Barry Douglas Adkins of Cocoa Beach, FL



Barry Douglas Adkins, 58, passed away unexpectedly at his home May 4th, 2017 in Cocoa Beach, FL. He was born June 12, 1958 in Fort Bragg, NC, a son of Gaye McCormick of Gibson, NC and Sargent Douglas Adkins and wife, Joyce of Wayne, WV. He was a self-employed master carpenter and builder. Barry was preceded in death by his grandparents, Evelyn and Tom Potter, Gracie Perry, Charlie Perry and Ray Adkins. Additional survivors include his loving wife of 27 years, Evelyn Adkins; his daughter, Heather Adkins of Ashville, NC; three step-children, Marcia Kentucky, Christa Cairnes, both of Wilmington, NC, Stephen Hensley of Titusville, FL; a sister, Veronica Locklear of Gibson, NC; two grandsons, Ryder James Roberts, William James Hensley. Barry lived most of his life in North Carolina until 2011 when he moved to Florida. There he spent time doing what he loved, fishing, playing guitar, walks on the beach and riding his motorcycle. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Curtis Lee Evans of Fort Gay



Curtis Lee Evans, 88, of Fort Gay, WV passed away Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Ky. Curtis was born May 10, 1929 in Webb, WV a son of the late Harless and Grace Chaffin Evans. Curtis was retired from the N&W Railroad, he was of Freewill Baptist Faith and attended Peters Chapel Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Marie Copley Evans, and a son, Curtis Lee Evans Jr.; siblings, Harless Evans Jr., Ruby Williams, Lucille Mills, Maxine Fortham, Pauline Evans, and Lillian Dillon. Survivors include, one son, James (Christine) Evans of Fort Gay, WV; two daughters, Betty (Randy) Frasher of Fort Gay, WV; Christine Evans of Martinsburg, WV; brothers, Jackie (Joyce) Evans of Col. Ohio; Clyde (Betty) Evans of Fort Gay, WV; Larry (Debbie) Evans of Crum, WV; grandchildren, Kimberly Collie, Robbie Evans, James Frasher, Tammy Branham, Nancy Evans, Kathy McKenzie, David King, Frankie Evans, Melissa Saunders, James Saunders and Rebecca Saunders; 18 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 pm Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at the Frasher Cemetery, Fort Gay, WV. Visitation will be 5:00 until 9:00 PM Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel.

Betty Jewel Bryant Blankenship of Prichard



In Loving Memory of Betty Jewel Bryant Blankenship, 73 of Prichard, WV went to be with the Lord Monday, May 22, 2017 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. Funeral services will be conducted 12:00 pm Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Carl Black. Burial will follow at Dock's Creek Cemetery, Kenova, WV. She was born August 8, 1943 in Logan, WV, a daughter of the late Oscar and Ethel Tucker Bryant. Also preceding her in death was her loving husband of 56 years, Rev. Curtis L. Blankenship; a son, Curtis Blankenship, Jr. and his wife, Mary Blankenship; a granddaughter, Rachel May Adkins Evans; a sister, Shirley Bryant Murasky; four brothers, Hasel Lee Bryant, Jim Bryant, George "Junior" Bryant and Donnie Bryant; along with a sister-in-law and wonderful friend, Patty Bryant. Survivors include her daughter, Evelyn Adkins and husband, William; two sons, Terry Blankenship and wife, Melissa, Bruce Blankenship and wife, Michelle; two sisters, D.J. Alacar and husband, Bruce of North Carolina, Bonnie Quichocho and husband, Rick of Georgia; three brothers, Charles Bryant of Kenova, WV, Doug Bryant and wife, Pam of Point Pleasant, WV, Roger Bryant of Arizona; three sisters-in-law; eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren along with a host of family and friends. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Rev. Carl Blank and the staff at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV. Friends may call from 6 to 9 pm Wednesday at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne, WV.

Michael D Webb of Louisa, Ky



Michael D Webb 66, of Louisa, Ky. went home to be with his Lord Saturday, May 20, 2017 at his home. Michael was born October 28, 1950 in Timmonsville, SC a son of the late LD and Doris Jordan Webb. Michael was retired from the Lawrence County Board of Education where he trained bus drivers, he was also a United States Army Veteran who served his country proudly. Michael was very involved in his church, Bakers Chapel, where he was a member for over 30 years and was the adult Sunday School teacher. He was preceded in death by his parents LD and Doris Webb. Survivors include, his loving wife of 46 years, Wanda Gillispie Webb of Louisa, Ky.; two daughter, Shelly Webb and Elizabeth Webb both of Ashland, Ky.; two grandchildren, Abby Caldwell and Avery Webb both of Ashland, Ky.; brother, Terry Webb of Louisa, Ky.; sisters, Karene Lewis of Louisa, Ky.; Sharon Stein of Greenup. Funeral services will be conducted 11:30 am Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel with Doug Ison and Gordan Crisp officiating. Burial will follow at the Jordan Cemetery, Louisa, Ky.. Visitation will be 6:00 pm until 9:00 PM Monday, May 22, 2017 at Young Funeral Home Chapel.

Rose May Muncy of Kermit

Rose May Muncy 75, of Kermit, West Virginia passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at her home. She was born in Omar, West Virginia on May 2, 1942, to the late Agnes Smith. Rose is survived by her husband, Floyd Muncy and her children, Floyd Muncy Jr. of Crum, West Virginia, Travis Muncy, Ronda Johnson and Sonja Hodge all of Kermit, West Virginia. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. It was her wishes to be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

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not always know that, leaving people registered that should not be or others who are registered in more than one county or state at the same time. That confusion contributes to both the potential for fraud and perceptions of fraud. Two former secretaries of state Democrat Phil Keisling of Oregon and Republican Sam Reed of Washington State recently wrote in Governing Magazine that "given our sophisticated technology and ubiquitous government databases, there's no good reason our voting records can't be far more accurate." But it will require more cooperation between states and the federal government to make that happen. The Electronic Registration Information Center coalition involving 21 states, including West Virginia and Ohio, already is working on sharing voter and motor vehicle lists and other ideas to help keep voter rolls up to date. Increasing that focus and cooperation can make a big difference. West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, for example, already has worked with county clerks to remove more than 47,000 outdated or ineligible registrations this spring. Let's hope the new federal commission gives this issue due consideration and looks for the resources and strategies to make sure the credibility of the U.S. election system remains the gold standard for the world.

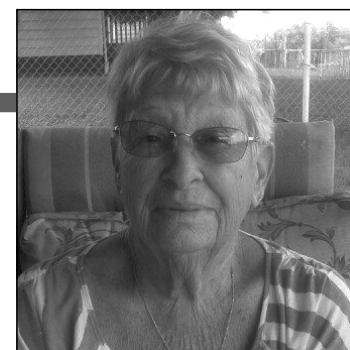
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- The Ten Commandments do NOT need to be displayed; they need to be obeyed.
- For every action, there is an equal, opposite reaction; for every good, there is an equal, opposite evil.
- The most abhorrent sin is bigotry. Bigotry thrives on a false sense of superiority. Bigotry is a disgusting form of hypocrisy.
- If parishioners cannot remember what the morning sermon was about, then the homily was either poorly constructed, feebly delivered or simply not worth remembering.
- Humans believe (and live) too many half-truths.
- It is better to be wrong and stand corrected than to be corrected and take a wrong stand.
- If you fall for everything, you won't believe in anything.
- Lastly, the ways we are alike have a difficult time surfacing through the ways we are different.

Sometime, set aside some time to jot down the general, personal, religious/spiritual lessons you have learned in your lifetime, so far. I suspect it will be a longer list than you imagined. According to phrases.org.UK, Julius Caesar recorded the earliest known version of this proverb: "Experience is the best teacher."

Westmoreland

by Nancy Chapman



Hello and how was your week?
I've been trying to scrub my porch; I can't believe how much dirt my sweeper sucked up. It filled up over half of the container with plain "dirt". It wasn't cleaned very well last year. I still have a few rocking chairs to clean and some need painting.
I saw in the Herald Dispatch where the Williamson Branch Bluegrass Family Band played at the Mountaineer Opry House in Milton May 20. Kevin Williamson, the son of the late Jerry Williamson of Hutchinson Br. Road Dock's Creek (I guess we are second cousins since Jeremy was my first cousin. Son of Gerald and Eula Ward Williamson who was my aunt an uncle) singed. Eula would have been so proud of her musical family. Kevin and his wife have three daughters who play in the band. They reside in Tennessee, but travel all over to play and sing. Kevin's uncle and cousins, Ted Williamson still resides on Dock's Creek. I didn't get to go see them but would have loved to. We don't see our families like we used to. Haven't seen Kevin since his father's death several years ago. If you would like to know more about hem and their band you may contact them at www.moutaineeropy.com or call 304-743-5749.

adults have fun. Around the pool needs to develop the grounds to make some money so it wouldn't be a drain on Kenova. I know they have a hard time keeping it "up to par" Without donations they couldn't keep it open.
My daughter Tammy has been pressure washing my fence around my front yard. It hadn't been cleaned for several years. (This time last year she and my other daughter Carla was taking care of me. I had broken my hip.)
I'm still having knee problems. Can't do a lot of anything. Why are doctors so booked up? My physician has me scheduled one for surgery January 29, 2018! Yes! He is so booked up you can't even get in to get a pain shot. What are people to do? I've heard other patients of other doctor's are waiting also. That's eight months I have to wait. Then you're not sure it will work.
We received a wonderful surprise at the Kellogg Church of God Sunday morning. Our pastor, Roger Mooney, who was recovering from heart by-pass surgery was there. He even sang in the choir. That's where I missed him the most because he stands right behind me. "Good to have you there Roger. We've all missed you so much, but you've still got

some healing to do. Don't go too fast."
Hope everyone has a peaceful Memorial Day weekend. It's not a fun weekend! It's a time to honor loved ones and war veterans. We usually get together as a family to visit and decorate our loved ones' graves.
Joe and Lucretia Webb of Kenova celebrate their anniversary on May 29. Enjoy and many more happy years to you two.
Happy Birthday to Bruce Adkins on May 30. Have a good one Bruce.
Get well wishes to my cousin Sandra Sue (smith) who fell in her driveway and has been a patient at St. Mary's and now at Health South. Hope you're home and feeling better soon.
Happy Anniversary to Steve and Pam Bailey of Westmoreland on May 30. Love you two!
Louise "Weezie" Starr of Kenova says she had a wonderful surprise at WalMart the other day. A lady that was behind her in line at the check out counter wanted to buy her a Mother's Day present. She

had lost her mother recently and wanted to do something for someone else so she paid for her groceries. Wasn't that wonderful! Although Weezie had no children, she always treated her nephews like they were hers. What a wonderful day that made for her. God bless that lady whomever she was!
A birthday gathering for Janet Maynard was held on her special day last week at the Mexican Restaurant in South Point by her daughter Cathy Calicoat. Attending were David and J.D. Calicoat, Dallas Maynard, Tim & Georgeann Bias, Don Bias, Weezie Starr and I. Janet wanted a pie instead of cake so Cathy brought two large ones from Sam's for desert. They also sang "Happy Birthday" to her and served her ice cream. Hope her 80-something birthday was fun.

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