

Obituaries

**OPAL MAZIE
PERRY of
Indianapolis, IN**

Opal Mazie (Crabtree) Perry, 94, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on November 25, 2016.

The grave site service will be held at noon on June 10, 2017 at Hillcrest Cemetery, 75 Kenova, West Virginia, 25530. Opal was born in Wayne, West Virginia, to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Crabtree of Genoa, West Virginia. Opal married Gaylord Perry and had 4 children.

Opal is preceded in death by her husband Gaylord Perry, son, Nelon Perry, daughter, Shirley Marcum, son-in-law, Ron Marcum and great-granddaughter Kristin Sweaney. Opal is survived by Ronald Perry (Lil Perry), Naomi Sue Crum (Roger Crum), 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren and many other family and friends. Please do not send flowers.



**AMANDA
ROBERTSON
of Wayne**

Amanda “Amanda Jane” Robertson, 34, of Wayne, W.Va., passed away Saturday, May 27, 2017, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 31 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, W.Va., with Brother Arbie Rice officiating. Burial will follow at the Adkins Cemetery, Kiahsville, W.Va. She was born July 15, 1982, in Huntington, W.Va., a daughter of Charles and Alta Williamson Rice of Wayne. She was receptionist for Dr. Brian Eves. Preceding her in death were her maternal grandparents Mose and Brookie Williamson, her paternal grandparents Bill and Senia Rice and her mother-in-law Dora Marie Robertson. Survivors include her husband Jamie Lee Robertson; her children, whom she loved with all of her heart, Kylie Robertson, Isaiah Robertson and William Robertson, all of Wayne, W.Va; two brothers, Charles Rice (Janice) and William Rice (Sarah), both of Wayne, W.Va., her very special nieces and nephews Zoey, Michael, Brooklyn, Wyatt, Gavin and Draven; father-in-law James Robertson and brothers-in-law Christopher, Derrick and Aaron Robertson.



**MELISSA KAY
TOMBLIN
of East Lynn**

MELISSA KAY TOMBLIN, 44, of East Lynn, W.Va., went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 25, 2017. She was born December 21, 1972 at Huntington, W.Va., and was a homemaker. Her father, Chris Stamper preceded her in death, along with one son, Boyd Ray Tomblin; grandparents Clifford and Luttie Stamper and Leslie and Mary Lou Isaacs; special mother-in-law and father-in-law, Brenda and Charles Tomblin; sister-in-law Ruby Workman; and step-brother Joe Warden.



She is survived by her husband, Charles Dale Tomblin; one son, Billy Dale Tomblin; one daughter Amanda (Robbie) Adkins; and three grandsons, whom she dearly loved, Camaron, Keaton, and Jordan Adkins, all of East Lynn.

Also surviving is her mother Catherine (Phillip) Chafin of Wayne, W.Va., three sisters, Angela Mills of Wayne, Kristi (Bub) Hamm of Huntington, and Lesley (Gary) Adkins also of Wayne; three step-brothers, Jimmy (Tammy) Chafin, Terry (Amanda) Chafin, and Phillip (Tabby) Chafin, Jr., all of Genoa, W.Va.; one step-sister, Donna (Mike) Price of Parkersburg, W.Va.; sister-in-law Loretta Thornhill of Wayne; step-mother Sue Workman of Huntington step-brother Jimmy Warden of Idaho; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, whom she loved dearly; and a host of family and friends, including special friend, Charlie Mills, of Wayne. Melissa will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Ronnie Adkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Skeens Cemetery, East Lynn. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Donations to assist the family with final expenses are appreciated.

**MARGARET
CURTIS SPERRY
of Catlettsburg**

Margaret Curtis Sperry, 85 of Catlettsburg passed away Friday May 26, 2017 at Community Hospice Care Center.

Mrs. Sperry was born September 27, 1931 in Wayne County, West Virginia to the late Henry and Mary Elizabeth Knipp Curtis. Margaret was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, and grandmother , enjoyed reading, cooking, arts, and crafts.



Survivors include one daughter Carolyn Bryan and her husband Charlie, of Ashland, daughter-in-law Carol Meek Sperry of Catlettsburg, three grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one sister Wilma Penix of Ashland, and one sister-in-law Margaret Curtis of Huntington, West Virginia.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 43 years Thomas D. Sperry, and son David Sperry. Also preceding in death are brothers Carl Curtis, Millard Curtis, Ernest Curtis, and Donald Curtis, sisters Ollie Newton and Hazel Curtis, sister-in-law Violet Curtis, and brother-in-law Floyd Penix.

Funeral Service for Mrs. Sperry will be at 1:00pm Thursday June 1, 2017 at the Kilgore & Collier Funeral Home, 2702 Panola Street, Catlettsburg. Pastor Mike Amos will officiate. Final resting place in Bluebaum Cemetery. Visiting hours will be 11:00am until 1:00pm Thursday at the Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left at: kilgorecollierfuneralhome.com.

SLENA GAY WATTS of Wayne

SLENA GAY WATTS, 72, of Wayne, wife of Toney Watts, died May 27. Funeral services were 11 a.m. May 30, Johnson Tiller Funeral Home, Wayne; burial followed at Elmwood Cemetery. Donations are suggested to the funerl home to help with final expenses.

OBIT POLICY – It is the policy of The Wayne

County News to run obituaries FREE. However there are a few guidelines. All obituaries must come from a funeral home and be the ‘official’ obituary. We do not take submissions directly from the families. This is to avoid any conflict between factions of families. If you would like to run an obituary from out of state please contact the funeral home that handled the arrangements and have them send it to us via email to editor@waynecountynews.com.

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The words inscribed upon headstones and grave markers do more than identify and provide information about the person buried below. An epitaph can also relay a message to the living that will live on in perpetuity. These words carry power, not only because they are literally carved in stone, but because they reflect the deceased's essence and everlasting intentions. It would, therefore, be worthwhile to take the time to reflect on how you would like to be remembered. Whether the words are in verse or in prose, borrowed or original, they will serve to define your life and being to all who stop to pay their respects. An epitaph starts the conversation that the living have with the dead.

Deciding on your epitaph is just one step you may wish to take when preplanning your commemoration. We make plans for important events such as: weddings, higher education and home buying. Preneed, when it comes to how you are remembered after death, assures that your wishes will be met, and alleviates your loved ones from having to make those decisions while they are grieving. Learn more by contacting us. *Please tour our facility, where we have been serving Wayne County with pride since 1932.*

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**MARTHA MILLER
MOORE
of Louisa, KY.**

Martha Miller Moore, age 89, of Louisa, KY, departed this life and entered into her heavenly home on May 26, 2017 at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, KY.

Martha was born May 26, 1928 at Noris, KY, a daughter to the late Attison and Gypsy Estep Miller. God saw fit to give Martha a wonderful birthday present this year, to see her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to get to live in heaven forever with Him and also husband, Wilson Moore, whom she had been missing and longing to see for many years. Martha and Wilson became as one on July 24, 1948 and were married for 47 years at Wilson's passing in 1996. After their marriage, Martha graduated from Cosmetology school and worked as a beautician in Columbus, Ohio and later moved back to Kentucky where she continued working as a beautician. She was proud of the day she and Wilson gave their hearts and lives to Jesus and were then baptized together. Martha was a member of Cando FWB Church.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by siblings Kermit Miller and Bessie Thompson. Survived by siblings Marie Oliver of Columbus, OH, Hersel Miller of Columbus, OH, and Frances (Freddie) Castle, Louisa, KY.; several nieces, nephews, church family and friends. Martha had a special friend, Pat Napier Jr., who was of great help to her for several years.

Funeral services will be held on Monday May 29th at 1:00 pm at the Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Hughes, Rev. Joe Castle, and Rev. Doug Moore officiating. Burial will follow in the Moore Cemetery Louisa, KY. Friends may visit the family on Monday from 11:30 am until the time of services at the Wilson Funeral Home.



**JOSEPH “JOE” WARREN PERRY
of Front Royal**

JOSEPH “JOE” WARREN PERRY, 55, of Front Royal, Va. crossed from here to Heaven, Monday May 29, 2017 at his residence. Joe was born in Huntington , W.Va. on February 23, 1962. His brother Floyd Randall Perry preceded him in death along with his mother-in-law Dorothy Vance.

Survivors include his wife Ramonda “Mondy” Vance Perry; a daughter Emily Hunter of Winchester of Va.; sons Joshua and Jacob Perry of Stephens City, Va.; and granddaughter Gabrielle Gunter of Winchester , Va.

Also surviving are his parents Floyd and Phyllis Perry; sisters Thressa (Tim) Mills and Rachel Perry, all of Wayne , W.Va. ; and father-in-law Woodrow Vance of Winchester , Va. Joe will be greatly missed by family and friends, including his best buddies, Duchess and Moochie.

Service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2017 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home, with Assistant Pastor Danny Damron officiating. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Contributions in his honor can be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork St. #405 Winchester , VA 22601 or New Vision Baptist Church PO Box 937, Wayne WV 25570

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without destroying it.

And the causes of these ruinous attitudes and practices are by no means coextensive with the ridges and hollows of the Red River country. They have their origin in our life and history as a people here in America. They have their origin in our failure to this day to be able to assign any value other than economic to the land, and to the life of and on the land, and to human labor - and in our complacent assumption that our economy will somehow turn out to be the same as nature's, that it somehow has something to do with the truth about our life in this world.

Of all illusory enclosures, that of the American economy is the narrowest and the worst.

To be blind to everything outside an account book is, as we have been told over and over, to be spiritually dead. It is also, as we are slowly learning, to be an accomplice in the death of the world. It is a form of insanity, for even in economic terms it has failed to make sense. In the intelligence of a man governed exclusively or mainly by economic concerns there appears to be an inclination, compelling as the law of gravity, toward the quickest profit. Cutting a stand of timber, he diminishes the possibility that more timber will ever

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unemployment insurance, and find nothing he deems acceptable,” they write. “He might be averse to taking a job as a home health aide, seeing it as ‘women’s work,’ or he might be unwilling to take a large pay cut. Perhaps he then becomes discouraged or depressed, may even turn to drugs or alcohol, and finally applies for SSDI (disability) based on a history of arthritis or a bad back.”

Certainly, there are many other obstacles for displaced workers finding a new job - lack of mobility and poor health, for example. But too often a fundamental issue is a lack of marketable skills.

Fewer people working not only means fewer dollars circulating in the local economy but also less taxes to support communities and social programs the growing non-working segment requires. Some economists even link lower workforce participation to social trends such as declining marriage rates. It is a troubling slide no matter how you look at it.

For our state and our region, the message seems clear that bringing back mining jobs and creating new jobs will help. But really getting West Virginia back to work is going to require a real investment in education and training for workers of all ages.

grow. Opening a strip mine, he takes out the coal, and assures in the process that there will be no more produce from that land for generations, perhaps forever.

Overpasturing a hillside this year, he reduces the number of cattle he will be able to pasture next year. And so he is not only spiritually dead and criminally destructive, but on his own terms of economics he is stupid; his “practicality” is only folly. And this man - whom our grandchildren will look upon as the incarnation of evil, if they survive the results of his folly - is the man we have most honored and entrusted with power.

- Pp20-23 “The Unforeseen Wilderness: Kentucky’s Red River Gorge,” by Wendell Berry, from the Shoemaker-Hoard edition, 2006 (Originally published by The University Press of Kentucky, 1991).

Wendell Berry is the author of more than 40 books of fiction, poetry and essays. He still farms in Henry County.

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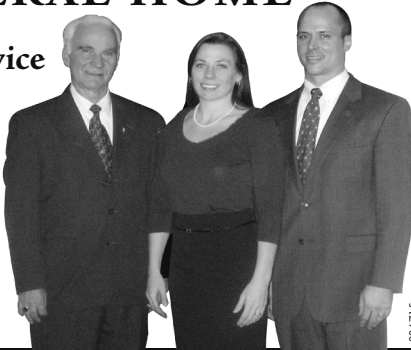
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