

Obituaries

DEWEY MONROE PERKINS of Huntington

DEWEY MONROE PERKINS, 81, of Huntington, W.Va., went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2017, at Pentecostal Truth Ministries, Huntington, by Pastor Janet Mounts and Rev. Tim Porter. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, Huntington, W.Va. Dewey was born on December 5, 1935, in Huntington, W.Va., the son of the late Mike and Millie Harless Perkins. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Wanda Jean Barlow Perkins and a son, Randy Perkins. He was a retired machine operator for Adkins Transfer and a member of Pentecostal Truth Ministries, where he was a Board Member and the Head Usher. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Tim Porter of Kenova, W.Va., and his loving daughter and caregiver, Regina Perkins of Huntington; two grandchildren and spouse, Jacob and Jessica Thompson and Kassidi Thompson, all of Huntington. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Friday until service time at the church. Reger Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.



MARJORIE SUE THOMPSON LESTER of Louisa

MARJORIE SUE THOMPSON LESTER, 95, of Louisa, Ky., passed away Monday, June 5, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family. Marjorie was born December 27, 1921, at Irish Creek, Ky., a daughter of the late William and Maude Roberts Thompson. Marjorie was a member of Enterprise Baptist Church; she was a retired grocery store clerk and had worked as a clerk for more than 20 years.



Marjorie was very proud to have been a Rosie Riveter in World War II, and spoke of it often. In addition to her parents, William and Maude Thompson, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elmo Lester, and two brothers, Charles William Thompson and Earl Thompson. Survivors include her children, Sam (Deanna) Lester of Louisa, Ky., Sherry (Jerry) King of Loveland, Ohio, Jim (Rose) Lester of Louisa, Ky.; grandchildren Georgie Howard, Jarah Bailey, Matt King, Melanie Lester Sparks and Marc Lester; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Young Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Louisa, Ky. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Elizabeth Baptist Church or to Ashland Community Hospice. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com.

ANNA LAURA GEORGE RATCLIFF of Huntington

ANNA LAURA GEORGE RATCLIFF, 91, of Huntington, went to be with the Lord June 6, 2017. She passed peacefully in her home with her loving family at her side.



She was born March 26, 1926, in Pikeville, Ky., daughter of the late Elmer and Maude Elswick George.

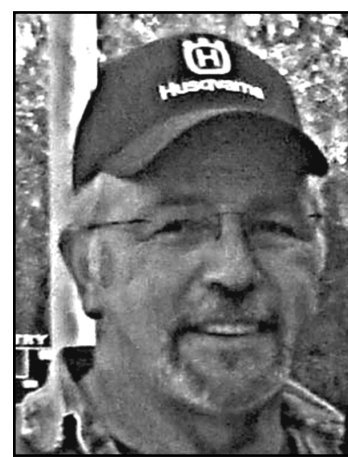
In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Virgil Ratcliff and two sisters, Pearl C. Adkins and Mary Flatter. Anna was a longtime, active member of the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church, where she taught classes to children as well as adults. She was also a member of the choir. Anna was a talented artist and traveled the world. Her travels took her to places such as Israel, Peru, China, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, as well as most of the United States. Anna is survived by her four children who were her constant companions and caregivers, Robert R. (Kay) Ratcliff, Peggy P. Waugh, Jeffery L. (Angie) Ratcliff and Dale A. (Wendy) Ratcliff; six grandchildren, James Ratcliff, Mindy Christian, Elisha Knox, Jackson Ratcliff, Taylor Ratcliff and Duncan Ratcliff and two great-grandchildren, Corbin and Anna Ratcliff; and one sister, Clara A. Wilkes of Ashland, Ky.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017, by the Rev. Bob Withers at Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary with visitation from noon until service time.

Interment will follow in Docks Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested memorials be made to the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church.

DALE KEITH EVANS of St. Albans

DALE KEITH EVANS, 56, of St. Albans, WV, husband of Kelly Evans, passed away Tuesday June 6, 2017 at his residence. Dale has battled lung cancer since diagnosed September 24, 2016 and he won this battle by entering the Kingdom of Heaven. He was born January 27, 1961 in Oak Hill, OH, the son of Phyllis June Miracle Evans of Jackson, OH, and the late William "Bill" Dean Evans. A brother, Michael Evans also preceded him in death. Dale graduated in 1980 from Jackson High School, Jackson, OH, was a member of Buena Vista Masonic Lodge 60 of Prichard, WV, and was employed with Beaver Excavating based in Canton, OH, having been a truck driver with the Teamsters Local 175. In addition to his wife and mother, survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Whitney Evans of Catlettsburg, KY; two daughters, Monica Evans of Prichard, WV, and Kaylee Evans of Hagerstown, MD; four grandchildren, Sloan, Gunner, Josiah, and Jayden; his brother, George Evans of Jackson, OH; and several extended family. Dale's hobbies included spending time with his family, his love of horses, and love of NASCAR having a collection of NASCAR car replicas. A celebration of life visitation will be 1:00-3:00 pm Sunday, June 11, 2017 at Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington. In lieu of flowers please donate to Heart of Phoenix Horse Rescue, P.O. Box 81 Shoals, WV 25562, Dales wishes were to be cremated and inurnment will be in Valley View Memorial Gardens, Hurricane, WV at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.chapmans-mortuary.com.



Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017, by the Rev. Bob Withers at Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary with visitation from noon until service time. Interment will follow in Docks Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested memorials be made to the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church.

LOUISE OLDAKER of Kenova

LOUISE OLDAKER, 74, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, of Kenova, departed this earth on Sunday, June 4, 2017, to be reunited with her parents Jennings and Evelyn Hatten Bias and sister Mary Frances Bias in Heaven. Louise was born March 21, 1943, in Wayne County, and was a 1961 graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School. She retired from Kroger's in Proctorville, Ohio, and was a Christian, and when able, attended the Oakview Missionary Baptist Church. She leaves behind to mourn her passing, a son and daughter-in-law Larry Oldaker (Tammy); grandson Zachary Oldaker; brother Jumbo Bias; sister and brother-in-law Diana Lynch (Bob) and several nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services were at noon Friday, June 9, 2017, at Rollins Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Mullens officiating. Interment followed in the Henry Hatten Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.

WALLACE LEO JOHNSON of Columbus, OH

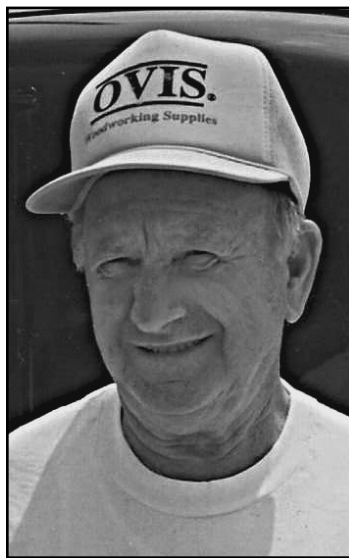
WALLACE LEO JOHNSON, 59 of Columbus, OH, passed away Thursday, June 08, 2017 in Prichard, WV. Funeral services will be conducted 7:00 pm Friday at Morris Funeral Home. He was born December 16, 1957 in Fort Gay, WV, a son of the late Harry and Alice Spaulding Johnson. Wallace was a 1977 graduate of Fort Gay High School and worked at Ohio Steel in Summit Station, OH for nineteen years.



He was also a family historian and genealogist. He was instrumental in starting the "Headstone Project" which placed headstones on unmarked graves. Also preceding him in death was a son, Jeremiah Harry Johnson; a brother, Dillard Johnson; three sisters, Agnes Johnson Messer, Sarah Johnson and Betty May Johnson. Survivors include his loving wife, Helen Caldwell Johnson; three children, Matthew (Carla) Johnson; Sarah Johnson and Mariah Johnson all of Columbus, OH; his siblings, Blanch Maynard of Louisa, KY, Jimmie (Retha) Johnson of Wayne, WV, Jesse (Lois) Johnson of Madisonville, KY, Murrel (Van) Prince of Dingess, WV, Hillard (Mildred) Johnson of Columbus, OH, Garnet (Glen) Newsome Whited of Fort Gay, WV, Marietta (Mike) Jones of Fort Gay, WV, Lonnie (Vivian Davis) Johnson of Fort Gay, WV, Bertha (Mack) Hallahan of Brush, CO; eight grandchildren, Loren Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Olivia Tidd, Josiah Johnson, Connor Johnson, Karlea Brown, Raven Johnson, Samuel Johnson; seven step-grandchildren, Chelsea, Ryan, Jace, Myles, Hunter, Robbie and Joshua; thirty-three nieces and nephews and a host of friends and family. Friends may call from 5 to 7 Friday, June 9, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne, WV.

ORVIL ALBERT OSBURN of Lucasville, Ohio, formerly of Wayne

ORVIL ALBERT OSBURN, 95, of Lucasville, Ohio, formerly of Wayne, W.Va., passed away early Friday, June 9, 2017. He was born December 9, 1922 at Huntington, W.Va., a son of the late Charles French Osburn and Stella Berry Osburn. Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Jennings Osburn and Dennis Osburn; and four sisters, Belva Sansom, Ellen Anglin, Dixie Morrison, and infant Virgie Gertrude Osburn. Orvil was retired from H.K. Porter Steel and attended the Church of Christ in Wayne.



He is survived by his son, Orvil J. Osburn of Wayne; three sisters, Lena Drown of Manassas, Va., Mary Krajieski of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Vora Maynard of Culloden, W.Va. Also surviving are step-grandchildren, Stanley "Bub" Peterman, and Ashley (Alvis) Parsons; step great-grandchildren, Izabella Parsons and Daniel Parsons; and nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Dillon officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Friends may call after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

GENERAL ALONZO SPAULDING of Kermit

GENERAL ALONZO SPAULDING 79, of Kermit, West Virginia passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. He was born in Wayne County, West Virginia on May 14, 1938, to the late Lonnie and Mae Spaulding. In addition to his parents, he is preceded by his wife, Delores Spaulding and four siblings, Cleo Spaulding, Luchrisia Spaulding, Jackie Spaulding and Becky Messer.

Alonzo is survived by two children, Richard (Lana) Spaulding of New Albany, Ohio and Brenda (Travis) Howard of Salyersville, Kentucky, five grandchildren, Richard (Jennifer) Spaulding, Savannah (Bentley) Howard, Scarlett (Brandon) Thompson, Charlotte (Timmy) Evans and Nathan (Heather) Howard and 7 great grandchildren. He is also survived by five brothers, Sherman Spaulding, Wallace Spaulding, Roscoe Spaulding, Alex Spaulding and Jessie Spaulding all of Crum, West Virginia, and one sister, Polly Dunidan of Mt. Gilion, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at the Walnut Grove Church of Christ in Kermit, West Virginia on Friday, June 9, 2017, at 1:00 pm with Bruce Justice officiating. Burial will follow at the Lowe Cemetery in Kermit, West Virginia. Friends may visit at the church on Thursday, June 8, 2017, after 6:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

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Mexico, is set to cost \$1.9 billion in yours and my tax dollars. \$3.6 trillion will be slashed from Medicaid, children's nutrition programs, medical research and more for those with few resources. Tax breaks will go to the wealthy.

West Virginia's senators, Republican Shelley Moore Capito and Democrat Joe Manchin, and Republican congressman, Evan Jenkins, claim they are worried about the effect of these budget plans on the people they represent. And they should be. This is a rotten budget for poor people. Our elected officials understand that cutting food, medical and support for our state's poor families will hurt. There will be less funding for young children, many of whom are now being impacted by our nation's (not just our state's) drug epidemic. This budget also plans to amputate most of the support for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), a long-standing program to foster economic growth in Appalachia.

America has another potential problem. With

the attacks on and closing of Planned Parenthood offices, which provide birth control to our nation's poor women, more children will be born to parents who are unwilling or unable to care for them. To make things worse, the Medicaid and supplemental nutritional programs will be cut. Right now local charities and churches provide schools with backpacks of food for kids to eat over the weekend because their parents can't or won't feed them. We also have a need for more foster homes because the drug epidemic has rendered so many parents unable to function.

Fat can always be trimmed from a budget, but that procedure has to be done carefully or the result will be deadly. Does Congress understand this? As the 2018 budget stands, the military will need a hot war to use their new toys, and millions of poor American children will suffer.

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any one of his surrogates were involved in such deals!

Yet, progressive "snowflakes," as they've been called, run around crying "election foul" when they don't have a single shred of evidence, all the while ignoring fact-laden events of potential collusion that don't support their ideology.

Frankly, this liberal hypocrisy and selective focus is very telling. One could surmise that

progressives are only concerned with winning for their cause, regardless of the impact on our country.

Is there anything less patriotic?

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On Saturday, however, the FBI reported that Conn had removed the device and disappeared. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but many question whether authorities will ever catch up with him.

It appears the magistrate who decided to allow Conn out on bail made a big mistake, even in the face of plenty of evidence that doing so was a gamble.

During the bond hearing last year, an FBI agent testified that Conn had told two of his employees a few years ago after his Social Security scheme came to light that he would flee to Cuba to avoid

extradition. Another employee said he would run to Ecuador. Others said he had them shred 26,000 pounds of documents and transfer money to overseas bank accounts, according to the AP.

Prosecutors argued for Conn to be jailed, noting his vast experience traveling overseas and the wealth he had accumulated. But Wier was not persuaded, saying many fac-

tors added up to allowing bond. And Conn said at the time that he would not skip town. "Your trust is not misplaced," he told Wier at the hearing.

By all appearances now, Wier's trust was indeed misplaced. It's also a shame that another judge who oversaw the plea agreement in March didn't correct Wier's error and order Conn to be incarcerated at that time.

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