Margaret JoAnn Cinnamon, 88, Harrodsburg, KY, widow of Leon Cinnamon, Sr., died Thursday, February 11, 2021, at her home. Born September 28, 1932, in Mercer County, she was the daughter of the late J. T. and Lena Mae (Isham) Asher. JoAnn was a graduate of Harrodsburg High School & Campbellsville College, was a retired teacher for the Harrodsburg Independent School District, and was a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one son, Brad Minnic of Harrodsburg, KY; a niece, Judy Shartzer of Louisville, KY.

A private family service will be held. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Harrodsburg, KY.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel, where expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

TINSLEY TIMOTHY BALL, JR. (’53)
Tinsley Timothy Ball, Jr. was born April 14, 1933, near Stanford, Kentucky, to Tinsley and Bernice Sprinkles Ball. He attended Standard schools, graduating in 1951. He was a graduate of Campbellsville Junior College and Georgetown College. In 1955 he preached a revival at Amity Baptist Church, Amity, IN, where he met Adona Joann Harrison. They were married June 1, 1956. Timothy pastored New Salem Baptist Church in rural Kentucky before they moved to Ft. Worth, Texas, where he was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a BD and Master of Theology. Mr. Ball was a gifted expository preacher.

Mr. Ball was pastor of Comanche First Baptist Church from 1961 through 1970. During these Comanche years the family grew to include Timothy Alan Ball (1961-1985), Adona Lynn Ball (1963-1998), and Amy Prudence Ball (1965).


Timothy was an avid sportsman. He loved basketball and playing and umpiring fast pitch softball! He was a Kentucky Wildcats fan all of his life. As a boy he fished and hunted rabbits and squirrels. A brother-in-law introduced him to coon hunting...and all other sports dimmed in comparison! This became his passionate hobby. He raised several renowned coon dogs, loved unique dog names, wrote many ads, and developed the Timothy Ball Coon Squaller. Timothy never recovered from a fall on March 12 and died at Elk Crossing on May 26, 2021. Timothy's eternal home in Heaven was assured when he came a Christian at age 16 in a dairy barn. He felt God's call to preach on his life and served faithfully. His homegoing was sweeter because he was welcomed to Heaven by two children, Timothy Alan and Adona Lynn. He was also preceded in death by his parents and five sisters: Lyda, Jean, Maye, Kate, and Fanlee. He is survived by wife Joann and daughter Amy (Mark) of Arcata, CA. Grandchildren include Lindsi Ball Conyer (Aaron) of Ardmore and Hank Wicklund of Arcata. His four great grand daughters are Aspen Page, Taly Piper, Ryleigh Parker, and Lyric Peyton Conyer all of Ardmore. His sister-in-law and family (Dr. David and Joyce Harms) live in Texas and Cindy Harrison lives in Upland, CA. Nieces and nephews include Mark and Michael Harms, Davina Harms Rodriguez, Jordan Hart, Larry, Paula, and Roger Blanton, Susan, Gayle, and Sonny Spoonamore, John Reed, Gary and Steve Deathridge, Stan Soper, J. R. Reed, Todd and Craig Harrison; and daughter-in-law Dawna Ball Dickson.

Funeral services will be at New Hope Baptist Church West, Duncan, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 1:30 P.M. under the direction of Chaplain Bill Crow and Pastor Randy Southerland, assisted by Allen Kimberlin, Jason Hawkins, and Brent Hall. Family members will serve as pall bearers.
Live streaming of the service will be available at youtube.com/newhopeduncan. Interment will be at Fairlawn Cemetery near Comanche. Family visitation will be Monday evening, 5:30-7:30 at Whitt Funeral Home. Casual dress for the visitation and funeral is encouraged. Memorial gifts may be made to One True Light by mail at PO Box 1883, Duncan, OK 73534 or online at https://www.onetruelight.net/donate or to Casa David by mail at PO Box 693, Columbus, GA 31902 or online at https://www.casadavidhn.com/donate.

WILLIAM HALL BAXTER ('53)

William Hall Baxter (Billy Hall), 87, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 6, in his home, the one he affectionately called his “heaven on earth.” Bill was born on December 17, 1933 in Barren County to the late Frank Baxter and Eula Hall Baxter. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Baxter Johnson.

Bill was a member of the 1951 Glasgow High School graduating class then played basketball on scholarship at Campbellsville University and Eastern Kentucky University. At 6 feet, 6 inches, Too Tall Billy Hall was an avid baller using his skills and love of the game to coach and mentor young lady athletes for many years at the Glasgow Middle School. Bill was inducted into the Glasgow High School Outstanding Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018 for his success and dedication to the sport of basketball.

Bill also enjoyed the game of golf and volunteered for over twenty years assisting the golf operations at the Barren River Lake State Resort Park. Bill’s love of sports was a guiding force in his life and a beacon for his numerous good friends and acquaintances. His easy demeanor and propensity for a good laugh was loved by all.

Bill retired from working in the U.S. Post Office after 33 years of service. He also served his country in the United States Army for two years followed by 27 years in the Kentucky Army National Guard where he ultimately retired as Command Sergeant Major.
Bill was a member of the Glasgow First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Sandra Strange Baxter, a daughter, Karen Baxter and one granddaughter, Taysen Wilkins, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins in the area.

Bill had chosen to be cremated with interment in the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery. In an abundance of caution during the pandemic, a funeral service will not be held. Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of condolences may be directed to Glasgow High School Athletics for underprivileged athletes to have the equipment and supplies they need to succeed. Please direct donations to: Glasgow High School Attn: Glasgow High School Athletics 1601 Columbia Ave. Glasgow, Ky 42141

**REV. DR. TOMMY L. DAVIS (a’53)**

Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Davis, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his wife Linda Davis.

He was survived by two sons Charlie Davis and Danny Davis (Natalie), two grandchildren Miller Davis and Amanda Jones (Casey) and one great grandchild, Bear Jones.

The family will receive visitors at Hamilton Funeral Home at 4506 Hixson Pk. Monday 4/19 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Tuesday 4/20 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, with service to follow.

Internment immediately after the service at Hamilton Memorial Gardens at Hwy 153.

Pallbearers will be Miller Davis, Casey Jones, Travis Sanders, Robert Layne, Shawn Roch, and Scott Sparks.
I, Thomas Leota Davis, trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the early age of eight, nine, or ten. My parents, William Fred Davis, a barber for about sixty years, and Ella May Davis, who stayed home and took care of us kids, had no formal education, but had plenty of common sense to make up for the lack of formal training. I suppose one of their greatest assets was that they loved each other very much, and loved and took care of us kids to the best of their abilities. The best that I remember, we never went without food or clothing, or without shelter or love. The best of these was love. I attended Cedar Hill Baptist Church and was saved during a revival meeting, not knowing what the Lord had in store for me. I was a skinny, snot-nosed, red-headed, freckle-faced, barefoot boy from a place called Black Bottom. I know now, as I look back over the sixty-plus years, that He guided, led, and put me in His service as He saw fit. I did not have too much of a choice, but to be willing to do and go where the Spirit was directing me to follow.

When I got into East Lake Junior High School, all of my friends were attending East Lake Baptist Church, where I moved my membership and, later in 1953, became ordained into the gospel ministry. I think that I knew from the very beginning of being saved that I was set aside for His service. I did not always obey and seek His guidance through the formative(spiritual) years, but He watched over me and protected me so that I could be used in His service.

Charles Gray and I went to work at DuPont in the summer of 1951, after graduating from Chattanooga High School, and he from Central. This is another time that the Lord just put two born-again Christians together to serve Him and do His bidding. We quit DuPont to attend college at Tennessee Temple in 1951. We were there for one semester and were called, led, guided by the Holy Spirit to transfer to Campbellsville Junior College in Campbellsville, Kentucky. This is where George Gray, Charles’ brother attended school. To show you how the Lord works, the very first weekend we were at Campbellsville, we were invited to attend a youth revival, singing in the Baptist student union choir. From that point on, we sang, preached, and enjoyed the fellowship of the Lord. We saw, over the years, in revival meetings throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, and West Virginia, young people and adults alike came to know Christ as their own personal Savior through the ministry that the Lord set us apart to do.

After spending one and a half years at Campbellsville College, Charles Gray and I were called to Louisa Baptist in Louisa, Kentucky after a summer of evangelistic meetings in the aforementioned states. He was called as a pastor, and myself as a minister of music and youth. The Lord sent a harvest of souls and many were blessed through that ministry.

I was married in 1955, and we had a son named Charles Thomas Davis on Christmas Day of 1955. We were married for thirteen years, and after that time, we went our separate ways. By this time, I was back in Chattanooga, Tennessee, ministering at various churches. Hickory Valley
Baptist, Kings Point Baptist, Middle Valley Baptist, Central Baptist of Hixson, and Bayside Baptist, to name a few. After being in the music ministry for about fifty years, I resigned from this position. My last church was Signal Hills Baptist Church, where I got reacquainted with Dr. Dolphus Ray Warren, who encouraged me to get back into school after being out for forty years. I enrolled in Covington Seminary in 1997, received my bachelor’s degree in 1998, a Master’s in ministry degree in August of 1999, a Doctorate in Ministry in August of 2000, a Doctorate of Theology in 2001, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Religion in 2002. I graduated with honors with the Doctorate of ministry. I served as Faculty Advisor for the school for several years. During the second year, I was a teacher at the college every Tuesday night. The Lord continued to direct the path of that little, skinny, red-headed, freckle-faced boy He lifted from Black Bottom and put into the ministry of His service. I was married to Linda Coppinger Davis for twenty-five years (now deceased). We had a son, Stephen Daniel Davis, who continues to be a blessing to me as I grow in His grace and knowledge.

I served as the Chaplain of the Southern Belle Riverboat. I had a wedding ministry at the county jail, Silverdale Correctional Institute, and the South Eastern Correctional Institute in Pikeville, Tennessee. It was my privilege to have prayer and give these couples a Christ-centered wedding service to at least get them started knowing that Christ died for them and will save them from their sin. If they but call upon Him and ask forgiveness, they too will have eternal life in His presence to serve and worship Him. At the time of my passing, I was a member of Stuart Heights Baptist Church.

True to form, Dad wrote his own obituary. Here are some other highlights:

Dad has two grandchildren, Amanda Jones and Miller Davis. He also has one great-grandchild, Aidan Bryant (Bear) Jones, who he got to see on several occasions. He loved his family very much and we just thought he doted on the grandkids until the great-grandson arrived.

Dr. Ray Warren was Dad’s self proclaimed BFF. They talked and texted almost every day for many years, and Dad cherished their friendship.

During his seventy (70) year ministry, dad married nearly nineteen thousand (19,000) couples in Hamilton county alone. That number does not include the years he spent at the Ringgold Wedding Chapel and all of the other counties in which he married folks. The total number will probably never be known.

Arrangements are by Hamilton Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 4506 Hixson Pike, Hixson (423) 531-3975.
CLEMMER RAE “CLEMMIE” (CURTIS) MORRIS ('55)

Mrs. Clemmer Rae Morris, affectionately called “Clemmie” of Ekron, Kentucky, passed peacefully to join her Heavenly Father on February 8, 2021. She leaves behind a devoted husband, Robert L. Morris, of 61 years.

Clemmie was born October 25, 1935 to the late Hulet and Margaret Curtis in Rockport, Kentucky. Clemmie attended Campbellsville University where she earned a teaching degree. She was a substitute teacher for several years in the Meade County School System.

Clemmie was an active member of Buck Grove Baptist Church for 45 years, where she enjoyed fellowship and teaching Sunday school classes. She was also a member of the Women’s Missionary Union. She enjoyed shopping, socializing with friends, and spoiling her beloved grandchildren. Clemmie will be missed dearly by all who loved her.

Clemmie was preceded in death by her daughter, Andrea Beth Morris, parents, Hulet and Margaret Curtis, and brother, Richard Curtis Sr.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Morris; son, Kevin Morris (Karen), five grandchildren Kevin Curtis Morris, Adam Morris (Alyssa), Courtney Morris, Kaylee Morris, and Kara Morris; and three great-grandchildren, Charlie, Madeleine, and Blake Morris.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 12, 2021 at Buck Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. David Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in Buck Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church from 11:00 AM until the time of service on Friday. Hager Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hosparus of Central Kentucky, or to Gideon’s International.
BERNY W. MILLER ('57)

Bowling Green - Berny W. Miller, 83, died Friday, February 10th. He was born on July 11, 1937, in Hart County, Kentucky.

He was happiest when he was with his wife of 59 years, Patricia Porter Miller, his three sons, Mike Miller (Kim) of Metcalfe County, Kelly Miller of Ft. Mitchell, and Brandon Miller of Bowling Green, and with his grandchildren Caitlin, Clayton, and Charlotte.

He spent his professional life as a coach, teacher and administrator. Due to Covid regulations and to the expected inclement weather, a private family service will be held on Monday at J.C. Kirby & Son Lovers Lane Chapel. The family regrets that we cannot be with our friends and other relatives as we honor his life. Please visit www.jckirbyandson.com for the complete obituary.

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CHARLES BRIGHT ('60)
Charles L. Bright, 84, of Elkhorn, was born on Dec. 9, 1936, in Taylor County to the late Samuel Allen Bright Jr. and Edith Helen Phillips Bright. He died at 4:50 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021, in Frankfort. His faith was important to him, having been raised in Elk Horn Baptist Church and later attending Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort. He was a veteran, having served his country with honor in the United States Army. He was also a high school teacher, and later worked as the director of business education for the Kentucky Department of Education for many years. He retired from the Public Service Commission in Frankfort.

He was passionate about many things, especially his family and motivating youth to continue their formal education. He began his own education in a two-room schoolhouse in Elkhorn, graduated from Taylor County High School, completed undergraduate work at Campbellsville College and University and pursued postgraduate work at Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky, attaining a master's degree and beyond. He was a loving family member who was passionate about the outdoors, sports, travel, education, music and dancing. He encouraged his children and extended family to try new activities such as golf, tennis, fishing, boating, skiing, ice skating, swimming, horseback riding, rollerblading, rock climbing and others. He was dedicated to a healthy lifestyle, remaining active into his late 70s, enjoying downhill skiing in Utah and Colorado. Perhaps his greatest joy was his grandchildren, whom he taught to drive his tractor, shoot a BB gun, play piano and the basics of the many sports he loved. He was a member of the Lexington Ski Club and the Lexington Cotillion Club, traveling both domestically and internationally with them to ski and dance. He remained a farmer all his life and kept his aging father company by working together on the family farm.

He is survived by his two daughters, Lissa Suzanne Bright, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Leigh Anne Bright, of Frankfort; grandchildren: Leah Duerren and Aidan James Tucker, of Las Vegas; brothers, George Bright and wife Floydene, of Brentwood, Tennessee, and Robert Bright and wife Donna, of Elkhorn; sisters, Betty Cox, of Mannsville, and Venita Bright and husband Michael Clark, of Frankfort; the mother of his children, Betty Jean Bright; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.
He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie Helen Brown.
Funeral services were held May 15 at Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home by Rev. Brent Gupton.
Burial followed in Campbellsville Memorial Gardens.
Memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital through the funeral home.

TERRY CHANDLER ('60)

Mr. William Terrell “Terry” Chandler, Jr., age 82 of Brodhead, KY passed away Sunday, March 7, 2021 at his residence.

Terry was born November 27, 1938 in Brodhead, KY to the late William Terrell and Mabel (Lear) Chandler Sr. He was a 1957 graduate of Brodhead High School where he played basketball and was a member of Future Farmers of America. He received his bachelor’s degree in 1960 from Campbellsville College. Terry was retired from the State of Kentucky, working as a business administrator at Oakwood, Lake Cumberland Mental Health, and DDM in Memphis, TN. He was of the Southern Baptist Faith; enjoyed fishing and hunting; was an avid Rook player; enjoyed watching classic western-themed TV shows and movies; loved traveling with his children and grandchildren; and was a college basketball fan.

Those left to celebrate his life are his two sons: Dr. William Terrell “Happy” Chandler III of Brandenburg, KY, Joseph Cooper Chandler of Louisville, KY; and two grandchildren: Kayla Noel Chandler of Allen, KY, and Linden Cooper Chandler of Pensacola, FL.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife: Ruthann Borich.

Visitation for Terry Chandler will be Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 10am until time for the funeral service at 3pm at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Happy Chandler officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery.
Cleo Miller Spratt, 93, of Hodgenville, passed away Sunday, May 16, 2021, at Sunrise Manor in Hodgenville.

The sixth of thirteen children, she was born to the late Charles Leslie Miller and Alta Miller on Aug. 18, 1927 in Magnolia.

Mrs. Spratt was a graduate of Magnolia High School and Campbellsville College. She was an admired and popular classroom teacher at Hodgenville Elementary for 33 years, retiring in 1990. Upon retirement from classroom duties Mrs. Spratt continued serving the LaRue Co. School District for several years as a GED instructor and teacher for homebound students.

Mrs. Spratt was a member of Parkway Baptist Church in Hodgenville.

Mrs. Spratt was united in marriage to Carl W. Spratt on July 14, 1945. He preceded Mrs. Spratt in death Nov. 15, 1998.

In addition to her parents and loving husband, Mrs. Spratt was preceded in death by a son, Gary Wayne Spratt; a great-grandson, Caden Wesley Coffman; four brothers, Harold Burton Miller, Charles Robert “Bobby” Miller, Donald G. Miller, and Dr. Ronald Miller; and six sisters, Ruby Lillian Cook, Edna Bernice Turner, Dorothy “Day” Tharp, Helen “Tootsie” Catlett, Mary Evelyn “Dolly” Jackson, and Sue Carol Meredith.

Mrs. Spratt is survived by her daughter-in-law, Doris Bell Spratt of Hodgenville; three grandchildren, Amy Kristin Jones of Evansville, Indiana; Jonathan Miller Spratt and his wife
Tiffany; and Ginny Lea Coffman and her husband Robbie, all of Hodgenville; three great-grandchildren, Keegan Miller Spratt, Kayleigh Anne Spratt, and Robert Maddox Coffman. She is also survived by one sister, Betty Ann Peace of Hodgenville; and one brother, Dr. James E. “Jimmie” Miller of Lexington, KY.

Funeral service for Mrs. Spratt will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the chapel of Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville with Bro. DeWayne Gibson officiating. Interment will follow in the Red Hill Cemetery.

VENONA GIBSON ('63)

Venona Graham Dobson of Georgetown, KY, passed away May 14, 2021 at the age of 79. Venona was born on January 1, 1942, in Green County, KY. She attended Campbellsville College, graduating in 1963 as the first student to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from that school. Venona devoted her life to her family, her church, and her friends. She was a member of Gano Baptist Church in Georgetown, loved Christian music, gardening, and had a wealth of knowledge of all things outdoors. She was a very generous person, a lifelong faithful student of the Bible, and attended church regularly. Her faith sustained her and all those around her.

Venona is survived by her husband Don. They were married 57 years. She is also survived by her mother Lucille Graham; her sisters Martha Sullivan of Greensburg and Doylene McGregor of Versailles; and her three children and their families: Rhea and Leisa Dobson, Lyman, South Carolina; Allen and Angie Dobson, Versailles, KY; and Karen and Josh Zamora, Georgetown, KY. In addition, she is survived by three grandchildren: Kaelyn Dobson, Zoë Zamora, and Jacob Zamora. She was preceded in death by her father, Doyle Graham, and her sister, Mary Linda Landis.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00am (EDT) on Tuesday, May 18, at Rogers Funeral Home in Frankfort, KY. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4:00pm (EDT) until 8:00pm on Monday, May 17, and for one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday.
CONDIT B. DRURY ('63)

Condit Bailey Drury, 86, of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on April 8, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Friends knew him as “Connie.” He was born on February 13, 1935 in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The son of Wallace and Catherine (Randolph) Drury.

Connie attended Campbellsville College in Kentucky, played on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Education. Following college, he had a brief stint playing semi-pro baseball with the Cincinnati Reds organization. He then went to work at Anaconda Wire and Cable Company in Sycamore, IL, before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1958. Connie was stationed in Butzbach, Germany where he was an Armor Intel Specialist 4. In his free time, he played football on Saturdays with fellow soldier, Elvis Presley, and enjoyed traveling throughout Europe.

Upon returning home from the Army, he met the love of his life, Elaine, in Sycamore, IL and they married on October 7, 1961. They moved to Charlevoix in 1964 and raised their four children. Connie began his career with the Charlevoix Public School system as a 6th grade math teacher. He then went on to earn his master’s degree from Michigan State University. He continued his career at the Charlevoix Middle School as a guidance counselor before retiring in 1993 after 30 years. In addition to his role as an educator, Connie and his long-time friend, Vince Chew, built residential homes in the summer. In 1976, Connie was also appointed by the Governor of Michigan to sit on the Charlevoix County Social Services Board where he was instrumental in the growth of Grandvue Medical Care facility. He was on the Board for sixteen years and served as Chairman of the Board for twelve years.
Condit is survived by his four children, Jeff (Dr. Jody Jones) Drury of Northville, MI, Gary (Michelle) Drury of Bluffton, SC, Pam (Tom) Barnes of Charlevoix, Dan (Kathy) Drury, of Bluffton, SC. and his five beautiful granddaughters, Abigail Barnes, Alexandra Barnes, Julia Drury, Sarah Drury, and Amanda Drury. He is also survived by his sister Jeanne Dubey of Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace and Catherine Drury and sister Donna; and his wife of 57 years, Elaine.

A memorial gathering will be held on June 16, 2021, from 4-7pm at the Charlevoix Historical Train Depot. Memorial contributions can be made to the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Condit B. Drury, please visit our floral store.

DAVID G. O’BANION (a’63)

David G. O’Banion of Campbellsville, son of the late J. V. and Jeanette Gaines O’Banion, was born on January 14, 1941 in Louisville, Kentucky. He died at 5:15 A.M., Sunday, March 14, 2021 in Campbellsville. Age: 80

He professed faith in Christ and was of the Baptist faith.

David served his country honorably in the United States Army from 1967 to 1972.

David graduated from Taylor County High School. He loved working on his parents’ farm where they raised chickens and milked Guernsey Dairy Cattle. He was very active in the Future
Farmers of America and shows his Guernsey cattle with his brother, Doug. He first attended Campbellsville College after high school and later attended the University of Kentucky and received his BS in Agriculture in 1964. David and his wife, Charlotte, started their career in 1965 and worked side by side for over fifty years. They first had an H&R Block franchise in Cynthiana and then Harrodsburg. They left H&R Block in 1976 to start the family business of O’Banion Tax Service and Accounting. David and Charlotte also owned and operated O’Banion Farms, raising purebred swine, beef cattle and crops.

David was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved and supported his children, grandchildren and any youth that needed assistance, mentorship or friendship. David loved life and was often heard remarking that he had lived a blessed life and he would do nothing different if he had it to do over again. He truly loved being kind to all, always greeted others with a smile that would light up the room and set an exceptional example for his family.

He united in marriage to the love of his life, the late Charlotte Marie Sheeley August 15, 1964. She preceded him in death April 21, 2020.

David is survived by his three daughters: Kim O’Banion and Becky Briggs and husband, Ken of Campbellsville and Jennifer Carrender and husband, Daniel of Statesville, North Carolina; five grandchildren: Korri Briggs and fiancé’, Isaac Thompson, Jace Briggs, Daniel Carrender, Ben Carrender and Gabe Carrender; two step-grandchildren: Marti Watson and Charlie Briggs; one brother, Douglas and wife, Gay O’Banion of Olathe, Kansas, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sherry and Steve Craycraft of Cynthiana; special caregivers: Pat Davis and Darren Keltner; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

JOHN COYLE JR. (’64)

John Earl "Johnny" Coyle, Jr., age 78, of Springfield, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at Baptist Health in Lexington.
A lifelong native of Washington County, he was born on July 15, 1942, to the late John Earl and Mildred Cocanougher Coyle.
Preceding him in death were two infant brothers, Tommie S. Coyle in 1939, and Donald Coyle in 1948.
He was a 1960 graduate of Springfield High School, a graduate of Campbellsville College and received his master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He began his teaching career at the Boyle County High School, then transferring to the Bardstown City Schools before becoming the principal at the Marion County Vocational School where he spent the rest of his working career in the educational field.
Johnny was very interested in young people and enjoyed teaching and helping instill moral and ethical values in their lives, preparing them to grow up and be productive citizens in the community. Not only was Johnny interested in their education he enjoyed coaching baseball and served as Little League, Pony League and Girls Softball coach in Springfield for several years. Johnny had a great appreciation for his hometown of Springfield and Washington County, over the years he served as a councilman for the City of Springfield, served as a board member on the Springfield Water Board, currently serving as a director of the Washington County Co-op Tobacco Warehouse, and also served as a magistrate on the Washington County Fiscal Court. He began his Christian walk at the Beech Grove Baptist Church, then at Springfield Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, trustee and a Sunday School teacher for the senior high boys and later becoming a member of River of Life Church where he served as an overseer and the church business administrator.
Survivors include his wife, Elaine "Lainey" Hall Coyle; his daughter, Yvonne Coyle of Atlanta, Georgia; his son, Jonathan Coyle and his wife, Melaine of Versailles and his three grandchildren, Josie, Alex and Ben Coyle.
In keeping with his wishes cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 9 at the River of Life Church with Rev. Troy Shelton, the church pastor, officiating.
Burial will be on Cemetery Hill.
Serving as honorary pallbearers will be William "Corky" Yankey, Shawn Kries, Marion "Pete" Coyle, Tom Meyer, David Randolph, Mike Elliott, John Adams, Jason Smith, Seth Shelton, Johnny Reinle, J.T. Shelton, Mike Jones and Mike Murphy.
Visititation will be from 10 until time of the service at 1 Friday at the River of Life Church.
In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to, Tanzania Missions or the River of Life Church Building Fund.
Carey & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS “DAN” DANIEL TRENT JR. ('64)
Thomas Daniel (Dan) Trent, Jr, 78, passed away on Monday, May 24th in LaGrange KY. He was born to the late Thomas and Bette Anita (Algeo Nellis) Trent in Owensboro, KY. He was a graduate of Breckinridge County High School and played basketball at Campbellsville University where he met his wife Neva Griffin. He began his career as teacher and basketball coach in McCreary County (Pine Knot), KY and later coached at Casey County High School before moving back “home” to teach and coach in Breckinridge County. He was principal of Ben Johnson Elementary School, one of his favorite jobs, and finished his career in education as assistant superintendent of Breckinridge County Schools. He later became a realtor in Oldham County. Dan was highly regarded throughout his life for his work ethic and integrity.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Oldham County Country Club where he won many titles and tournaments in retirement. He greatly enjoyed introducing his three grandchildren to the sport. He ends a life well-lived with many good friends and a devoted family who will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Neva, daughters Dana (Mike) Sebastian of Parker, CO and Susan (Chris) Meredith of La Grange, KY. Dan was especially proud of his grandchildren Kallen Sebastian, Trent Sebastian and Ben Meredith.

Services will be held at Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home in LaGrange KY on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 6pm with memorial visitation from 2pm until the start of the service.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Dan’s memory to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Wounded Warriors Project.

FLOYD THOMAS “TOM” WILKERSON ('65)
Born in Louisville, KY on Jan 15, 1942, he was the son of Nathan and Mildred Caulk Wilkerson. Tom graduated from Butler High School-Class of 1960 and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Campbellsville University in 1965. While serving in the US Navy, he attended & graduated with an MBA from the University of Hawaii in 1970. He was awarded a Doctorate in Education (PhD) in 1977 from the University of Kentucky.

During his professional career, Tom spent several years as a professor at both Bellarmine University and Jefferson Community College. He was also the Founder and President of Wilkerson & Associates a marketing research and consulting firm based in Louisville. After retirement, he found much enjoyment in traveling to attend UofL sporting events, going to concerts & plays as well as entertaining family & friends at his fabulous Thunder Over Louisville Parties & Thanksgiving Get-Togethers.

He will be lovingly remembered & greatly missed by his daughter Robyn (Troy) and son Steven (Felicia). Tom is also survived by his sister Mary Lynn Wilkerson Hoagland and her children as well as cousins & other extended family members.

A Funeral Service is planned for Saturday-May 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Highlands Funeral Home-3331 Taylorsville Road. Visitation will be held on Friday-May 28, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A private interment is planned at Cave Hill Cemetery for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the donor's favorite charity in memory of Tom.

VICKI CAROL SISK DAUGHTERY (’68)
Vicki Carol Sisk Daugherty, 75, passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Vicki was a longtime resident of Louisville, having graduated from Durrett High School and Campbellsville University.

Vicki served as Minister to Senior Adults at Walnut Street Baptist Church for the past fifteen years. She loved working with senior adults and was a blessing to many.

Vicki enjoyed collecting antique dolls, costume jewelry, and fine ladies hats. She enjoyed attending church on Sunday morning and always wore a hat. She was a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass Doll Club.

Vicki was preceded in death by her father, Charles Sisk, and her mother, Josephine Weddle Sisk.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Don Daugherty. She is also survived by her two sons, Steven Daugherty (Wendy) and Scott Daugherty; grandchildren, Kayce, Travis and Austin; two great-granddaughters, Marley and Blakely. Vicki is also survived by brother, David Sisk (Judy); two nephews, Matthew and Graham. She also leaves one uncle, Leo Weddle (Laura) of Somerset, Kentucky.

Funeral service will be Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:00 PM at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy.

Burial to follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 4:00PM - 7:00PM.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, or WHAS Crusade for Children.
REV. DR. WILLIAM B. “BILL” TAYLOR (’70)

Reverend Dr. William B. "Bill" Taylor, age 78, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, went home to be with his beloved Lord Thursday, February 11, 2021. He passed away at his home.

Born December 21, 1942, in the Julien community of Christian County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Rev. Bartley Taylor and the late Helen Dean Calhoun Taylor. He graduated from Trigg County High School in 1960 and enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during Vietnam, and was honorably discharged at the rank of Signalman 3rd Class. In 1965, Bill surrendered to God's call to the ministry and enrolled in Bible college. He was ordained in May 1966 and began his journey of ministry at Bethany Baptist Church in Graves County. He enrolled in Campbellsville College where he earned his B.S. degree, and later at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., where he received his M.Div. and D.Min. degrees. He ministered to many Baptist churches across Kentucky, as well as in Tennessee and North Carolina, and always counted it as a privilege to share God's word and His love for people, leading many to salvation. After serving as a Southern Baptist minister for 35 years, in 2004 he was ordained as a Full Elder at the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and continued his journey of service and ministry in various Methodist churches for an additional 15 years until his retirement.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William B. Taylor, Jr.; two daughters, Catherine Danielle Taylor and Tammy Dean Lindy; and a sister, Betty Lancaster.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Jones Dossett Taylor of Hopkinsville; a daughter, Renee (Jim) Davis of Roxboro, N.C.; a son, John W. (Amanda) Dossett of Hopkinsville; nine grandchildren, Bartley Ray Whitlow, Allie LeeAnne Whitlow, Victoria Blalock, Ethan Blalock, Lindsey Blalock, John Robert Stalls, Kelly Cheyenne Lindy, Rebecca Taylor, and Kathy Taylor; three
great-grandchildren, Lilliana Whitlow, Asher Taylor, and Sebastian Taylor; and a sister, NaDean Boaz of Madisonville.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 13, 2021, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, with visitation to begin at 11:00 a.m. until the funeral service hour. Reverend Chuck Ladd, Reverend Steve Neel, and Reverend Ron Henn will officiate the service, with burial to follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes, 1115 Ashgrove Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356.

GERALD DAVIS “JERRY” HARDIN ('71)

Gerald David “Jerry” Hardin, age 75, of Springfield, passed away at 7:58 a.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the Lyndon Woods Nursing Facility in Louisville.

A native of Washington County, he was born on April 14, 1946 to the late Theo R. and Veneta Kays Hardin.

He was a member of the River of Life Church, a 1964 graduate of Springfield High School, a graduate of St. Catharine College and Campbellsville College, an army veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of the Springfield Masonic Lodge # 50 F & AM and was the retired plant manager of Bluegrass Dairy and Food Company.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Johnnie R. Hardin on June 15, 2017 and a sister, Lois Thompson on April 17, 2019.

Survivors include his wife, Darnell “Darnie” Bradshaw Hardin; two daughters, Dana Carrico (Steve) and Dawn Borders; a son, Trevor Hardin all of Springfield; five grandchildren, Payton
Carrico (Renee), Mason Carrico (Taylor), Kiersten Hardin, Aliera Hardin and Ruger Hardin; two great grandchildren, Jaxxon Lunsford and Emberlee Lunsford; two sisters, Glenda Wilson of Louisville and Lynne Lewis of Springfield and three brothers, Bill Hardin (Fran) of Springfield, Donnie Hardin (Susan) of Bardstown and Rick Hardin (Marian) of Louisville.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon, Saturday, May 29th at the Carey & Son Funeral Home with Rev. Troy Shelton, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Dominic-Holy Rosary Cemetery where military rites will be conducted by the Marion County Veterans Honor Guard.

Serving as pallbearers will be Steve Carrico, Payton Carrico, Mason Carrico, Bill Hardin, Donnie Hardin and Rick Hardin.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 Friday at the Carey & Son Funeral Home.

RAMONA IRIS LEIGH HAMBLIN (*74)

Romona Iris Leigh Hamblin
February 9, 1952-March 4, 2021

This is the true story of a woman who really lived her dreams, who loved life and lived it to the fullest!
Born Romona Iris Leigh, her journey began on February 9, 1952 in Georgetown, KY. From an early age she dreamed of living the big life surrounded by love and laughter, and she dreamed of joining the military to see the world and serve her country.
Iris graduated from Danville (KY) High School in 1970 and Campbellsville University in
1974. One year later she joined the Air Force and shipped off to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, where she met the man of her dreams while crawling under a table to retrieve her ping pong ball. Three months later they were married. Iris moved with her new husband, SSgt. Ronnie Hamblin to their first assignment at Homestead Air Force Base near Miami, FL. Married life brought two wonderful children, Michael and Jenna, and the military life fit perfectly with her wandering spirit. As Iris often said, “When Uncle Sam says jump you have to do what needs to be done, no matter what other plans you had.” Iris loved every minute of it!

Over the years they were stationed in Italy, Greece, Guam, and in the United States: Kentucky, Florida, and Texas. Their final assignment was in San Antonio where they stayed. After attaining the rank of CMSgt., Ronnie and family retired from the Air Force in 1998. Since they traveled so extensively, often having only one another to depend on, they are a very tight-knit family, and all are proud veterans of the US military, including both children: Michael and Jenna.

In addition to being a wife, mother, sister and friend, Iris was also a social worker, mental health tech, reiki master, hotel clerk, professional chef, occupational therapist for infants, and a caregiver over the course of her life. She treasured the experience of riding with the Texas Patriot Guard, marching with the Women Veterans of San Antonio, and singing with the Silver Serenaders. She was a lover of music at every age and stage of life and went nowhere without her beloved playlist of oldies but goodies. In 2018 Iris checked an item off her bucket list when she sang on-stage at the Flora-Bama, a honky-tonk beach bar located at the state line of Florida and Alabama. Iris loved life, always with a quest for knowledge and new adventures.

Her favorite moments came from spending time with her family and hugging on all she loved (and she loved many)! Iris was an excellent cook and crafted specialty dishes from every country where they were stationed. She loved to host weekly Sunday brunches, Super Bowl parties, all the holidays, and never considered any of it - „work“.

Her pool parties were legendary: “Splash Day” every Wednesday in their backyard with her “Water Babies”, some of her best friends who were all of a similar age. No matter who you were … You could always count on being welcomed into her home with loving arms, a never-ending smile, and a table spread with great food.

Iris also loved spending time on the beaches of Florida, Texas, Alabama, and every beach she could hit around the world. Hawaii may have been her favy, or maybe Bali, but she was also happy on the beaches of Rough River, KY, and the Guadalupe in TX.

For nine years, Iris was an exemplary volunteer with Vet TRIIP, a non-profit organization in San Antonio for veterans with PTSD, chronic pain, and traumatic injuries. There she was able to use her gifts of Reiki and healing energies, along with others who offered a multitude of alternative therapies. She always said the healing spirit, atmosphere, and energies of Vet TRIIP were cleansing to the soul and as great an experience for her as it was for the veterans they served.
In August 2019, Iris was diagnosed with cancer, but continued to live her life with joy and abandon, until her travels came to an end on March 4, 2021. She leaves behind her loving caretaker-husband, Ronnie Hamblin; their son, Michael Hamblin; and their daughter, Jenna Annas (Raymond), all of Schertz, TX. Iris loved her three grandsons with a passion: Cyrus (Natasha) Hamblin, and Logan and Oliver Annas. Along with a brother, two sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws and out-laws, all of whom she loved fiercely.

Iris also leaves behind a bunch of friends who say they are better off because of her influence. She has been described as „one-of-a-kind in all the best ways” and „a loving soul who threw caution to the wind, found positives in every situation, and had a passion for helping others”. Many say they will never forget her „bright personality, fun attitude about life, and her beautiful heart and spirit”. Many commented: „You never saw Iris without a smile, whether she was sitting alone, surrounded by family and friends, or in a long line at the supermarket. Iris never knew a stranger”.

With deep appreciation, we thank the staff of Hope Hospice for the gentle touch, comfort, and care they provided Iris in her final days. Their beautiful ceremony honoring Iris as a military vet will never be forgotten, especially her brave reply when we stood to salute her: “As you were.”

For 69 years Iris brought so much joy to all who love her, and she will be missed! We like to think she danced into heaven singing her favorite songs and ran down the beach to meet up with her parents, Odell and Virginia Leigh, and her two little grandsons, Joshua and Noah. We know she is looking down on us now saying, “Ahh … Life is good! Go out and live it to the fullest.”

A beach-themed Celebration of Life will be at 12.00 noon on April 14, 2021 at Alamo City Church in the Funeral Caring Chapel. Burial with full military honors will follow at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio. Due of COVID, attendance is limited to 25.

Arrangements entrusted to Funeral Caring of San Antonio.

’80s

SUE ANNE CURTISS WILSON ('81)
Sue Anne Curtiss Wilson, age 87, of Shelby passed from this life to the next on March 1, 2021. She was a native of Louisville, Kentucky born on May 19, 1933 to the late Dorsie C. Curtis and Grace Smith Nickens. She was married to the late Rev. Robert Bruce Wilson and played piano and organ in the churches where he pastored. She had music degrees from Campbellsville College in Kentucky and Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC (1981).

She is survived by her four children Rebecca and husband Del Locke of Spring Hill, TN, Robin and husband Dennis Bogue of Greensboro, Bruce and wife Sharon Wilson of Shelby; and Phyllis and husband Steve Von Ebers of Ocala, FL; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be held 11:00am Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fallston with Rev. Neal Effird.

2020s

MICHAEL BRADLEY HALL (*20)

Michael Bradley Hall, age 33, of Springfield, passed away at 8:26 a.m., Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Spring View Hospital in Lebanon.
He was born in Lexington, Kentucky on October 6, 1987 to Jimmy D. and Teresa Kaye Coffey Hall.

He was a member of the Southeast Christian Church, a 2006 graduate of Washington County High School and a graduate of Campbellsville University.

Michael was an army veteran and a barber at Bishop’s Barber Shop in Springfield.

Survivors include his wife, Heather Smith Hall; two sons, Gabe and Gavin Hall; his parents, Jimmy and Terry Hall; a sister, Heather Marie Hall (Louis Turner) and two brothers, Aaron Hall (Kelly) all of Springfield and Roger M. Hall (Lori) of Greensboro, IN. Also 2 nieces and 6 nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 19th at the Temple Baptist Church with Bro. Kevin Lutz, officiating. He will be assisted by Bro. Chris Garrett.

Burial will be in the Lebanon National Cemetery where military rites will be conducted.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be J.R. Surer and members of the Nelson County Men’s Group of Southeast Christian Church.

Serving as casket bearers will be Aaron Hall, Roger Hall, Patrick Stucker, Callahan McIntosh, Justice Hutchins, Kenny Ray, Chad Cooper and Josh Johnson.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 Thursday at the Carey & Son Funeral Home and after 8:30 Friday morning at the Temple Baptist Church.

Carey & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

EMPLOYEES

WES CARTER
Dr. Wesley (Wes) Vaughn Carter, 31, of Harrodsburg, KY, husband of Ariel Darnell Carter, died Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at the Haggin Memorial Hospital, Harrodsburg, KY. Born October 16, 1989, in Knoxville, TN, he was the son of Dr. Michael Vaughn and Debra Ann Wellman Carter.

Wes’s focus on education far exceeded many of his same generation. Coming from a home steeped in higher education, he gained five academic degrees and was nearing the completion of yet another. These honors include four from Campbellsville University, where his father was president from 1999 until 2020. Campbellsville University degrees included: Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science; Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Marketing; Master of Management and Leadership and a Master of Theology.

He graduated with his Doctor of Business Administration and Marketing degree from Walden University in Minneapolis, MN., a post-doctorate in Sports Industry Essentials from Columbia University, NY, NY; And, was in the final stages of a Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He never stopped learning.

An effervescent personality, Wes combined his extensive education with an entrepreneurial spirit in business and organizational development. He started several private businesses and most recently was the Director of New Business Development for Sky Systemz. Previously, he was an associate vice president for Campbellsville University where he developed the Conover Education Center in Harrodsburg. And, he was the inspiring officer at CU who initiated the university Church Outreach program, which carried hundreds of student Christian musicians and speakers into churches throughout Kentucky. His legacy will remain strong with each of these success stories spreading across the Commonwealth and beyond.

Wes sought to share his fervor in education, establishing concepts from work-ready certificate training to post-graduate Chiropractic programs. In addition to his administrative work at the Conover Education Center, Wes had served as a university instructor in business and theology.
Wes filled several lifetimes in his brief time on earth. Always moving throughout his community. His energy level beyond compare. His enthusiasm was recognized in 2020 when the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce presented Wes with the Bob Martin Community Spirit Award.

In his commitment to community, Wes was often behind the scenes in the development of projects and campaigns, especially those which gave second chances to individuals who were neglected by society. He was a member of Rotary International, Faith Healthcare, Mercer Transformation, YMCA Wilderness Trace and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Junction City. Wes Carter was always about changing lives for the better.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by one son, Grant Robert Carter; his brother, Dr. Eric Michael (Courtney) Carter of Danville, KY; his sister, Alicia Ann (Chris) Shea of Franklin, TN; his maternal grandparents, Sam and Doris Wellman of Campbellsville, KY; and many other friends and relatives.

A Celebration of Life, led by friends and colleagues, Dr. Choe Sergent and Dr. Ted Taylor, will be held at 11 am Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Junction City First Baptist Church, 3860 US-127 South, Danville KY 40422.

Memorials are suggested to: Junction City First Baptist Church, PO Box 246 Junction City, KY 40440.

DALE McKinney Furkin

Ms. Dale McKinney Furkin of Campbellsville passed from this life on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at her home. Born on October 9, 1946 in Marion County to the late Garland McKinney and Anna (Mays) Muckler, she was 74 years, 7 months, and 20 days of age. Ms. Furkin was a lifetime
educator. In 1967, she graduated from Campbellsville College with a bachelor’s degree, and later, earned her Master’s degree and Rank I credentials from Western Kentucky University. She was a public educator over forty years, an adjunct professor for St. Catharine’s College, Lindsey Wilson College, and Western Kentucky University, and a full-time professor at Campbellsville University until the time of her passing. She lived, both professionally and personally, to a set of high moral standards, believing always in her student’s abilities, and forever exhorting all to reach their full potential.

She leaves to cherish her memory:

One son: Judd Furkin and wife Amanda of Campbellsville,

Two brothers: Brad McKinney of Telford, TN, and Michael McKinney of Burlington, KY,

Her in-laws: Lanny and Patricia Forbis of Campbellsville,

A lifelong friend: Billie Ann Arnold of Johnson City, TN,

A chosen daughter: Karis McMahan,

Her beloved furbabies: Willy and Otis,

And a host of other relatives and friends.

Always one to look ahead and rarely leaving things unfinished, Ms. Furkin had made her final plans known to her family. She had requested cremation and asked that her ashes be interred in the Campbellsville Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Those arrangements were entrusted to the L.R. Petty Funeral Home and Cremation Service. All services were performed privately.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials in the form of donations to Hosparus of Green River, Campbellsville University, or Make Today Count. Those can be made in person at the funeral home, or online through the “Donations” tab above.

THOMAS O. MATTHEWS
Thomas Othella Matthews, 89, of Campbellsville, KY passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 after a long battle with leukemia. Born on October 27, 1931 in White Plains, Kentucky (Hopkins County), to the late Rev. RV Matthews and Anna Belle Clark Matthews. Tom’s early life was following his Methodist parents in their ministry around western Kentucky until his family’s move when he was seven years old to Columbia, Kentucky, after his father’s death. Excelling in academics he was Valedictorian of his 1950 class and “Big T” was a starter on the Columbia High School Red Hound basketball team. After graduation, he completed his degree in Business Administration at Lindsey Wilson College.

Tom then took his business talents to New Jersey where he worked on Wall Street as the office manager for Canning & Associates until his retirement in 2006. Returning to Kentucky reunited him with his beloved family and introduced him to his new church family at First United Methodist Church Campbellsville. A devoted Christian, Tom sang in the choir, was president of the Upper Room Sunday School Class, and was always ready to help out with anything that involved the children.

His greatest loves were his family, his church, the UK Wildcats, the Baltimore Ravens, and the Cleveland Indians. Tom could play piano by ear and was excited to celebrate his love for music when he discovered the music program at Campbellsville University. He was a fixture for many years at all concerts and recitals he could attend. Tom’s kindness, generosity, and spirit will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

He is survived by his four sisters: Tula Peterson and Mildred White of Campbellsville; Christine Greenman of Winchester, Indiana; and Virginia Ward (Bill) of Madison, Indiana. He is also survived by 14 nieces and nephews whom he loved very much and he relished in spoiling them.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents; one sister: Clara Conover; and three brothers: Jessie Matthews, Carroll Matthews, and Richard (Dick) Matthews.
Visitation will be at Parrot and Ramsey Funeral Home in Campbellsville on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm with a funeral service on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. Burial will be at the Glen Dean Cemetery following the service.

To offer your sympathy during this difficult time and to celebrate Tom’s joy of living, you can offer a gift in Tom’s name to First United Methodist Church Campbellsville, Lindsey Wilson College “RV and Anna Belle Matthews Scholarship”, or Gideon Bibles.

MARY FRANCES MAY

Mary Frances (Edwards) May passed away peacefully on May 10, 2021, in Atlanta, Georgia. She was 94 years old.

The funeral service will be held at 1pmCT on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home, 200 Campbellsville Street, Columbia, KY, with Dr. Michael O'Neal officiating. Burial will follow in Columbia Cemetery.

Visitation is requested after 11:30amCT on Saturday.

She was born December 27, 1926, in Campbellsville, Kentucky, to the late Walter and Nina Yarberry Edwards. Mary attended Columbia High School and Lindsey Wilson College. While at Lindsey Wilson, she met Darrell May and they were wed on June 14, 1946.

Darrell and Mary moved to Chattanooga, TN and this is where Mary found her love for china and crystal while employed by Fischer-Evans Jewelry. They belonged to Brainerd Baptist Church at the time. Darrell's job took them to New Orleans, LA. Her love for New Orleans was a very special time in her life. She loved to take the streetcar to work at Adler's Jewelry Store where she worked until retirement. They attended First Baptist Church of New Orleans.
Mary retired to Columbia, Kentucky on her family farm. Darrell and Mary lived with her sister, Emily Cain. Mary and Emily were soon known in town as "The Sisters". There was not a function in the area they missed! Mary was very active in her community being a member of Columbia Baptist Church, WMU and the Women's Club. She was on the Board of Trustees at Campbellsville University for years. Mary had a love for the Lord, gardening, knitting, exercising and cooking.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell, a son, Dusty and her sister, Emily.

Survivors include:
Two children - Davis May (Julie) and Sarah Laughon (Barry) all of Atlanta, GA
Three grandchildren - Robert (Ashleigh), Travis and Garrett (Heather), three great-grandchildren, Lulu, Easton and Kaleigh
One niece and one nephew - Mary and Arthur and two special people, Rebecca and Gail

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Capstone Hospice and Magnolia Place.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Campbellsville University or Columbia Baptist Church would be appreciated. These can be left at the funeral home.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.grissommartin.com.

**DR. SHIRLEY B. MEECE**

Dr. Shirley B. Meece, 91, was born in Berea on Oct. 2, 1929, the daughter of Taylor P. Baker and Marie Gay Baker.
She died on March 28, 2021, in Campbellsville.
She married Dr. Drewry Meece on April 24, 1965, and he preceded her in death.
She received her doctorate in English literature from the University of Kentucky and enjoyed a teaching career at Campbellsville University. She loved to travel, visiting many states and
countries. For 17 summers, she taught English in China. She is remembered as helpful, kind and a dedicated Christian.
She is survived by two special friends, Cheryl Chandler and Edwina Rowell, and many friends.
Her memorial service was held on March 31 at Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home by Rev. J. Alvin Hardy and Rev. Dave Walters.
Burial followed in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Russell Springs.
Donations in her memory may be made to the general scholarship fund at Campbellsville University and may be made through the funeral home.