

OBITUARIES

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Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Francis M. Ashcraft, 90



Francis Marion "Ez" Ashcraft, age 90, passed away peacefully, Tuesday February 10, 2015 at home in Saint Charles, Missouri, in the presence of his wife and four daughters.

He was born May 27, 1924 in Irvine, Kentucky, dear son of Ezart Francis Ashcraft, a prominent local attorney, and Cloria Mae Brandenburg Ashcraft. His seventh great-grandfather, Capt. John Ashcraft, came from England to Virginia in 1635.

Mr. Ashcraft graduated from Irvine High School in 1941. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on December 6, 1941, and became the first Marine from Estill County. After initial training he was assigned to an artillery unit in the First Marine Division. Private Ashcraft fought for his country in the Battle of Guadalcanal, being in the first offensive and going ashore in the first wave. His unit received their first artillery piece on the beach there and learned to fire it during actual combat. On Guadalcanal he contracted both malaria and dengue fever, common afflictions in that dreadful jungle which claimed many of his fellow Marines. After a lengthy convalescence he returned to duty and was serving in China at war's end.

As a part of the "Greatest Generation," Mr. Ashcraft returned home to Kentucky and helped build our country. He married the prettiest girl in Estill County, Delores June Huddleston, and together they raised four daughters. He went to work in the late 1940s as a Civil Servant in the United States Army as a munitions specialist. The Army loaned him to the United States Air Force and he served with them for the remainder of his career. That career took he and his



Francis M. Ashcraft

family from Kentucky to California, France, Utah and Illinois. He developed and wrote the Air Force doctrine for the storage and transportation of weapons and hazardous material including nuclear weapons.

Upon retirement in 1979 he and Delores settled in Palm Harbor, Florida and established themselves as active members in their community. In 2003 they moved to Saint Charles, Missouri to be closer to family.

Mr. Ashcraft is survived by Delores, his beloved wife of sixty six years, and four daughters; Deborah Clark-son of Valencia, California; Teresa Vernon of Maryland Heights, Missouri; Frances Richardson of Memphis, Tennessee; and Karen Hoffmann of Aurora, Illinois. He is also survived by his brother, attorney Earl Franklin Ashcraft, a former judge in Estill County; as well as his sister, Beverly Jean Thompson, a former mayor of Ravenna, KY. He has six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW.

Interment was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or a charity of your choice. <EstillTribune.com>

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Janice Karen Ballard, 72

Janice Karen Muncie Ballard, age 72, of North Stacy Lane in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, February 15, 2015 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, following a short illness.

She was born October 29, 1942, in Estill County, the daughter of the late Victor P. and Della May Isaacs Muncie. She was retired from Carhartt and had lived in Estill County all of her life. She was a Charter Member of the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene and a member of the Estill County Home-makers Association.

Mrs. Ballard is survived by her husband, Arthur Gene Ballard; two sons: Arthur David Ballard (Shonna) and Randall A. Ballard, both of Estill County; one sister, Crystal Tingle (Theo), Florida; a sister in law, Harriet Muncie, Richmond; and three grandchildren: Whitney, Machaela, and Mariah

Ballard. She was preceded in death by a brother, Victor Wayne Muncie.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19th at the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene by Bro. Rob Steinbrook and Bro. Warren Toler with burial to follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends may call between 6 and 9 p.m., Wednesday, February 18th at the church.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Henderson, Phillip Henry, Beate Lisle, John Nutter, Robbie Wiseman, Jeff Brinegar, Ethan Witt, and Warren Toler Jr.

Donations may be made to the Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Friday, February 13, 2015

Lorene Frazier, 86

Lorene Frazier, age 86, widow of Richard "Ed" Frazier, passed away Friday, February 13, 2015 at her home after an illness.

She was a native of Grayson County, Kentucky, born September 13, 1928, a daughter of the late Hobert and Dora Franks Embry. Mrs. Frazier was a retired employee of Carhartt, and a homemaker for seven children. She enjoyed quilting, and sewing.

Mrs. Frazier was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Frazier; three sisters and a brother.

Survivors include her daughters: Mary Jo Dennis (Shelby) of Madison County; Wanda Frazier, Donna Parsons (Jerry), Karen Shouse (Bobby), Kae Ellen Tipton (Raymond), all of

Irvine; her sons: Richard D. Frazier (Shirley), and Ronald Frazier (Peggy), both of Irvine; her sister, Nadine Daughtery of Louisville; her brother, Kenny Embry (Faye) of Irvine; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 16th at the Lewis Funeral Home with Raymond Tipton and Ron Lutes officiating. Burial followed in the Embs Cemetery. Friends called anytime after 6:00 p.m., Sunday, February 15th at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Jason Frazier, Justin Tipton, David Frazier, Shaun Hale, Phil Hardy, and Nathan Burns.

<LewisFH.com>

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Bobby Wayne Hardy, 55

Bobby Wayne Hardy, age 55, of Scott Court in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the Irvine Nursing and Rehab Center, following a long illness.

He was born December 9, 1959 in Fayette County, the son of Glendon Hardy and the late Darlene Norton Hardy. He was a self-employed carpenter and had lived in Estill County all of his life.

In addition to his father, he is also survived by one daughter, Sarah Hardy, Berea; four sisters: Kathy Turner, Madison County; Jennifer Tipton, Estill County; Rebecca Dixon

and Robin Turpin, both of Estill County; one brother, Greg Hardy, Estill County; and one grandchild: Bentley Bryant.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 14th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Beverly Arvin with burial following in the Hardy Cemetery. Friends called after 11:00 a.m., Saturday, until service time, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Ray Johnson, Randy Kilby, Randy Hardy, Anthony McIntosh, Jimmy Hardy, and Tyler Snowden.

<TolerFuneralHome.com>

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Thomas F. Martin, 90

Thomas F. Martin, age 90, of Little Rock Road in Estill County, Kentucky, passed away Thursday morning, February 12, 2015 at Baptist Health in Richmond.

Mr. Martin was born on July 4, 1924 in Birmingham, Michigan, the son of the late Robert T. and Helen Shaver Martin. He was a retired salesman and was the widower of Sally Schumacher Martin. He was of the Presbyterian Faith.

Survivors include three children: Barbara Martin Chrisman (Dick) of Estill County, Susan Martin of

Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Robert Martin of Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters: Betty Martin Cudworth and Mary Martin Zur-Burg; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents; he was preceded in death by a brother, Jackie Martin.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Lima, Ohio.

The Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, Richmond, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

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Thursday, February 12, 2015

Willard Jackson Skinner, 73

Willard Jackson Skinner, better known as "Wickie" was born September 5, 1941 in Jackson County, Kentucky, and departed this life Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, being 73 years of age.

He was the son of the late Jackson & Ida Mae Turner Skinner.

Willard is survived by his wife, Lucille Skinner of McKee; three sons: William Skinner, Dale Skinner (Jennifer), both of McKee; and Charles Skinner (Gracie) of Irvine; a sister, Carolyn Collins (Gary) of Frankfort; and by three brothers: Wade Skinner (Barbara), Olin Skinner, both of Lexington; and Tommy Skinner of Irvine. He was blessed with two grandchildren, Kadara Skinner and John Luke Skinner.

In addition to his parents, Willard was also preceded in death by a sister, Freda Rogers.

The funeral service was



Willard J. Skinner

held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, February 15th at Lakes Funeral Home, 1181 Main Street South in McKee, with Bro. Jerry Rose officiating. Burial followed in the Lainhart Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Junior, Anthony & Ray Skinner, Jeff & Josh Huff and David Isaacs.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Collins, Jerry Cain, Wade Skinner and Everett Rogers.

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Sunday, March 1st @ 10:45am

Help And Healing Service

Ravenna Church of the Nazarene will be having a help and healing service on Sunday, March 1, 2015, at 10:45 a.m. for those who are suffering from:

- Depression
- Addictions
- Cancer
- Sicknes
- Mental illness

- Financial problems
- Or anything else that may be burdening you!

Come and invite those who could benefit from God's healing!

The church is located at 530 Main Street in Ravenna. Need a ride or have questions, call (606) 723-4259.

In An Hour Ye Think Not by BOB CASEY, Preacher

Church of Christ, 262 Broadway, Irvine, KY

In Matthew 24:44-54 and in Luke 12:40 our Lord is telling us that there will be a day of reckoning for this whole world. Then in John 5:25-29, here He foretells of the all important day. But in our beginning text we have a strong warning concerning the suddenness of His return saying: "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." Then our Lord again reinforces His promise in John 14:1-3 saying: "I will come again." Also he angels in Acts 1:9-11 added to this event.

There are many aspects to this warning and we should clearly take heed unto. The assuredness of His return, the preparation that we should take in demonstration that we believe the warning. And that His return would be so suddenly that most of this world will be caught off guard, in an hour that we are not looking nor expecting it or even thinking about it. It seems that most folks are engaged in the affairs of this world that consumes the most of our time. But this can only be justified if we use some of this time in making ourselves ready to meet the Lord on His return. For instance, what were you thinking about last Lord's Day? Was your mind upon the promises of our Lord? If so, then you most likely went to church services somewhere, but if you did not, then your mind was set upon something else. My question to you would be, what if our Lord chose that time to return to judge us all. What will you do, or what could you say, since actions sometimes speak louder than words. You would most likely condemn yourself.

So we encourage all today not to be in the number foretold in Revelation 6:12-17, which gives us some insight concerning the events that will unfold upon the Lord's return. Here it says that the earth will shake and rumble, sun will turn dark, moon will have color of blood, stars will fall from on high. Then the sky will roll back like a scroll, and then will Jesus appear sitting upon His judgment seat. Sadly, all those not looking for Him, including the world leaders, the rich men, the working men, those retired men, have put out of their minds His return. They will all try to run and hide any place they can find, even praying for the mountains to bury them. All these will be trying to flee His wrath on that day. But it will be too late! For the great day of His wrath is fully come and who shall be able to stand?

I know who will escape, all those who believed and obeyed our Lord, repenting of their past sins, those who were baptized unto the remission of their sins, and were faithful in looking for, and watching, and expecting their Lord to return, because their mind set was correct. My question to you today is what are you thinking about today?

Remember, our Lord said, "In an hour that ye think not." Don't be caught unprepared.

Sincerely, Bob Casey 1-Waco-369-4165

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