

OBITUARIES

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Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Earl Cox, 86

Earl Cox died in Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Born in Irvine, Kentucky March 25, 1930, he was the son of Bess (Benton) and Coleman Cox. He grew up in Irvine, attended the University of Kentucky and served in the U. S. Army for two years. After returning home, Earl Ruby offered him a position as a sports writer at The Courier-Journal.



Earl Cox

In many ways, Earl was the vanguard of his profession and he was a not-so-quiet warrior for equality. He was the first reporter in Louisville to cover athletes at all-black schools in the 1950s (over the objection of his editor), and he was one of only a few writers in the nation who covered women's college sports in the 1950s and 1960s. Until he started writing about them, these athletes were ignored. In the early 1970s, Earl hired the Courier's first female sports writer and he told her male colleagues that if they gave her any grief, he would fire THEM.

Earl's years began and ended with the Kentucky Derby and he was convinced that if the Courier Sports section looked good the day after Derby, he felt he had been a success that year.

After retiring from the Courier in the mid-80s, Earl began his second career as sports editor at The Voice-Tribune until his retirement in 2013. He was one of the most respected syndicated sports writers in Kentucky. At his peak, he was offered jobs with larger newspapers and national sports magazines, but he loved Kentucky too much to ever leave.

One of the things Earl enjoyed the most was being invited several consecutive years to speak at a Columbia University symposium to a group of other national sports writers. He was the founder and the first president of The Associated Press Sports Editors, a national association. He was a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, and he was the only person inducted into all three. In addition, his colleagues elected him Kentucky Sportswriter of the Year many times.

Earl was humble about his professional accomplishments, but he always was very proud of his family. For 59 years, he was married to the former Carolyn Holliday who he first spied when he was nine-years-old and

she was six, as she strolled down the street eating ice cream in downtown Irvine. Carolyn is a retired school teacher and the mother of Earl's three children, Sarah, Scott and Ellen.

To his children, Earl was the most incredible father in the world. When asked to play catch in the back yard for the millionth time, he said yes, every single time. He taught his children how to keep score in baseball, to cheer for the Big Red Machine, and to root for any team from Kentucky. He was his children's number one cheerleader, their coach, and their hero. His only vice was that he never missed an opportunity to let you know that Sarah was a doctor, Scott and Ellen were attorneys, and Ellen graduated from Harvard. His children apologize to all who tired of hearing about them.

Earl is survived by his wife, Carolyn, his daughter, Sarah (Dwight Pridham); his son, Scott (Lorie); his daughter, Ellen Call (Jill Johnson); and his grandchildren: Emma and Hallie Pridham, Coleman and Caroline Cox and Virginia and Sophie Call. He is also survived by three step grandchildren: Cameron Sousa, Kate Ashton and Alex Pridham.

He leaves behind countless good friends who he cherished, including Guy Strong, Oscar Combs and Joe B. Hall. He was predeceased by his parents, his five sisters and his brother. Earl's family would like to thank Dr. Jane Cornett for her kindness as well as the staff of the Episcopal Church Home.

Please join the Cox family for a celebration of Earl's life Saturday, December 24, at Big Spring Country Club, 5901 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville 40205. The reception/visitation begins at 12 noon followed by a special tribute at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or a charity of choice.

Pearson Funeral Home of Louisville is entrusted with arrangements. <PearsonFuneralHome.com>

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Nakoa Lee Crowe, 32



Nakoa Lee Crowe, age 32, of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Estill County, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in Lexington.

He was a native of Estill County, born January 7, 1984, a son of Ritchie and Michelle Chaney Crowe. Mr. Crowe was an United States Army Veteran who enjoyed hunting, music, and especially his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Survivors, other than his parents, Ritchie and Michelle, include his sisters:

Keesha Mosley and Metia Crowe; his nephews: Austin Mosley and Caleb Conrad; and his niece Makayla Mosley.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 17, at the Walton Cemetery, with Jason Lykins officiating.

Pallbearers were Chad Crowe, Ryan Chaney, Justin Mosley, Rick Chaney, Kevin Chaney, and Jason Lykins.

Arrangements by Lewis-Abner Home for Funerals. <LewisFH.com>

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Modena Smith Estes, 94

Modena Smith Estes, age 94, of Elm Street in Ravena, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016, at her home following a short illness.

She was born August 21, 1922, in Estill County, a daughter of the late Orland and Bertie Lee Smith. She was an assembly line worker with Westinghouse and had lived in Estill County all of her life. She was a member of the South Irvine Church of Christ and a former member of the Estill County Homemakers Association.

Mrs. Estes was preceded in death by her husband, Merriell B. Estes.

She is survived by two sons: Jerry Estes (Norma) and Garry Estes (Sarah), both of Irvine; two sisters: Alma Short, Newport; and Eva Lois Andreas,

Cincinnati; a daughter-in-law, Lavonne Estes, Estill County; a son-in-law, Buddy Tuggle, London; eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Tuggle; one son, Ronald Estes; one sister, Lillian Macy; and three brothers: Delmar, Kenneth, and Lennal Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Tony Belcher with burial to follow in the Cobb Hill Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Brent Raider, Kenny Bell, Derek Estes, Terry Carter, Jimmy Hacker and Brian Gordon.

Sunday, December 18, 2016

Joshua David Rawlins, 36

Joshua David Rawlins, age 36, of Ida Grace Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2016, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, following a long illness.

He was born December 13, 1980 in Madison County and was the son of Gene David Rawlins and Delores Smith Rawlins. He had lived in Estill County all of his life.

Survivors in addition to his father and mother include one daughter, McKinnlee Dawn Rawlins, Powell County; one son, Joshua Chase Rawlins, Estill County;

his grandmother, Gladys Smith, Estill County; aunts and uncles: Brenda & Arthur Smith, Michael & Teddie Smith, Billy & Richelle Smith and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Billy Gene Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 21, 1 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jerry Rose. Burial will be at the West Irvine Cemetery. Friends may call after 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

Wait for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5)

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

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Myrtle E. Mansfield Rose, 100

Myrtle E. Mansfield Rose, age 100, of Blue Run Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016, at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

She was born September 14, 1916 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late Arthur and Martha Johnson Mansfield. She was a homemaker and farmer and a member of the Sandhill Christian Church. She had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Mrs. Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Rose.

She is survived by two daughters: Betty Rose and Lucille "Martha" Moore (James), both of Estill County; two sons: James E. Rose and Paul E. Rose (Betty Lou), both of Estill County; two sisters: Du-

luth Witt, Estill County; and Mary Hochendal, Florida; seven grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 31 great, great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Juanita Rose; two sisters: Ona Smeltzer and Minnie Withers; three brothers: William, Elbert and James Mansfield; one grandchild, one great grandchild and one great, great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 21, 2 p.m., at the Sandhill Christian Church by Bro. Ronald Lutes and Bro. Matt Vaughn. Burial will be at the Sandhill Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Tuesday, December 20th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home and after 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the Church. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

Thursday, Dec., 15, 2016

Harold Thomas, 82



Harold Dean Thomas, age 82, of Robin Hill Way in Lexington, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington following a long illness.

He was born January 14, 1934 in Estill County and was the son of the late Raleigh and Delilah Wolfbarger Thomas. He was a retired Standard Products employee and a member of the South Elkhorn Baptist Church. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Bonnie Jean Smyth Thomas; and his son, Rory Dean Thomas (Bonnie) of Lexington; one sister, Sadia Elizabeth Elmore of Louisville; one brother, Roger Dale Thomas of Estill County, one grandchild, Casey Ryan Thomas (Whitney); and two great grandchildren: Carter Joseph and Jackson Raleigh Thomas.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Norma Jean



Harold Dean Thomas

Thomas.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 19th at 2 p.m. at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home in Irvine by Bro. Sherl Thomas. Burial followed at the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends called after 12 Noon, Monday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Casey Thomas, Berry Griffith, Greg Richardson, Mike Gorham, Greg Wright and Jeff Sharp. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the charity of your choice. <TolerFuneralHome.com>

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For my eyes have seen
Your salvation,
which You have prepared
in the presence of all peoples,
a Light of revelation
to the Gentiles,
and the glory
of Your people Israel.

~ Luke 2:30-32 ~

DETAIL OF "MARY WITH BABY JESUS" BY JAN TOOROP (1925)

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Wednesday, December 21st @ 6pm

Pine Hill Christmas Program

Pine Hill Baptist Church starting at 6 p.m. at Doe Creek will be having a Christmas program on Wednesday, December 21st, Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Saturday & Sunday, December 24 & 25

Wisemantown Christmas Services

A Christmas Eve service will be held at the Wisemantown United Methodist Church Saturday, December 24th at 5 p.m. Greg McClellan, pastor, will have a message. Communion will be served.

The morning worship service on Christmas, Dec. 25 will be at 11 a.m. The choir will sing as the special, "The Birthday of the King." Visitors are always welcome. The church is located at 1358 Wisemantown Road, Irvine.

Saturday, December 31st @ 8pm

White Oak New Year's Eve Service

White Oak Church of God p.m. will be having a New Year's Eve Service on Saturday, December 31st, starting at 8 The pastor and congregation invite you to come and worship at the service.

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