

OBITUARIES

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Sunday, May 15, 2016

Troy Eugene Byrd, 38

Troy Eugene Byrd, age 38, husband of Amanda Wiser Byrd, passed away at his home on Sunday, May 15, 2016 after a short illness.

He was born October 7, 1977, the son of Troy and Gracie Miller Byrd. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and working on cars.

Mr. Byrd is survived by his wife, Amanda Wiser Byrd; his parents: Troy and Gracie Miller Byrd; his sons: Terry Byrd and Joshua Byrd; his daughters: Makalaya Stogsdil, Mercedes Byrd, and Donna Byrd; his sisters: Vanessa Renee Cushman and Jennifer Lynn Feltner; and several special nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 20th at 1 p.m. at the Lewis Funeral Home with Brother Bob Casey officiating. Burial followed at the Abner Cem-



Troy Byrd

etry. Friends called anytime after 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 19th, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Terry Wayne Byrd, Wayne Byrd, Paul Feltner, Jake Cushman, Eric Tuttle, and Derrick Parks.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Abner and Frank Snowden.

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Friday, May 13, 2016

Daniel Birchfield, 72

Daniel Robert Birchfield, age 72, husband of Deloris Birchfield, passed away May 13th, 2016.

Born in Richmond March 22, 1944, he was the son of the late Gardner Birchfield Jr. and the late Minnie McIntosh Traylor. He was a member of the American Legion VFW and the First Baptist Church of Irvine and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, David Birchfield.

He is survived by his sister, Donna Birchfield Cox; his children: Trency (Jeff) Jones, Ramee Birchfield, Melissa Malicote, Ryan (Tammy) Birchfield; stepchildren: Josh and Amber Fore Birchfield; nine grandchildren: R.B. Browning, Logan Browning, Samantha Jones, Shevi Jones, Chayce Birchfield, Jaggar Mali-



Danny Birchfield

cote, Michael Taylor, Riley Birchfield and Leslie Owens; nine great grandchildren; six nieces and nephews; and ex-wife, Linda Williams Grens.

Memorial services will be held at Lewis Funeral Home on Friday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m. Friends may call anytime after 6 p.m.

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Saturday, May 21, 2016

Florence Covey, 90

Florence Covey, age 90, widow of Almassa Covey, passed away Saturday, May 21, 2016, at her home.

She was a native of Estill County, born October 13, 1925, a daughter of the late Coleman and Lucy Mae Griffin Gray. She was a retired employee of Carhartt, and a member of Turning Point Apostolic Church. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and painting.

Mrs. Covey was preceded in death by her sons: Leon and Pete Covey; her brothers: Mitchel, Samuel, Clifton, Coleman Jr., Lola, Albert, Alvin and Glenn Gray; and her sisters: Catherine and Wanda Gray.

Survivors include her sons: Al Covey (Wilma), Coleman Covey, and Gary Covey (Stella); her daughters: Diana Frymyer, Sherry Covey, Pam Brandenburg, Leatha Berger (James),

Carolyn Covey, and Mickey Embs; her brother, Daniel Gray (Betty); her sister, Wilma Herman; 23 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren; and nine great, great grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, May 24th at 2:00 p.m. at Turning Point Apostolic Church with Pastors Larry McIntosh and Roscoe Conley officiating. Burial followed in the West Irvine Cemetery. Friends called anytime after 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the church until service time.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Brandenburg, Gary Covey Jr., Dwayne Covey, Shawn Embs, Tyler Sparks, and Abram Foust.

Honorary pallbearers were Jason Riegel, James Berger, Richard Embs, Jonathan Covey, Clay Hatton and Russell McIntosh.

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Sunday, May 15, 2016

James Paul Parsons



James Paul Parsons, age 82, of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2016, at his home.

He was born in West Irvine on September 27, 1933, the son of the late James and Lula Warford Parsons. Paul loved his Estill County home and often referred to it as the "garden spot of the world." He served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and on March 21, 1953, he united in marriage to Dorothy Marshall and made Madison County his home. She preceded him in death in 2008 after 55 years of marriage.

Paul was a deacon at the Peytown Baptist Church where he served as treasurer, clerk and song leader for over 50 years. He also served as treasurer of the Bates Creek Baptist Association for many years. He was active in establishing the Madison County Rescue Squad and supported its endeavors. He was a 40-plus-year member of Richmond Lodge #25 A&FM where he was Past Master and former treasurer. He held various offices in the York Rite Bodies including Past High Priest of Chapter #16, Past Illustrious Master of Council #71 and Past Commander of Commandary #19. He was also a member of the Richmond Masonic Temple Co. Board of Directors.

Paul was a former employee of Muncy Furniture and James Anderson & Son. He was a licensed insurance agent for Life of Georgia Insurance for many years. In 1979, he joined in establishing the present Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, fulfilling a childhood dream of becoming a funeral director. He became a licensed funeral director in 1983 and was still serving in that position. His dedication to the families he served will truly be missed.

Survivors include one daughter, Lula Gail Par-



Paul Parsons

sons Kinder of Richmond; two grandchildren: Ashley Kinder Randolph (Ryan), of Lexington; and James Ryan Kinder (Whitney), of Oregon; great grandchildren: Peyton Randolph, Laney Kinder, Ellie Kinder, Will Disselkamp and Micah Disselkamp; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a twin sister, Pauline Parsons; a sister, Kathleen Duck; and three brothers, Beverly Parsons, Marvin Parsons and Marcum Parsons.

Funeral Services were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 20th at Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, 328 West Main Street, Richmond, with Rev. James Robert Shelton, Rev. Jonathon Tussey and Rev. Bill Fort officiating. Burial followed in the Richmond Cemetery. Visitation was from 2 - 8 p.m., Thursday, May 19th at the funeral home with Masonic Rites conducted at 8 p.m.

Pallbearers were James Ryan Kinder, Ryan Randolph, Johnny Marshall, Clay Tussey, Mitchell Smith and Preston Seals.

Paul's extended family, the associates of Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, served as honorary pallbearers.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Peytown Baptist Church or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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Monday, May 16, 2016

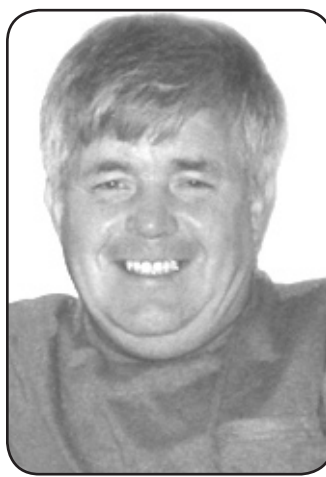
Dwight Rison, 68



Dwight Rison, age 68, of 3rd Street in Ravenna, Kentucky, passed away Monday, May 16, 2016, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, following a short illness.

He was born August 2, 1947 in Franklin County and was the son of the late Earl and Rachel Embry Rison. He was retired from Carhartt, Inc. where he had worked for 41 years and was a former member of the National Guard. He was a member of the Millers Creek Church of God and the Fitchburg Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Rison is survived by his wife, Mary Stella Horn Rison; one son, Stephen Dwight Rison, Estill County; five sisters: Louise Rogers (Carl), Louisville; Elizabeth Fielder, Ohio; Barbara Sue Albritton, Florida; Blanche Miller and Ida Mae Ashcraft, both of Estill County; one brother, Clarence Rison (Shelia), Estill County; a sister-in-law, Barbara Rison; a special sister-in-law, Eva Lou McIntosh; and several nieces and



Dwight Rison

nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Katherine Cornelius and two brothers: Johnny and Tracy Rison.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 19, 1 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Merle Travis. Burial was at the West Irvine Cemetery. Friends called between 6 and 9 p.m., Wednesday, May 18th at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

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Sunday, May 22, 2016

Ernest Snowden, 91



Ernest Snowden, age 91, widower of Elsie Townsend Snowden, of Lofty Heights Road, Clay City, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Thompson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Born in Clay City, Kentucky, on August 28, 1924, he was the son of the late Bryan Snowden and the late Fannie Tipton Snowden. Corporal Ernest Snowden was a World War II Marine Corps Pacific Theatre veteran and survivor of the Battle of Guadalcanal where he was wounded twice and the Battle of Peleliu where he was also wounded twice. He was a member of Marine Corps League PFC Harold G. Epperson Det. 1113, Disabled American Veterans Powell County Post No. 103, AMVETS of Kentucky Clay City Post 67, American Legion Post 305 Military Honor Guard and he was a licensed short wave radio operator. Ernest Snowden was a retired line foreman with Clark RECC and a member of Powell's Valley Baptist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Bonita Snowden Tito (Thierry) of Clay City; a brother, Rodney Snowden of Irvine; and a sister, Ava Nell Barnett of Clay City.

In addition to his wife and his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Preston Snowden,



Ernest Snowden

Leber Snowden and Franklin Snowden Sr.; and by two sisters: Lella Bell Berry and Letha Mae Sexton.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Marion Brewer and Bro. Gary Willoughby will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 25th at Hearne Funeral Home, 125 West College Avenue, Stanton. Visitation began at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 24th at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be in Powell's Valley Cemetery alongside his wife.

Active pallbearers are Danny Barnett, Mark Barnett, Zack Barnett, Morris Barnett, Ricky Berry, Franklin Snowden Jr., Shannon Snowden and Wesley Sexton.

Honorary pallbearers are Charles Pearson, Ed Burtner, Larry Meadows, Ray Warford, Delbert Clemons and Ceibert Gilbert Jr.

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Saturday, May 21, 2016

William Leon Wood, 92



William Leon Wood, age 92, of Irvine Road in Winchester, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, May 21, 2016, at his home.

He was born February 27, 1924 in Estill County and was the son of the late Oliver and Sissy Stone Wood. He was a farmer, mechanic and former owner of Woods Repair Shop. He served in the United States Navy in World War II and was a member of the Ruckerville Church of Christ. He had lived in Estill County most of his life.

Mr. Wood was preceded in death by his wife, Nettie Rice Wood; and is survived by three daughters: Janet Kiser (James), Estill County; Wilma Baker and Wanda Bell, both of Lexington; 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: Oliver Wood Jr., Moss Wood, Ocie



William Leon Wood

B. Wood and Elsie Wood; and one grandchild, Danny Yates.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, May 26th at 1 p.m. at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends may call between 6 and 9 p.m., Wednesday, May 25th at the funeral home.

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...Keep you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids.

PROVERBS 6:24,25

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