

# OBITUARIES

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Thursday, March 26, 2020

## Everett Arthur Jr., 70

Everett Arthur Jr, age 70, of Howell Hollow in Ravenna, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2020, at his home following a long illness.

He was born May 12, 1949 in Estill County and was the son of the late Everett and Myrtle Lee Crowe Arthur. He was a retired mechanic and a member of the Providence Baptist Church.

Mr. Arthur is survived by his wife, Sandra McManus; two step-children: Allison Conner and Adam McManus, both of Madison County; two daughters-in-law: Hannah McManus

and Jennifer McManus; six brothers: Fred, Wallace, Cornelius, Earl, Linville and H.M. Arthur, all of Estill County and four grandchildren: Amber Tevis, Megan McManus, Addison Conner and Etta Lynn McManus.

He was preceded in death by two step-sons: Shawn and Jeremy McManus; and three brothers: Fred, Gerald and Frank Arthur.

Private services were conducted Saturday, March 28, 2020. Burial was at the Crowe Cemetery.

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements..

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Sunday, March 29, 2020

## Nannie Kate McElroy, 62

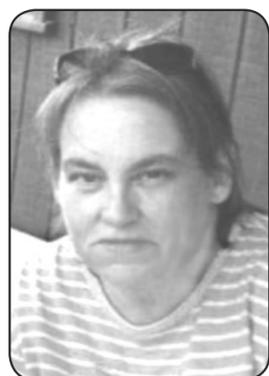
Nannie Kate Means McElroy, age 62, of Liberty, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

She was born in Clark County, Kentucky on November 15, 1957 to the late Orbin and Lola Hale Means.

Survivors include her husband, Donald McElroy; her children, Kenneth McElroy (Phylisha) and Lola Mixon (Robbie); her brothers, Bruce, Hubert, Wendell and Bev Means; her sisters, Vickie (Means) Singleton, Bernice Henderson, and Mary Hurt; five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; as well as a host of other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny, Roger and Steve Allen Means.

Due to current govern-



Nannie Kate McElroy

ment restrictions concerning COVID-19, the family has selected private services with burial to follow in the College Hill Cemetery.

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

<CPCFH.com>

## Imagine

Imagine a tree with no branches,  
Or a valley with no hillside in sight.  
A bird that can't sing a beautiful song,  
As it takes its southern flight.

Take away the cry of a baby,  
Or a baby from its mother's arms;  
The arm that gently rocks the cradle,  
Shelters the babe from harm.

A car with no motor, isn't worth much.  
A tree with no leaves, cannot make a shade.  
Not very good is a false promise,  
Or a debt that is never paid.

Imagine a God with no power,  
Or a light that never shines.  
A small child left unattended,  
Would make the world so unkind.

I am glad there is a God in Heaven,  
And Salvation that we can feel.  
There is no Salvation in a God that's dead;  
My God is "all power," and He is real.

Madalene Wasson

Friday, March 27, 2020

## Elizabeth Noland, 76

Elizabeth Geraldine Noland, age 76, of Wagersville Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020, at the Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

She was born November 2, 1943 in Estill County and was the daughter of the late Curtiss and Hannah Ross. She was a retired Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital employee and enjoyed oil painting. She had lived in Estill County all her life.

Ms. Noland is survived by one daughter, Jannette McGreal, Estill County; and one grandchild, Courtney McGreal.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Deborah Noland; and three siblings: Billie Easter, Quinton Ross and Junior Ross.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Sunday, March 29, 2020

## Freddie Reeves Sr., 72

Freddie Joe Reeves Sr., age 72, of Richmond Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020, at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington, following a short illness.

He was born June 27, 1947 in Perry County and was the son of the late Carlis and Lelia Price Reeves. He was a retired CSX employee and a member of the Ravenna Church of God. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict and had lived in Estill County most of his life.

Mr. Reeves is survived by his wife, Edna Louise Slone Reeves; one daughter, Michelle Baker (Jack), Ohio; four sons: Michael Slone (Eden), Nicholasville; Freddie Reeves, Jr., Richmond;



Freddie Joe Reeves Sr.

Kenneth Reeves and James Reeves, both of Estill County; one sister, Faye Spicer, Georgia; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

## Randall Shumate, 72

Randall Shumate, age 72, of Rose Ridge in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at the Lee County Nursing Home in Beattyville, following a long illness.

He was born December 13, 1947 in Estill County and was the son of the late Cecil Shumate and Fairry Rose Warner. He was a retired truck driver with Dennis Transportation and a member of the Bethel Christian Church. He had lived in Estill County most of her life.

Mr. Shumate is survived by his son, Randy Shumate (Becky), Estill County; one

sister, Alice Faye Houston, Georgetown; one half-brother, Roger Dale Warner, Estill County; two grandchildren: Chris Miller and Robin Brooks; and five great grandchildren: Cameron Miller, Trista Miller, Timothy Miller, Kiley Brooks and Madeline Brooks.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Cecil Roy Shumate.

Private services were conducted. Burial was in the Richardson Cemetery.

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## I Can Be Strong

CHORUS:

I can be strong, knowing you're by my side  
I can be strong, knowing in your love I abide  
I can be strong, knowing you will always be with me  
I can be strong, and that makes me feel free

When I'm with you, things really change  
Any wrong way of mine, I must re-arrange  
I try to honor you, by doing what is right  
Which brings things out of darkness, and into light

It hasn't been very long ago  
When I feared things of which I didn't know  
But trusting in you has made me strong  
I've found the safe place where I belong

By loving others, we do no wrong  
It only helps to make us strong  
And it's the way he wants us to be  
For it gives us life, more abundantly

written by Price J. Rawlins

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**BE THE LIGHT**  
Sunday March 29, 2020 Morning Message  
Bro. Warren Rogers, Ivory Hill Baptist Church

*"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. <sup>14</sup>Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:13-16)

The ice storm of 2006 left many without lights. People learned to live without this comfort. And the recovery was a very slow process, much like the Corona virus we are experiencing.

When the planes flew into the twin towers in what we refer to as 9:11, some people worked hard trying to save lives. Others prayed, others tried to comfort those who had lost loved ones. It seemed the whole nation was torn apart, and we saw a lot of cars with American flags on them. We saw flags flown at half staff in this tragic time.

Now we are living in another trying time as the Corona virus is spreading fast. I know it is bad that we can't go about our lives like we did before this virus, but maybe, just maybe, God is telling us to slow down and think about our daily lives.

Knowing that many are getting, as we say, bored to death, we need to remember that if we are healthy there is something we can do to help someone else. We can all shine brighter in times like these. The darker the world, the brighter we can shine. We have people volunteering to make hand sanitizers, face masks; helping deliver food, medicine to those who cannot do for themselves.

Remember that Southern Baptists are mission minded, and we have a great team of volunteers that go anywhere there is a need. But maybe you can't go with them, but you can look after your friends and neighbors. You can reach out to someone if you look for the opportunity.

**John 19:26-27**, "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! <sup>27</sup>Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

Jesus makes a statement showing that we must take care of our families and our neighbors, just as if they were family, by telling John to treat my mother as your own.

**Luke 19:10**, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

We see Jesus' earthly ministry was about helping others to make it to heaven. He cared for the sick, blind, lame and others as He lived here on earth. Christ spent His time caring for others. Are we not to pattern our life after Christ?

**John 13:34**, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Remember this is not a suggestion but a commandment. We are to love others as much as He loved us. He gave His life for us.

I believe we put way too much emphasis on things that don't really matter, and we give way too much time to trivial non-sense.

While sitting at home during this time, we need to reflect on the question, 'What is really important in our lives?' When it comes right down to it, survival (not hoarding toilet paper), relationships, conversations, prayer, books, and helping others are what really matters. Even in Christ's time of suffering He was thinking of others. While on the cross, while suffering, He took pity on one of the other men next to him.

When was the last time you took time to help someone else?

Re-read John 13:34. Christ commands us to love one another. Now would be a good time to ask forgiveness of someone that you might have had a problem with in the past. Now is a good time to restore relationships with that person or persons down the street that maybe you don't care for their way of living and you have been avoiding. It is time for you to be that person's light.

We have no idea when this virus is going away. I suspect it will be longer than they say, but their guess is as good as mine. I pray that each and every one of you that reads this sermon will find peace in these times of troubles. Please remember that God loves you. Even though we don't understand why these things happen, He is still in control.

Take time to pray and ask the Lord to lead you in the days to come. Keep yourselves busy so that you don't get bored by studying your Bible daily, and I can't stress enough that you need to study, not just read.

**BE THE LIGHT THAT SOMEONE NEEDS TODAY!**

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