

Obituaries



Berthena Van Hook

Berthena Ping Van Hook, 95, of the Willalla Community, died Thursday, September 15, 2005 at Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

She was born January 15, 1910, the daughter of Logan and Lula Dentney Ping. She was a homemaker and a long time member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include a daughter, Lois Ricketts (Lee) of Lexington; four sons, James Clyde Van Hook (Mary) of Michigan and Harold Van Hook (Carol Ann) and Barry Van Hook (Linda) of Somerset; 18 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren and two sisters, Molly Todd of Georgetown and Sally Brown of Willalla.

Besides her husband, Joe Van Hook, and her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Carter Van Hook; an infant son, Junior; a daughter, Helen and two brothers, James and Ernest Ping.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Casket bearers were her grandsons, Lee Ricketts, Mark Van Hook, Donnie Van Hook, Gary Van Hook, Jimmy Van Hook and Perry Van Hook.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Poplar Grove Cemetery, P.O. Box 620, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.



Hester Lawrence

Hester Lawrence, 83, of Brodhead died Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville, KY. She was born on May 23, 1922 in Knox County the daughter of the late Noah and Mary Mills Messer. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, collecting ceramic shoes, and was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and the W.M.U.

Survivors are: one son, Wendell Lawrence (Mary Ann) of Danville; two sisters, Destie Harris of Brodhead and Daphne Owens of Dayton, Ohio. Two grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rube A. Lawrence; one son, Dennis Wayne Lawrence; and three brothers, Kermit, Arthur and Leman Messer.

Services were held Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at the Brodhead Baptist Church with Bros. John Zupancic and Luther Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Owens, Jeff Owens, Harold Harris, Bobby Lawrence, Everitt Harper, Jr., and Doug Harris.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at web address www.coxfuneralhome.com



Mary Linville

Mrs. Mary Hazel Linville, 92, died Friday, September 16, 2005 in Abilene, TX. With the exception of four years in Indiana and, most recently, with her daughter in Texas, she was a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County, born in Disputanta July 24, 1913, the daughter of James A. and Aggie Bullens Wolfe.

She was a retired teacher for the Rockcastle County School system, having begun her career at the age of twenty. She taught eight grades in a one room schoolhouse in Disputanta. She also taught in Orlando, Maple Grove and Mt. Vernon. She retired in 1977 after teaching many classes of first graders at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are two children, Jim Linville (Ethel Lee) of Port Orange, FL and Mary Louise Craig of Abilene, TX; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Linville; her son-in-law, Jennings Craig; brothers and sisters. Funeral services for Mrs. Linville were held Tuesday, September 20 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Cope, Tom Craig, Benny C. Craig, Bill W. Dowell, Jerry Leon and Gary Woods. Memorials are suggested to the Winderick Alzheimer Care Center at 6050 Hospital Dr., Abilene, TX 79606.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mrs. Linville's online obituary.



Brilla Clements

Mrs. Brilla Rose Clements, 50, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, September 19, 2005 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Stanford December 10, 1954, was a former housekeeper at Rockcastle Hospital and a member of First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon.

Survivors include her mother, Christine Morris of Mt. Vernon and her aunt and uncle, Allene Mize and Earl Mize, both of Mt. Vernon.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clifton Mize and a sister, Betty Jo DeZam.

Funeral services for Ms. Clements were held Wednesday, September 21 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bros. Arthur Hunt and Bruce Ross. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Leo Cole, Jim Earl Hammons, Leo Hopkins, Homer Mize, Donnie Sturgil and Martin VanZant.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mrs. Clements' online obituary.



Beatrice Sigmon

Beatrice Sigmon, 78, of Roundstone died Monday, September 19, 2005 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on April 3, 1927 in McDowell County, West Virginia the daughter of the late William Paul and Alafair Charles Rasnick. She was a home health reporter, enjoyed sewing, cooking, farming, her patients, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are three sons, Billy Mason of Roundstone, and James A. and Tony Mason, both of Mt. Vernon; two step-sons, Billy Gene Sigmon of Brimble Ridge and Jack Sigmon of Burnt Ridge; two daughters, Linda Foster of Callaway and Martha Locke of Lexington; two brothers, Harlos Charles Rasnick of Mechanicsville, Va and Harvey Ray Rasnick of Kent Store, Va; two sisters, Harriet Saltwell of Mar Meadows, Va and Hazel Shulze of Richmond, Va. Seven grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, six great grandchildren, several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and other friends, and relatives also survive.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James C. Mason; her second husband, James Marcus Sigmon; two brothers, Henry and Harrison Rasnick and one sister, Helen Ledford.

Services are at 2 p.m. (today) Thursday, September 22, 2005 at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Billy Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Rimmell Sigmon Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Paul Foster, Thomas Wagner, Mark Sowder, Dustin Lear, Bobby McClure and Terry Edwards Miller.

Honorary pallbearer is Jordan Taylor.

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Rhonda Honeycutt

Rhonda Honeycutt, 42 of Fernandina Beach, FL and formerly of Brodhead, sister of Pam Crews of Brodhead, died Thursday, August 11, 2005 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Ms. Honeycutt was born June 12, 1963 in Richmond, the daughter of Warner and Maud Hammock.

Survivors include two daughters, Rhonda Daley and Amber Honeycutt, both of Fernandina Beach, FL; six sisters, Sheryl Brown and Laniise Lawson, both of Jacksonville, FL; Denis Simmons of Tennessee; Teresa Durham of North Carolina; Gail Litter of Ohio and Pam Crews of Brodhead; seven brothers, Paul of Jacksonville, FL; Rocky of Hollywood, FL; Jimmy of Folkston, GA; Charles Hammock of Gainesville, FL and Darrell and Eddie Hammock of Callahan, FL and many nieces and nephews which include, Jimmy, Daryl and Betsy Shafer and Crystal York, all of Brodhead.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Donnie and Tony Hammock and a sister, Carol Jones.

Arrangements were by Howell and Sons Funeral Home with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery beside her parents.

Bailey Murphy

Bailey L. Murphy, 82, a resident of Tyree Street, Brodhead and formerly of Lancaster, died Thursday, September 15, 2005 at the Christian Care Center of Lancaster.

Mr. Murphy was born September 18, 1922 in Garrard Co., the son of Tommie and Arleigh Matthews Murphy. He was a retired employee of the State Agricultural Department, a member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church, a WWII Navy veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include a son, David Murphy (Betsy) of Bardonia; a daughter, Cynthia Jennings of Lancaster; three stepsons, James Shelton of Charleston, IN and Clarence Shelton and Billy R. Shelton, both of Crab Orchard; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Besides his parents, Mr. Murphy was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Saylor Murphy.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 19 at Ramsey Funeral Home with Rev. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Jerry Murphy, Shawn Jennings, Rodney Sparks, Clarence and Billy Selton and Bob Hammock.

Honorary pallbearers were: Buddy Penor, Steve Mullins, Bernard "Doc" Ray, Dr. Steve Green and Curtis Clark.

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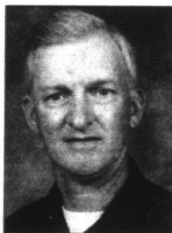
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