

## **HISTORY OF BAXTER SEMINARY, BAXTER, TENNESSEE**

(Herald Newspaper, March, 10, 1910)

Baxter Seminary, a school to be run by the Methodist Church,  
has opened in Baxter.

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For thirty-four years Dr. Harry L. Upperman has served as President of Baxter Seminary, a Methodist coeducational secondary school in the upper Cumberland region of Tennessee. There he has worked since 1923 to train young students not only academically, but socially, vocationally, and spiritually. During this time Baxter's enrollment has increased from about 80 students to over four hundred.

Physical facilities at the school have been vastly improved since the beginning of Dr. Upperman's administration. During his first six years as president, the school was cleared of a \$5,000 debt, a new president's home and guest house was built which released much needed room in the administration building, and 300 acres of land was added to the campus. Also during that period, the student body more than doubled.

Overcrowded conditions caused the school to move into its new three-story brick administration-academic building before it was finished and in 1931, this building, Pfeiffer Hall, was dedicated. With bricks left from its construction, a new trades school was begun, and completed over the next two years. Much work on all the buildings was done by students.

By this time, the old barracks-type boys hall was far out grown and again the trades school boys, under faculty supervision, erected a three-story brick hall for boys.

In 1944 Merner Science Hall was erected to provide more classroom space.

Complete renovation of Ivy Hall for Girls, improvements on the farm, the building of a barn and silo, and new walks about the campus came into being by student labor.

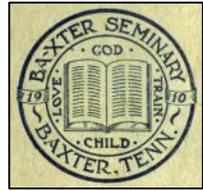
Recently two modern residences have been completed by students, much of the time using materials from dismantled buildings.

The most recently constructed building is a gymnasium, valued at \$70,000, but with use of used materials and student labor costing less than half that much.

During Dr. Upperman's administration more than 10,000 boys and girls have been helped to secure an education, well over \$1,000,000 has been brought to the institution, and the whole Upper Cumberland Area has been aided and improved. Following World War II, over 2,500 veterans were aided in their education, in addition to the regular student body.

Baxter Seminary was founded in 1908, with the Rev. S. F. Ryan as its first president, followed by Rev. Frank S. Ditto. Mr. followed Rev. Ditto as president, and served until Dr. Upperman's election.

"Truth, Honor, Loyalty, and Service" are not only words over the chapel door, but have been the ideals of Dr. Upperman for Baxter Seminary as it challenges students to the best in life.



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The Seminarian, Thirteenth Year of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Tenn.  
A Christian School

Embracing College Preparatory, Accredited High School of the State,  
and other Special Departments, as indicated herein for boys and girls  
1923-1924

Baxter Seminary was founded in the year 1910, by the joint action of the Central Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Board of Education of said church. While it was located by the Conference, that action was endorsed by the Board of Education, and the school is under its direction and control. The majority of the Trustees are elected by the Central Tennessee Conference, but the majority of them must be laymen. The institution is chartered by the State of Tennessee. It is recognized by the state as a Standard Four Year High School.



The first president of the Seminary was the Rev. Samuel F. Ryan, of Allegheny College, who served until June, 1914. He then severed his connection with this institution to become president of the Arkansas Conference College at Siloam Springs, Ark.

The second president was Rev. Frank S. Ditto. He resigned in the spring of 1916, and returned to the pastorate.

The third president was the Rev. Patton Reeve Broyles. During that administration a debt was paid, departments were introduced, and improvements made. Rev. Broyles was called to other work and resigned in 1923.

(Source: **Twelfth Annual Catalog of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN 1922:** The third president is Rev. Patton R. Broyles. He came to Baxter, December 27, 1916. During his administration the hopeless appearing task of paying of the \$4,800 debt was accomplished; faculty increased;

departments of home economics, religious education, and agriculture introduced; much needed improvements made; a unique boy's hall erected.

In 1914 the first class, consisting of eight members was graduated. In 1915 there were two graduates. In 1916, one graduate; in 1922, three graduates. For the first time there were graduates from special courses. To these a certificate was given showing courses completed. There were six from Home Economics, two from Music).

Rev. Harry L. Upperman is the fourth and present president. He has many years of Seminary experience, and having been a student at Dickinson Seminary, after graduation from Syracuse University and travel abroad, became professor of History at Dickinson Seminary, leaving there to come to Baxter Seminary.

### **PROPERTY – GROUNDS**

The Seminary is situated on its own grounds, a beautiful wooded tract of twelve acres on the edge of town. Here is ample room for separate play grounds, abundantly shaded, for both boys and girls, and as means permit they are continually being made more attractive and equipped with apparatus for play. Wells, and a freestone spring supply an abundance of pure drinking water.

Administration Building:

A large, modern school building has been erected, located on the highest point on the campus. It is poured concrete of hollow construction, laid off in "v" shaped joints. This insures a building that will be warm and dry, and practically fireproof, as it is steam heated throughout.

The building has a 96 foot front, and an extreme depth of 75 feet. It is two full stories in height with an eight foot basement under it all, most of the way above the ground. On the first floor are located the dining department, home economics room, agricultural laboratory, science laboratory, commercial department, and large tool and equipment room. On the second floor are located the living rooms for the President and his family, the Seminary office, a large chapel, a library room, three class rooms, and reception room. The entire upper story, except the music room, is given up to dormitory purposes, and will take care of 40 girls. Rooms are steam-heated and electric lighted, and furnished with bedsteads, springs and mattresses, dresser, washstand, study table and chairs.

#### Recent Improvements:

The new building is unique in its design. Perhaps nothing like it in the South. It is erected on the unit plan. Unit "a" is completed. Its extreme length is 152 feet, depth 54 feet, one story high. It contains study hall, rooms furnished with individual cots and beds, and electric lighted, washstand, bureau, study table, in each room. Boys room and study in the dormitory and take meals in the dining hall in the Administration Building.

#### Laboratory:

The Seminary is equipped with a laboratory sufficient to perform all experiments necessary to the courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

**(Source: Twelfth Annual Catalog of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN 1922:** BOARD: Table board and lodging may be secured in the Seminary buildings by students of good deportment at \$12.00 a school month. Good, wholesome food for students will be furnished. It will be chiefly a vegetable and cereal diet. Each student will be required to do on an average one hour's work a day. A student should be trained to work as well as study. The Seminary is the proper place of your boy and girl to board. Students must furnish their own pillows, bed linen, quilts, towels, toilet articles, electric bulbs, etc., care for their own rooms, and provide for their own laundry. Occupants of rooms are responsible for all damages and breakages.)

#### Purpose:

"Instruction is the least part of education." – Bishop Butler.

While with our well-trained teachers, we offer a superior quality of instruction, our purpose is broader. We endeavor to develop all of the student's powers and to make him master of them. We strive always to maintain such influences as will foster the highest patriotic, moral and spiritual ideals. While the Seminary enjoys a liberal patronage by the citizens of Baxter, it is in no sense simply a local school, but its design is to gather out of Middle and West Tennessee and other parts of the country, those choice young men and women who desire such advantages as we offer and help them to equip themselves for leadership.

#### Library:

The old library has been remodeled and has been increased by a large gift of books through the generosity of Major Harry Webb Torrington of New York City. Under direction of faculty and senior class.

#### Graduation and Requirements:

The Academy comprises a course of study for four years. Eighteen units are required for graduation. By a "unit" is meant work in one study for an entire year of thirty-six weeks with five

periods a week. Any one completing any course will be given a diploma of graduation from the Academy stating the course completed. No diploma will be granted, however, to a user of tobacco, or to anyone who has persistently broken the rules of conduct while a student of the Seminary. Not only scholastic, but moral qualifications, are a condition of graduation.

The Seminary offers free tuition for one year to a pupil selected by the church or Sunday school, any denomination, if said church or Sunday school contributes \$25.00 to the Seminary.

The regular high school work tuition is free to students whose residences are in Putnam County.

To the student in the Academic department maintaining the highest scholastic standing during the year, free tuition will be given during the following year, provided said student maintains a standing of at least 90 per cent.

The Seminary also offers free tuition for one year to that student in each county in the territory of the Central Tennessee Conference, who is of good moral character and has passed the final Elementary School examination of the country with the highest scholastic standing as determined by the records in the office of the County Superintendent.

'A Day in School is Worth \$9.02 - - Can you afford to miss school? - - If you attend school, Baxter Seminary is the place for you.

**(Source: Twelfth Annual Catalog of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN 1922):**

#### STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. No student will be retained in Baxter Seminary who persists in using profane or indecent language, or tobacco on the school premises.
2. No student will be retained in boarding hall who uses tobacco or who is disobedient to the rules of the hall.
3. Students boarding in the hall must present a certificate of good morals. Whenever requested a student must furnish a health certificate.
4. No student will be retained in the school who does not try to accomplish the work assigned to him. He must study on evenings.
5. No student will be promoted until he makes a passing grade on the subjects studied.
6. All students must be obedient to the social rules of the school.
7. Students are under the school regulations from date of matriculation until they return home.
8. Visiting outside of boarding hall not allowed. Each student may have parent, brother, or sister for one meal each semester. Twenty-five cents to be paid for all other meals. Visitors will be under same regulations as students.

#### DISCIPLINE:

It is the constant aim to make the discipline of the school firm. Everything is done for the good of the student. The basic principle is "DO RIGHT." This is the basis of self-government. It should be acquired by every student. Respect to the authority of superiors, regard for the wishes of equals, neatness, quietness, and industry are essential characteristics of the scholarly lady or gentleman. So it is taken for granted that boys and girls who are idle and unwilling to conform to the requirements of the school will not place themselves under its care.

The use of obscene or profane language, boisterousness, loafing, drinking intoxicating beverages, and playing cards and games of chance are absolutely forbidden all students.

All students are required to be present at the daily chapel exercise.

All students should dress plainly.

No student boarding in the Seminary buildings may leave the grounds for temporary absence without permission.

Person not occupying rooms in the buildings are forbidden visiting the same except by permission.

Only homes willing to enforce our rules in the above matters will be recommended to students as boarding places, and we reserve the right to remove any student from a boarding place that for any reason proves undesirable, so see the president before securing a boarding place.

Diligence, and strict attention to the legitimate work will be insisted upon, and we reserve the right to dismiss and student at any time whose work is unsatisfactory or whose conduct and influence are objectionable, without bringing formal and specific charge.

Each student making a monthly average above 90 will be excused from final examination.

The school exists to provide superior advantages to the earnest, studious, young men and women of Christian principles who are eager to fill a large place in life. All such will find helpful and congenial surroundings.

Violations of any rule will be demerited. Some offenses are more serious than others, so will receive more than one demerit. A second offense is more serious than the first. When a total of 10 demerits are received the student dismisses himself from the school.

#### RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES:

While the Seminary is under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church it is not sectarian. Students from Christian homes of any denomination are welcomed and made to feel at home. The religious life is looked upon as something to be developed as much as the physical and intellectual life. It is a definite purpose of the faculty to make the impression upon each pupil that "Godliness is profitable unto all things," and to make the religious life seem the only normal life. The English Bible is not taught for sectarian propagandism but for moral uplift. Every student is expected to attend Sunday School and preaching services at the church of his choice and such religious exercises may from time to time be held at the Seminary building.

#### **Source: Twelfth Annual Catalog of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN 1922 Presidents' Report**

In making this, my sixth annual report, I am delighted to report another year of progress. Five years ago the enrollment of the nine months was 298. This year it is 500. Last year it was 436. The enrollment in the first five grades was 234, in the sixth to eighth 174, in the academy 93. Last year the enrollment in the academy was 52 – a gain of 79 per cent. We are justly proud of this wonderful increase.

Of this enrollment of 93 there were 60 boarding students against 33 local. Another important fact is that 21 of these students were from counties outside of Putnam.

The Department of Agriculture was introduced this year. This was made possible through the beneficence of our Board of Education at New York. Prof. I. E. York was the efficient director. Under his direction the trees of the campus proper have been pruned.

The Teacher's Review Course was reorganized and advertised. In this course we enrolled 24 splendid people.

A new departure of the year was the beginning of classes in studies of the first year of high school, after holidays. The experiment was a success

Improvement: A long felt need was a Reception Room. Through the generosity of the Board of Education and the kindness of Dr. Seaton, a donation of \$750.00 was received Dec. 9, 1921, for improvements, with the request that it be made to accomplish as much as possible. This has enabled us to complete the Reception Room, Home Economics Room, Agriculture Room, and paint the outside woodwork of the Administration Building.

The brick veneer has been put around the Boy's Hall and the woodwork painted.

Several appeals for the higher life have been made by various religious leaders. Some of the students responded to the appeal for life service.

Graduates: This year marks a new departure for the institutions. Certificates were given to persons completing the work of special departments.

At the opening of the spring term eighth grade county examinations were given. Earnest Campbell, Carter Clayton, Malcolm Phillips, Thurston Phillips, Earnest Stringfield, Alonzo York and Theodore York passed. At close of school 14 passed from the eighth grade: Misses Pearl Bain, Dorsa Garrison, Lassie Mires, Kathleen Patton, Verna Richardson, Pearl Swallows, Messrs. Howard Coleman, Marvin Flatt, Owen Herrin, Charlie Maxwell, Okla Maxwell, Arnold Medley, John Swallows, Elbert Phillips.

Two young ladies completed the course in Music: Berchia Austin and Willie Hayes.

Six young ladies completed Home Economics: Ota Anderson, Annabell Blessing, Eva Clayton, Carlen West Evans, Willie Hayes, and Lassie Tallant.

Three Christian young ladies graduated from the Seminary. They received the Seminary Diploma, State High School Diploma and a Teacher's Certificate. Two were among the best teachers of Putnam County. One has not taught. All three plan to teach this fall.

We were so badly crowded during the year that we are very anxious for the town to erect its building so as to care for its elementary school.

Again the school years has closed without being in debt for operating expenses.

For health of faculty, students, and the growth of the school we are grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted, PATTON R. BROYLES, President.

### **BAXTER SEMINARY PRESIDENTS**

Samuel F. Ryan  
F. S. Ditto  
Patton R. Broyles (1922-1923)  
Harry L Upperman (1923-1957)  
Paul Barker (1957-1959)

### **BAXTER SEMINARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1909-1910**

R. B. Gentry  
Rev. J. D. Harris (Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN)  
D. T. Maxwell  
J. A. Isbell (Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN)  
Dr. W. E. Sypert (Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN)

### **BAXTER SEMINARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1922-1923**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	
C. W. Clayton, Lawrenceburg, TN	1922	
A. H. Crawford, Baxter, TN	1922	
W. S. Swallows, Baxter, TN	1923	
B. W. Blessing, Baxter, TN	1923	
C. H. Corkran, Washington D. C.	1923	
Henry Puckett, Silver Point, TN	1923	
J. A. Bain, Baxter, TN	1923	
Charles W. Coleman, Baxter, TN	1923	B.S. Principal 1923-1924
A. P. Hayes, Sparta, TN	1923	
Lawrence Grace, Baxter, TN	1924	
Mrs. J. A. Patten, Chattanooga, TN	1924	

The first six of these are the Trustees elected by the Central Tennessee Conference; the other five are elected by the Board of Trustees.

Officers of the Board:

B. W. Blessing	President
W. S. Swallows	Vice President
C. W. Coleman	Secretary
Lawrence Grace	Treasurer

**BAXTER SEMINARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1925-1926**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
C. W. Clayton, Lawrenceburg, TN	1925
A. O. Maggart, Baxter, TN	1925
C. W. Coleman, Baxter, TN	1925
W. S. Swallows, Baxter, TN	1926
Lawrence Grace, Baxter, TN	1926
Mrs. J. A. Patten, Chattanooga, TN	1926
Henry Puckett, Silver Point, TN	1926
B. W. Blessing, Baxter, TN	1927
J. A. Bain, Baxter, TN	1927
William Grover Anderson, Baxter, TN	1927
H. P. Keathley, Baxter, TN	1927

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Officers of the Board:

W. S. Swallows	President
William Grover Anderson	Vice President
C. W. Coleman	Secretary
Lawrence Grace	Treasurer

**Source: Fifteenth Annual Catalog of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN 1924-1925:**

GRADUATES AND FORMER STUDENTS:

Blessings, Annabell	LaFever, Mrs. Albert
Blankenhorn, Fred	Maddux, Mrs. E. H.
Brown, Silas	Mankin, Mrs. Etta
Clayton, Eva	Maxwell, Pennock
Clifton, Willie	Nichols, Electra
Crawford, Leonard	Nichols, Douglas
Crownover, Ella	Petty, Ernest
Dunavin, Frances	Smellage, Mrs. John
Ellis, Mrs. Mary	Tallent, Lassie
Gentry, Lena	Thomas, Mrs. Berchia
Hall, Elizabeth	Winfree, Homer
Harris, Earnest	Winfree, Mrs. Homer
Harris, Ralph	York, Mrs. V. B.
Harris, Willie	Young, Philip
Hogg, Mrs. Joe	Young, Mrs. Philip
Alcorn, Mrs. Thurman	Flatt, Luther
Allison, Harry	Flatt, Calvin
Anderson, Carson	Flatt, Charles
Anderson, Fowler	Fleming, Arkley
Anderson, Nellie	Foster, Jewel
Banks, Joe	Foster, Clarence
Banks, Mrs. Joe	Garrison, W. E.
Bartlett, Preston	Garrison, Clara

Bartlett, Mrs. Preston  
Blankenhorn, Mrs. Gladys  
Bowen, Porter  
Brown, Cecil  
Brown, Ernest  
Brown, Mrs. Dero  
Brown, Mrs. Virgle  
Brown, Opha  
Brown, Opal  
Buckner, George  
Campbell, Ernest  
Carrington, Gorda  
Carrington, Eskel  
Carr, Norma  
Clifton, Kathleen  
Coleman, Roy  
Crawford, Herman  
Crawford, Floyd  
Dalton, Charles  
Davidson, Lola  
Denney, Mrs. Lloyd  
Ditto, Weir  
Ditto, Prudence  
Dozier, Mrs. Ora  
Dunavin, Leonard  
Ensor, Fred  
Ensor, Willie  
Evans, Carlen West

Leftwich, Etta  
Leftwich, Leonard  
Leftwich, Mrs. Leonard  
Love, Jennings  
Love, Alton  
Maddux, Jackie  
Maddux, Compton  
Masters, Eugene  
Masters, Irene  
Maxwell, Mrs. Bonnie  
Maxwell, Eugene  
Maxwell, Mrs. Eugene  
Medley, Mrs. Bonnie  
Medley, Cecil  
Medley, Luther  
Medley, Mrs. Bob  
Mires, Royce  
Moss, Zephie  
Moss, Marine  
Nash, Ethel  
Newman, Henry  
Nichols, Haden  
Nichols, Howard  
Nichols, Jamie  
Nichols, Mrs. Jamie  
Nichols, L. M.  
Oakes, Chalmers  
Parsley, George

Gentry, Howard  
Gentry, Hatton  
Gentry, Luda  
Gibson, Arrington  
Gibson, Gladys  
Gibson, Gertrude  
Haney, Logan  
Harris, Mrs. Thurman  
Jared, Calvert  
**Jernigan, Avo**  
Jernigan, Baxter  
Jones, Jimmy  
Judd, Fowler  
Judd, Cecil  
Keathley, Alonzo  
Keathley, Ethel  
Keathley, Herbert  
LaFever, Luisa  
LaFever, Joe  
LaFever, Clyde  
Hart, Mrs. Marie  
Herrin, Oakley  
Herrin, Orne  
Herrin, Nancy  
Holman, Mrs. Lena  
Huddleston, Loraine  
Hunter, Lloyd  
James, Charlie

Pedigo, Monroe  
Phillips, Thurston  
Phillips, Mrs. Thurston  
Phillips, Malcolm  
Polk, Mrs. L. G.  
Pope, Mrs. R. F.  
Puckett, Luther G.  
Puckett, Mrs. L. G.  
Puckett, DeWitt  
Puckett, Byrd  
Ryan, Etta  
Saddler, Louis  
Smith, Vertie  
Steward, Arthur  
Steward, Grover  
Stringfield, Hazel  
Swallows, Joe  
Swallow, Talmage  
Taylor, Florence  
Terry, Raymond  
Ward, Bulah  
Ward, Edna  
Warren, Mrs. Erma  
Wasson, Wirt  
Watts, Nellie  
Yeamon, Roberta  
York, Ewin  
York, Theodore

The present administration is anxious to get in touch with other graduates and former students whose names are not included in this list.



Pardue, Mary Jane  
Roberts, Anna Faye  
Roberts, Rubey Mae  
Trobaugh, Dorothy C.  
Whitehead, Betty Lou  
Gary Lynn

McHenry, Willie Roy  
McHood, Frank Barrie  
Maddux, James Dallas  
Maddux, Oscar S.  
Martin, Luis Modesto

*Summer School Candidates*

Lowe, Kinerd Davis  
Scott, Angele  
Stubblefield, Roy L.

*Equivalency Diplomas Granted*

Carter, Willis Jr.  
Goggins, Glen F.  
Hassler, Charles W.  
Jones, Coolidge



Dr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Upperman  
Baxter Seminary  
1923-1957

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman  
Faced Challenges and Survived  
Stray Leaves from Putnam County  
By Mary Hopson - pg. 83

On June 23, 1923, Dr. Harry Lee Upperman and his bride came to close Baxter Seminary, which had only a "C" rating and many needs. Dr. and Mrs. Upperman saw the tremendous need for a school in the mountains. They began to envision what it could be if there could be financial backing. The property was valued at \$35,013, with an indebtedness of \$5,000. (When the Uppermans retired well over \$1,000,000 had been brought to Baxter Seminary.) More than 10,000 boys and girls and the whole Cumberland had been aided and improved.

Ivy Hall's cornerstone was laid in 1911 and was finished in 1914. The first building on the campus housed the president, administrative offices, the chapel, library, and classrooms. In the basement were the dining room, kitchen, home economics and the science departments.



Harry Lee Upperman – Born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 23, 1895. Graduate of Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Married to Miss Elma Elizabeth Clark, of Williamsport, PA. Minister and teacher, Pastor for six years in New York state. At present President Baxter Seminary. Rev. Upperman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mason and President Baxter Booster's Club. He traveled and studied abroad in 1922. *Taken from: A History of Putnam County, TN by Walter S. McClain*



Dr Harry Lee & Mrs. Elma Upperman

New Baxter Seminary building fundraiser begins:  
Bob McMillan  
Herald-Citizen Newspaper Staff: Cookeville, TN

Looking back in history, here were some of the happenings in the Cookeville area for the week of April 4-10 as recorded in the pages of the Herald-Citizen:

73 YEARS AGO this week: April 4 -10, 2004

\* More than 150 gathered in the main hall at Baxter Seminary this week for a banquet to kick off a fund drive in which school officials hope to collect \$14,000 in contributions for a new building on the campus.

Dr. Harry Upperman told the crowd that the building will cost \$25,000. He said friends of the school in New York and Chicago have already pledged \$10,000 towards the project. And \$1,000 has already been raised locally.

Now all the 23-year-old school needs to raise is just another \$14,000 for the project, said Upperman (April 9, 1931)

Source: CELEBRATING A HUNDRED YEARS

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

11 February 2003

Way Back When by Bob McMillan

(March 11, 1958) Tennessee Methodist Bishop Roy Short of Nashville has sworn in Dr. Paul Barker as the fifth president of Baxter Seminary after the retirement of Dr. Harry Upperman, the school's longtime leader.

(March 5, 1959) The Putnam School Board has voted to purchase the buildings and grounds of Baxter Seminary for use as a school site in Baxter.



Ethelyn P. Hill – Master Teacher  
 b. 28 August 1894, MI  
 d. 2 January 1990, TN  
 Buried: Crest Lawn Cemetery,  
 Putnam Co., TN

Miss Ethelyn P. Hill joined the Uppermans in 1924, in the survival of the school. Miss Hill left her home in Albion, MI to come to Baxter Seminary to teach high school students foreign languages, particularly Latin, Spanish, some Greek, and Hebrew. She was under the supervision of Dr. Harry Upperman. It was under the sponsorship of the Methodist churches and missionary work. She was there until Dr. Upperman retired in 1957 when she became associated with Deberry Academy until 1964. In all she taught school for 62 years. She was the school Dean. *Stray leaves from Putnam County, Tennessee by Mary Hopson – pg. 83 – Dr. and Mrs. Upperman Faces Challenges and Survived. Photo from the 1942 Highlander Yearbook.*

My father Tim Denny went to Baxter Seminary. He told me he remembered Miss Hill. “She was a strict individual”, he said. “When Miss Hill was teaching herself to drive a car we would watch her with a driving manual in one hand and the wheel of the car in the other. She would be trying to drive and read the manual at the same time. The car would be jumping all over the lot.” *Story told to Audrey June (Denny) Lambert by her father, Tim Denny.*



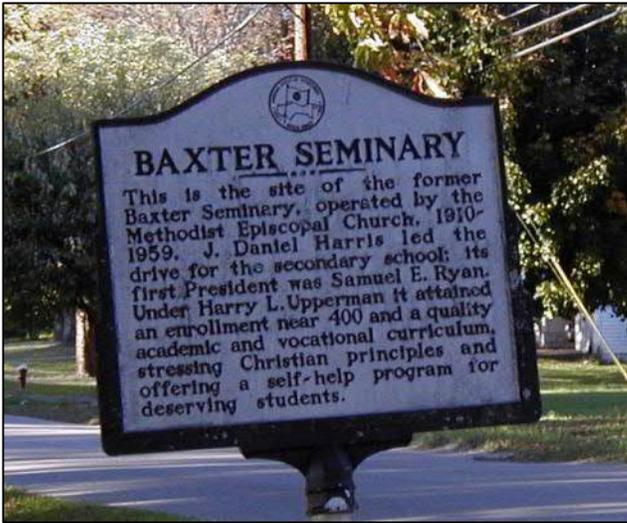
Beta Club - 1942

President:: Mary Sue Starnes  
 Vice-President: Frances Keathley  
 Secretary and Treasurer: Meunice Holden  
 Sponsor: Harold Bates  
 First Row 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left is Miriam Shanks Gwaltney,  
 d/o Luke Alexander Shanks & Dona Florence Boyd.

Sitting on the Steps of Baxter Seminary

L to R: Faculty - standing; Marjorie Kanable; sitting on steps, Ethelyn P. Hill; & Vera Swallows she md Morris Charles Medley.  
 L to R: Children sitting on the steps; unknown female; Tim Denny, s/o Virgil Timothy Denny & Audra Camilla Anderson & unknown male student.

Picture developed by Harding Studio, Cookeville, TN.



**Baxter Seminary**

This is the site of the former Baxter Seminary, operated by the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1910 – 1959. Joseph Daniel Harris led the drive for the secondary school; its first President was Samuel E. Ryan. Under Harry L. Upperman it attained an enrollment near 400 and a quality academic and vocational curriculum, stressing Christian principles and offering a self-help program for deserving students. The new high school is called Upperman High School

371 1st Ave South, Baxter, TN 38544



**Baxter Seminary**

Baxter is located in a beautiful section on the western end of Putnam County. It is bordered by Highway 70 on the north, Interstate 40 on the south, and Highway 56 on the east. The Nashville and Eastern railroad own tracks running right through downtown Baxter. Baxter is only 8 miles west of Cookeville and about 80 miles east of Nashville.



**Basketball Team, 1942 Baxter Seminary**

Coach: Mr. W. D. Prickett

Manager: Taylor Halfacre

Captain: Edison Sells

L : going up: Mr. Prickett, Frank Bartlett, Douglas Overstreet, Tommy D. Holman, Osteen Wallace & S.N. Barr.

Middle: Edison Sells

R: going down: Morgan Sadler, Paul Young, Harold Johnson, Dillon Wallace, Medford Jernigan & Taylor Halfacre.

Picture in the 1942 Highlander Yearbook, Baxter Seminary

**Joseph Daniel Harris**, born in Putnam County, June 28, 1870. Graduate of University of Chattanooga. Married Miss **Martha Anderson** in 1891. After her death, married Miss **Gertrude Gentry** in 1911. Taught school for several years and then prepared for the ministry. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Holston Conference. Rev. Harris has been a leading citizen of Baxter for many years. Founder of Baxter Seminary, Chairman of first board of Trustees and financial agent for four years. Has served as pastor in five states, built sixteen churches and parsonages in Middle Tennessee. At present engaged in evangelistic work. *A History of Putnam County, Tennessee – by Walter S. McClain– pg. 136*

**HARRIS, MARTHA:** Saturday evening, **Mrs. Martha Harris, wife of Presiding Elder J. D. Harris**, departed this bank and shoal of time, bringing the finis of a lingering illness of several months. [Date: 6/30/1910, Vol. VIII, No. 26, Page 7] Putnam County Herald newspaper, Cookeville, TN. Note: **Martha E. Harris**, b. 2\_ November 1873 - d. 25 June 1910 buried in the Baxter Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, located between Baxter Elementary School & Baxter Church of Christ.

# REVIVAL MEETING

“Only through Jesus do we know God, His interest in us, His desire for us, His purpose with us.”

The revival beginning Sunday, March 29, at 11 a. m., at the First Methodist Church of Radford has this object in mind to bring men to God through Jesus Christ.

COME ONE!  
COME ALL!  
You Are Welcome



Dr. Harris is so appreciated in his home county (Putnam County, Tenn.) that the author of the history of the county is devoting a chapter to his church and school work in the county.

His preaching needs no recommendation to those who have heard him.

Dr. Harris' wife will not be present.

## REV. J. D. HARRIS

EVANGELIST OF BAXTER, TENN.

Will do the preaching. You will remember him for the great work he did last year.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MARCH 29, AT 11 A. M.  
METHODIST<sup>92</sup> CHURCH

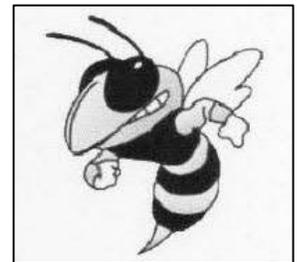
First and Carter Streets

J. M. GAMBILL, Pastor

Radford, Virginia



About Upperman High School  
[http://www.uppermanbees.com/about\\_upperman.htm](http://www.uppermanbees.com/about_upperman.htm)



Upperman High School proudly opened on August 22, 1959, as a tribute and living educational memorial to Dr. Harry Lee Upperman and Baxter Seminary. Dr. Upperman's philosophy of education is still alive and well at Upperman High School today. The trophy case in the front hall is filled with trophies and memories of the school's past academic achievement and success in athletic competition. However, the most important mementos of the past in this trophy case are the four inspirational words above it, the Upperman Motto: "Truth, Honor, Loyalty, Service." These unforgettable words, and all that they have meant throughout our school's history, are a large part of what we are and what we hope to become in the future.

Upperman High School is located in Baxter, Tennessee, near Interstate 40 and Highway 56, and serves the educational needs of the western portion of Putnam County in grades 7-12. Most of the students attending Upperman live in the town of Baxter and the small communities of Boma, Silver Point, Bloomington Springs, Double Springs, and the "8th District" of Putnam County. However, several students from the Cookeville area have also chosen to attend Upperman for various academic and extracurricular reasons.

Baxter is basically a small rural community, three factories are presently located in this area: Weir Enterprises, Leisure Life, and Consolidated Forest. Cultural activities and recreational opportunities are provided by groups and organizations such as: the Baxter Senior Citizens Organization, the Baxter Civic Club, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville Leisure Services, the Cookeville Drama Center, Center Hill Lake, and Burgess Falls State Park. Baxter is located eight miles west of Cookeville, and the industry in Cookeville provides many jobs as well as vocational opportunities. The Cookeville area is growing and changing rapidly, and Baxter will no doubt grow and prosper with the rest of Putnam County.

The population of Baxter is socially and economically diverse. The area has a large number of lower and middle - income families. However, this community is growing rapidly and is also attracting an increasingly large number of highly-trained vocational and technical workers as well as professional and business leaders.

Baxter, Tennessee, might well be best described as a small, rather unique town with a love and respect for history and tradition. The town has a rural background, many churches, and several rather active civic organizations. The citizens of Baxter are striving to build a strong, prosperous community with schools which can provide its students with the best education possible.

1910 Baxter Seminary was granted a charter by the Methodist Episcopal Church on August 18, 1910

1911 The cornerstone of Baxter Seminary was laid on July 4, 1911

1914 The first class graduated from Baxter Seminary

1917 The Putnam County Board of Education designated Baxter Seminary as the county high school for the western part of the county

1923 Dr. Harry Lee Upperman became president of Baxter Seminary.

1923-59 Over 10,000 students from all over the world received an education at Baxter Seminary.

1959 Baxter Seminary was sold to the Putnam County School System for \$200,000.00 on July 30, 1959.

1959 Upperman High School opened with an enrollment of 363 students and Dave C. Huddleston as its first principal on August 22, 1959.

1962 Arnold L. Brown became the second principal of Upperman High.

1969-1970 Southern Association Self-Study and Evaluation finds need for new school facilities.

1973 The Putnam County Court appropriated 2.4 million dollars to build a new school

1975 Construction began on a new school.

1976-1977 Upperman High School moved into its present facility with an increase in enrollment and grade 7-12.

1984 Dr. Harry Lee Upperman, "a great educator, humanitarian, and scholar," died.

1986 Arnold L. Brown retired as principal with a total of 36 years as a loved, respected, and admired educator.

1986-1987 Frank Medley became the third principal of Upperman High. Millis Higgenbotham became the new vice-principal. Upperman had the largest number of "Master Teachers" in Putnam County

1987-1988 Upperman participated in a Southern Association Ten-Year Self-Study and Evaluation. The United States Government Class won the state competition and competed in Washington, D.C.

1990 Upperman became the first high school in Putnam County to actively participate in the "Adopt-A-School" Program by being adopted by Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home.

1991 The Upperman High "Bees" Baseball Team won the Tennessee State Class A Championship and Coach Wayne Shanks was named Coach of the Year.

1993 The Upperman High "Bees" Baseball Team won the Tennessee State Class A Championship again.

1994 Mrs. Marie Swallows, Upperman's first guidance counselor, retired after 42 years of faithful and dedicated service as an educator, counselor, and respected leader. Upperman added three "21st Century Classrooms" and a new 30-unit state of the art computer lab.

1995 Frank Medley retired as principal after 33 years of distinguished service as an admired coach, classroom teacher, vice-principal, and principal at Upperman High School.

1995-1996 Wayne Shanks became the fourth principal of Upperman after an outstanding career at Upperman as a teacher and baseball coach. Lloyd Covington became the new vice-principal. Block Scheduling was introduced with great success.

1996-1997 Upperman opened with an enrollment of 661 students. Many educators and citizens became aware that new and larger facilities were needed for Upperman High School. Upperman's athletic teams had outstanding seasons. The Upperman football team, basketball team, and the girl's softball team each competed in state-level competition. The Upperman Times received the "Herald of Excellence Award" from the Tennessee Press Association for the third straight year. Mrs. Joy McCaleb was named the "Tennessee Journalism Teacher of the Year." Vice Principal Lloyd Covington transferred to Monterey to return to the classroom as a vocational teacher.

1997-1998 Upperman opened with the largest enrollment in the school's history - 776 students. The class of 1998 will be the first senior class to graduate under the state mandated two-pathway high school curriculum. Mr. Jerry Boyd became the new Vice-Principal, and several new faculty

members joined the Upperman staff. A request for new lockers was approved by the Putnam County School Board. The Upperman High Student Council became more actively involved in school activities.

Baxter Seminary and Upperman High School have definitely been a large part of this community's past, present, and future. Dr. Upperman's dream of building a successful school in Baxter has come true. Today, Upperman High School stands as a living monument to all those who have been touched in some way by this wonderful dream.

In the 1924 Baxter Seminary Catalog, Dr. Upperman said, "We endeavor to develop all the student the student's powers and to make him master of them." This great educational endeavor which Dr. Upperman began in 1923 proudly continues at Upperman High School today.

Our 1997 Southern Association Self-Study and Evaluation is an important part of our school's efforts to improve and provide the kind of education, motivation, and inspiration that our students will need in facing the next century. The Upperman Motto of "Truth, Honor, Loyalty, Service," will hopefully give our students strength, courage, and a sense of purpose in facing any problem the future might present.

Source: CELEBRATING A HUNDRED YEARS

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
11 February 2003

As the county began closing one- and two-room schools, more bus transportation was provided for students to attend the consolidated schools. It was also during this decade that free textbooks were provided for high school students.

At the end of the decade, Baxter Seminary was sold to Putnam County for \$200,000. This school was later renamed Upperman High School after Dr. Harry Upperman, who had provided many years of leadership for the school.

Consolidation of rural schools continued throughout the 1960s until the number of schools in the county had been reduced to 17.

In January 2003, Upperman High School in Baxter moved into a new building on the Nashville Highway. And in May 2003, Capshaw students moved into a new structure built behind the main school building that still included those first four rooms built in 1939. The older section has now been torn down, and a newer wing has been renovated.



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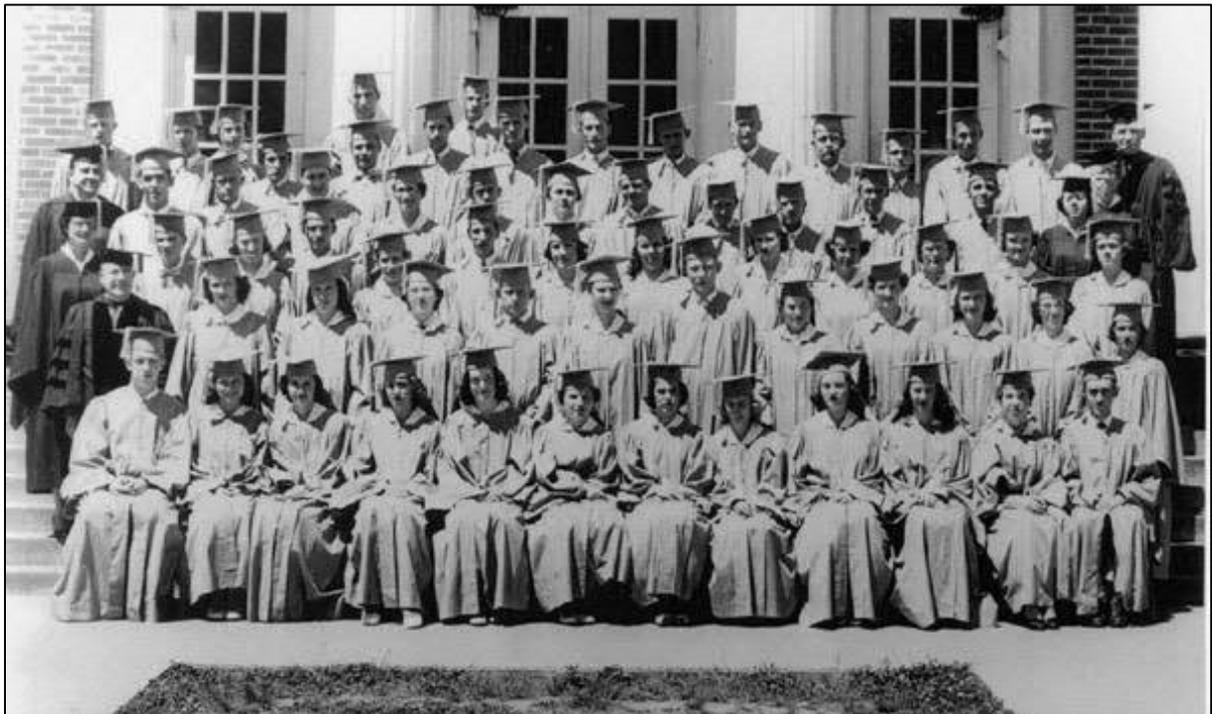
Upperman High Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 222  
Baxter, TN 38544

<http://www.baxterseminary.com/>

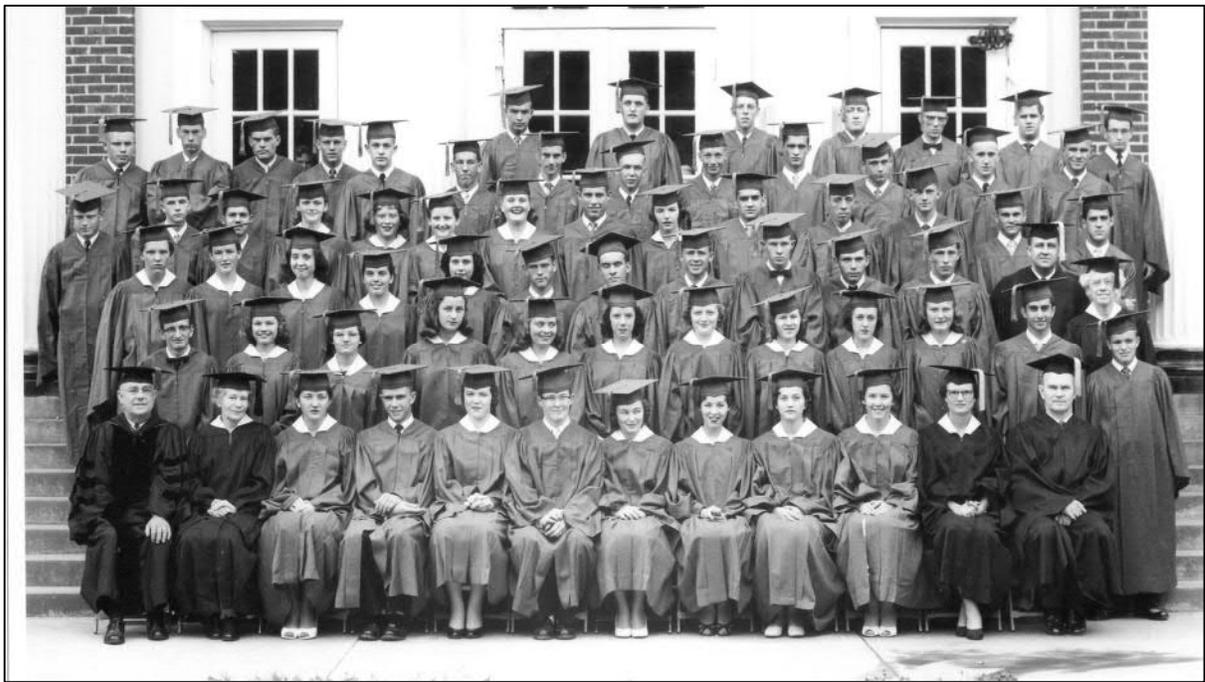


Baxter Seminary Graduating Class of 1949

President of Baxter Seminary Dr. Harry Lee Upperman pictured standing on the first step, 2<sup>nd</sup> row, right in the black robe. 3<sup>rd</sup> row 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right is Jerry Tammer "Gus" Denny and going left from him is Carolyn Shanks Huddleston



Baxter Seminary Graduating Class of 1956  
Hugh Wayne Denny, last student, far right, 1<sup>st</sup> row:  
s/o John Henry Denny & Helen Carr:  
\*See Chapters 4 & 5: <http://www.ajlambert.com>



Baxter Seminary Graduating Class of 1957  
 Dorothy Nell Denny Stout, d/o Tamer Jones "Buck" Denny & Clara Nell Ashburn  
 & Willard Denny, graduating students of 1957.

plement Page 1 BLACK AND GOLD BUZZ May 1958

Members of the Baxter Seminary graduating class of 1958 are pictured below. They are honor students, front row, Robert Williams, Rebecca Denny, Polly Ferrell, Peggy Davis, Mary Frances Haggard, Mary Martha Smith, Sherril Youngblood, Mary Jane Gill, Carolyn Ann Wallace, Bobbie Sue Keith, Marjorie Lafever, and David Dyer. Students in the second row include Mrs. Marie Swallows, sponsor, Helen Herron, Margaret Carr, Ruth Ashburn, Julia Henley, Mable Williams, Sally McArthur, Sue Brewington, Babs Shaffer, Jerry Lokey and Rev. Paul A. Barker, president.

Pictured in the third row are Arnold L. Brown, sponsor, Lilly Meiri Lafever, Dorothy Keith, Lorene Howell, Billie Carolyn Bennett, Geneva Brown, Nancy Maddux, Elizabeth Busby, Joan Newman, Louise Harris and Sue Ford.

Class members in the fourth row are Johnnie Edmunds, Michael Lafever, Anna Faye Lafever, Martha Winchester, Daisy Grogan, Aaron Dyer, Clay Keith, Joe Bruce, Earl Stout, Gene Elrod, June Nash, Katherine Nash and Edgar Gamboa.

Students pictured in the fifth row include Bobby Joe Roberts, Donnell Maxwell, Charles Halfacre, Alvin Mahan, Charles Haller, Finnis Bryant, Bill Smith, Joan Hedgecough, Frances Nash, Roger Gamboa, June Sadler and Larry Hancock.

Graduates pictured in the sixth row are Jimmy Dyer, Jimmy Lafever, Leonard Anderson, Glen Swann, William Haller, Carolyn Thomas, James Watts, Robert Ramsey Mike Craig, Robert Gerard, Billy Meachum, Lowell Allison and David DeLozier.

<http://www.baxterseminary.com/>

\*See for more information and photos.

Upperman wants to show public new home on February 24, 2003  
Mary Jo Denton  
Herald-Citizen Staff – Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

Watching a ball game without being "squished" up in a cramped little gym. Walking into school through a beautiful lobby. Enjoying new books, shiny new furniture, new computer labs in a modern-day library (which these days is called the 'media center'). Hearing compliments on your school from visiting students and teachers from other counties. All these experiences and emotions are being enjoyed at the new Upperman High School in Baxter, a \$20 million project that is now completed and in use.

While the building itself is called the "school," the real school -- the students and teachers -- moved in and made it all complete right after the Christmas holidays. And they are very happy with their new surroundings.

Now, the public is formally invited to drop by and visit at an open house set for next Monday, Feb. 24, at 5 p.m.

It is not the first time the proud new occupants have set an open house, anxious as they are to share their pride with the rest of the community. But each time, winter weather has interfered, and open house had to be put off.

At a recent school board meeting, the latest open house date was set, Feb. 24, and Schools Director Michael Martin commented, "Now if only the weather will cooperate."

During the discussion of what new date to set for the open house, Martin had jokingly said, "It would be good to have open house while the thing is still new."

Some of the awe over the new high school was also reported by Gary Kromer, a representative from the Kaatz, Binkley architect firm, designers of the project.

"A school in an adjoining county came and played a basketball game at Upperman a few weeks ago, and later the director in that county called me and said everybody was talking about the new Upperman High," Kromer said.

The atmosphere at the new school is "so quiet" and pleasant, school secretary Mary Hargis told the Herald-Citizen this morning.

She said, "The students really like the new building, and we just have so much more room. The front and back lobbies are beautiful, with those large columns and tile floors."

She said many Baxter citizens have dropped in to look the new school over, and they have all been impressed.

The open house set for Monday, Feb. 24, is from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, Principal Jerry Boyd said.

Then from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Putnam school board will hold a community forum in the auditorium of the new school.

That forum is on the subject of student achievement and is one of a series the board has set for this school year, each to be held in a different school.

The forum is a chance for board members and Director Martin to listen to the public on issues relating to student achievement.

Board chairman Michael Rodgers has said the public forum sessions help board members learn more about community expectations and priorities for student learning.

The faculty and students of Upperman, the school board, and the Central Office administrators invite all Putnam citizens to the open house and the forum.

Published February 20, 2003 11:45 AM CST

1930 Census – 20th Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN - Baxter Town – Baxter Seminary Lines 1 to 11

Line: 1 Dwl: 105 Family: 106

**Upperman, Harry L.** Head Rents M W 34 Married (26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Methodist Minisiter  
MD VA KY

*(Harry Lee Upperman).*

**Upperman, Elma Clark** Wife F W 30 Married (23 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Instuctor Baxter Seminary  
PA PA PA

*(Elma Elizabeth Clark md Harry L. Upperman).*

**Hill, Evelyn** F W 35 Single Dean Baxter Seminary MI MI MI *(Ethelyn P. Hill).*

**Hartley, Ann** F W 21 Single Bookeeper Baxter Seminary TN TN TN

**Prickett, W.D.** M W 28 Single Teacher Baxter Seminary GA GA AL

**Harris, Ann** F W 25 Single Teacher Baxter Seminary IN KY AL

**Morehead, Mary Ann** F W 24 Single Teacher Baxter Seminary IL TN KY

**McCinley, Evelyn** F W 23 Single Teacher Baxter Seminary IA IA IA

**Gephart, Or,** F W 26 Single ? Baxter Seminary MO IL KY

**Hunt, Phillip C.** M W 27 M (26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Supervisor ? Project OH OH OH

Hunt, Marquerite F W 24 (23 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Teacher Baxter Seminary OH OH OH

**Source:**

**Boundaries**1 Be it further enacted, That the corporation limit of the town of Baxter shall be as follows: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN

<http://www.cityofbaxter.com/information/docs/TownCharter.pdf>

Beginning at the mouth of a branch where it empties into the Mine Lick Creek, being a corner of the **Baxter Seminary** property; thence up said branch No. 84 E. 400 feet to a stake on the south corner of the **W. S. Swallows** residence; thence south 82 ½ E. 1250 feet to the east side of the Baxter and Sparta Road, a the mouth of a lane; thence with said lane N. 75 E. 495 feet to the end of a street; thence with said new street N. 12 W. 900 feet to the corner of **J. A. Harris'** land; thence with said Harris' land N. 620 feet to a lane leading to J. A. Harris' dwelling to the Buffalo Valley Road; thence with said lane on the west side north 22 ½ W. 650 feet to the Buffalo Valley Road in the center of an alley running between **N. A. Shanks** and **G. T. Medlin**; thence with said alley N. 1 ½ W. 343 feet to a stake; thence N. 2 E. 171 feet to a stake, it being the northwest corner of the **P. H. Julian** lot; thence N. 70 E. 386 feet to a stake on the east side of a street; thence with said street S. 1 W. 460 feet to a stake on the north side of the Cookeville and Buffalo Valley Road, it being the southwest corner of the **C. C. Simpson** lot; thence with his south boundary line N. 37 E. 110 feet to a stake; thence N. 78 E. 242 feet to a stake on the east side of a street in **J. A. Isbell's** land; thence with said street N. 1 E. 850 feet to a stake; thence N. 89 W. 343 feet to a stake; thence N. 4 E. 1000 feet to a stake in the right-of-way on the north side of the Tennessee Central Railroad; thence with the north side of the right-of-way S. 57 W. 700 feet to a stake; thence leaving right-of-way and running N. 135 feet to a stake; thence S. 77 W. 814 feet to a stake, it being the southeast corner of the **John Williams** lot; thence N. 1 E. 327 feet to a stake; thence with the north boundary line of said Williams through the lands of **Willie Bradford, J. W. Rush, C. M. Wallace** and **A. R. Judd** N. 89 W. 2,750 feet to a red oak in the northeast corner of the land belonging to **Albert Ellis**; thence N. 83 W. 1,275 feet to a stake on the west side of Baxter and Carthage highway; thence with the west side of said highway S. 23 E. 40 feet to the corner of **Homer Winfree's** farm, **D. B. Boyd's** garden fence; thence S. 40 W. 200 feet to a stake; thence west of the turnpike 266 feet and running parallel with turnpike 266 feet and running parallel with turnpike S. 25 E. 400 feet to a stake; thence S. 44 E. 500 feet to a stake; thence 51

E.. 630 feet to a stake; thence S. 4 W. 395 feet to a stake in the west boundary line of **Petway Nichols** tract; thence S. 4 W. 1,100 feet to a stake in the north boundary line of the J. M. Bounds tract; thence S. 29 W. 974 feet to a stake north of **W. A. Beatty's** residence; thence S. 18 1/2 E., crossing the center of railroad at 486 feet and 1,243 feet west of the 82nd mile post 1,180 feet to a **W. B. Clevenger's** southwest corner north of the Cookeville and Buffalo Valley Road; thence on the north side of the road with **W. B. Clevenger's** south boundary line N. 56 E. 400 feet to a stake; thence N. 65 E. 860 feet to a stake; thence N. 25 E. 508 feet to a stake near the mouth of a small branch, the beginning. (Ch. No. 35, art. 111, pr. acts 1915, ch. 653, sees. 1, 2, pr. acts 1917 as amended by ch. No. 282, sec. 1, pr. acts 1949.)

### **Baxter Seminary (Historical Sign)**

1st Ave, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN 38544

Operated by the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1910-1959

Samuel E Ryan was first President

Harry L Upperman was President during peak years

Enrollment peaked at about 400 students

**Source:** Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN - Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for the **Rev Dow Allison Ensor**, 75 well known Methodist minister of this section who died at his home last Wednesday afternoon. A native of Putnam Co. the Rev. Ensor had been a minister for 53 years, holding pastorates at Donelson, Wartrace, Hartsville, Monterey, Gainesboro and other towns. Retired in recent years he had made his home in Cookeville and continued to fill the pulpit in churches in this section. He has probably officiated at more funerals than any other minister in this area of Tennessee often holding two services in one day. Services were held at the First Methodist Church at 2:00 PM with **Dr. Harry L. Upperman**, president of Baxter Seminary, in charge assisted by the Rev. Thornton Fowler, Pastor. Member of his Sunday School Class of the Cookeville Methodist Church served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in the City Cemetery. The Rev Ensor was the son of the late Jonathan L. and Sarah Evans Ensor. Ordained to preach at the age of 22, the Rev Ensor was a member of a family of ministers. He has two brothers, Simon Ensor of Springfield and John O. Ensor of Sikeston, MO and a brother-in-law, the Rev O. P. Gentry of Smyrna, all of whom are now retired Methodist ministers. He was a Mason and kept his affiliation with the Masonic Lodge in Donelson. Survivors in addition to his wife who before her marriage was Miss Lizzie Rash and two brothers include a son, Allison Ensor of Cookeville, two daughters, Miss Fanie Ensor of Cookeville, and Mrs. Brice Stone of Washington DC; three grandchildren, Allison Ensor Jr. of Cookeville, Douglas Stone and Miss Barbara Stone of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Allison of Cookeville; his step-mother, Mrs. Almeda Ensor of Baxter, four half-sisters, Mrs. O P Gentry of Smyrna, Mrs. Oliver Maxwell, Mrs. Burch Gentry, and Miss Ida Ensor of Baxter; three half-brothers, Sam Wirt Ensor of Detroit, Mich., Jim, Robert, and Charles Ensor.

**Source:** Oak Ridge Newspaper: 6 July 1998:

**Johnnie Reba Smellage**, 72, of Oak Ridge, died Friday, July 3, 1998, at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Retired special services librarian

She was the daughter of **John and Ota Anderson Smellage** of Putnam County.

Miss Smellage was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary High School** and Tennessee Technological University and held a master's degree in library science from Peabody/Vanderbilt University. She received many academic awards and honors in school but, according to her family, she was most proud of the "Outstanding Graduate Award" she received at Peabody/Vanderbilt.

**She taught English at Baxter Seminary** and served as librarian in Pekin, Ill., before going to Germany as a U.S. Army Special Services librarian. Miss Smellage worked in Germany for 20

years, and her home reflected her extensive travels throughout Europe and the Far East, as did the homes of her four sisters, her sisters said.

She was an avid and fast reader and retained almost all that she read, family members said, adding that she could converse intelligently on almost any topic one cared to mention. She was a frequent book reviewer for the Oak Ridge Woman's Club.

She was very close to her Philathea Sunday School Class, members of First Baptist Church, who provided transportation to a dialysis clinic for six years. She also had many special friends.

She is survived by four sisters: Frances Neal and husband Bob of Oak Ridge, Polly Holmes and husband Ken of Memphis; Bettie Koerber and husband Joe of Attica, Mich.; Wanda Stewart and husband Albert of Fortville, Ind. A brother died earlier. She is survived by seven nephews and four nieces whom she adored, her sisters said. Her seven great-nieces and great-nephews loved her story-telling ability.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Larry Dipboye officiating. A short service and burial will be held at 3 p.m. at the Smellage Cemetery in Putnam County.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight, July 6, at Weatherford Mortuary.

The family requests any memorials be in the form of donations to the library of First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, where she was church librarian for many years.

**Claude Willard Herren**, age 86, a resident of Manchester, TN passed away Sunday, April 27, 2003 evening at his residence. He was born July 20, 1916 in Putnam County, TN the son of the late Verbel Herren and Laura J.Sweet Herren. He attended Thomas Grade School in the 8th District of Putnam County and **graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1935**. He married Kathryn Stancheck April 29, 1950. Prior to retiring to TN in 1974 to become a farmer, Mr. Herren resided in Southern California for 32 years where he was the general manager for a large electrical company. He is a United States Navy veteran having served during World War II 1943-1945. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three sisters, Etha Jones of Manchester, Reba Jones of California and Zel Kozak of California.

Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Kathryn M. Herren of Manchester, a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Sherry Redasky of Tuscon, AZ, two grandchildren, Jim Redasky of Tuscon, AZ and John Redasky of Yucaipa, CA. Also surviving is a brother, Winnell Herren of Lewisburg, TN and three sisters, Jo Bell of Holderville, OK, Florene Tucker Crawley of Manchester and Faye Brindley of Cookeville and several nieces and nephews.

Burial will follow services at Judd Cemetery in Baxter, TN at 1:30 P.M. Brother Ken Chambers will officiate services.

**Source:**The Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University, is a way for the education profession to honor those who have made exemplary contributions to the field. The Hall of Fame celebrates educators who have made a difference in the lives of their students, in their communities, and in their professionThe Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~colleduc/tn-hall.htm>

**Hannah Hughes Hall**, Baxter, TN

Hannah H. Hall was educated at Baxter Grammar School, **Baxter Seminary**, University of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee State, and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. During her forty-four year teaching career, she served in the Putnam County School System as a teacher and the Upper Cumberland District as a WPA supervisor. Ms. Hall has participated in civic clubs such as: Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, International Thespian Society,

Polyhumanian Literary Society, AAUW, Community Theater Group, PTA/PTO, DAR, Retired Teachers Association, and many Senior Citizens groups. She has received many honors and recognition certificates in recognition of her good works.

**FRANK GARLAND<sup>11</sup> JONES**, (John Mitchell<sup>10</sup>, Isaac Sherman<sup>9</sup>, George Sullivan<sup>8</sup>, John R.<sup>7</sup>, Prettyman<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>A-1</sup>), b 26 Feb 1923 DeKalb Co., TN d 1 Oct 2000 DeKalb Co., TN m 12 Feb 1941 DeKalb Co., TN (div) Pauline Mullican b 14 May 1924 DeKalb Co., TN d 14 May 1968 DeKalb Co., TN dau of Homer Rozias Mullican and Mary Elizabeth Conley m<sup>2nd</sup> #1643 6 May 1947 (div) Florence Clemons b 17 Apr 1918 Putnam Co., TN dau of Bradley General Clemons and Susie Frances Foster m<sup>3rd</sup> 15 Apr 1976 Nashville, TN Elizabeth Turner b 7 July 1931 Lincoln Co., TN dau of Albert Turner and Willie Mae Lyons. He attended Laurel Hill Elementary a one teacher school on Wolf Creek. He also attended DeKalb County High School in Smithville, TN, and then **attended Baxter Seminary in Baxter, TN.**

**At Baxter Seminary he was a starting end on the football team.** At the age of 20 he purchased a truck and hauled cattle, etc for people. He worked on the construction of the atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge. He was also employed in Detroit, Michigan. On 2 January 1950 he was employed by Memphis Light and Gas Company in Memphis, TN, and after 25 years he retired. Later he trained bus drivers for Metropolitan School Board in Nashville, TN. Later he worked for Gray Lines as driver taking people on tours all across the country. After his retirement from Gray Lines he moved back to the family farm on Wolf Creek, DeKalb Co., TN. Child:29

+ 1916. (i) DORRIS MITCHELL<sup>12</sup> JONES b m Cecilia Violet McKenzie m Michelle Barrientoes Canon.

<http://www.dmitchelljones.org/>

#### **Anna Mai Smith Obt.**

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
29 May 2004

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Anna Mai Smith, 90, of Silver Point will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Friday, May 28, 2004, at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born June 7, 1913, in Silver Point to the late Will J. and Mary Ceva Watkins Julian. Mrs. Smith was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary** and Tennessee Technological University. She was a **retired school teacher, having taught over 30 years at Buffalo Valley, Boma, Silver Point and Baxter Elementary Schools.** She attended the Silver Point Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter, Mary Snowden of Lebanon; two sons and a daughter-in-law: William (Bill) T. Anita Smith, and James (Jim) W. Smith, all of Silver Point; four grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law: Lionel Smith, Phillip and Daka Smith, and Forest and Susan Smith; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Lorna and Shea Lee; three great-grandchildren: Danika and Colton Smith, and Elliott Lee.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Lionel D. Smith; two sisters: Carolyn Julian and Lois Alcorn; three brothers: Earl, Will and Lloyd Julian; and a granddaughter, Ann Snowden.

Active pallbearers will be Lionel, Phillip and Forest Smith, Shea Lee, Clyde Clemons, Byrd Clemons, Jr., Brian Sears, John Tom Alcorn, and Gerald Julian.

Honorary pallbearers will be all former teachers who worked with Mrs. Smith, and former students, Danika and Colton Smith and Elliott Lee.

Bro. Johnny Fox and Bro. Don Chaffin will officiate at the services.

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Gathering during the recent 50th reunion of the Baxter Seminary class of 1954 are, seated, from left, Ruby Phillips Steward, Elinor Maxwell Garner, Nancy Maxwell Markham, Treva Stout Carter, Lucille Jared Kessier, Gail Murphree Pinegar, Jackie Parrish Maxwell, and Nelda Ashburn Hurst, and, standing, Jimmie Nell Russell Hern, Peggy Keith Stout, Joe Nichols, Betty Leftwich Huddleston, Roy Jared, Pauline Taylor Neill, Ervin Herd, Minnie Montgomery Sczpch, Jimmy Medley, Charles Spears, Letha Allison Mansell, Eddie Palmer, Joe Goolsby, Glen Goggins, Bill Cunningham, Clarence Huddleston Jr., Horace Maxwell, Frank Moore, Helen Mahan Sparks, and Clare Nell Ashburn Thomas.

### **Baxter Seminary Class of '54 gathers to reminisce the old days...**

April 30 was a travel back in time for the 1954 classmates of Baxter Seminary. With the vision of Nancy Markham and her classmates, the trip began about two years ago, when their goal was to get every former students to attend this event.

A total of 51 attended, including 30 classmates and one teacher. The reunion was held at Cornerstone Middle School, former site of Baxter Seminary. Tables were laden with black and gold the bee mascot. Markham painted center pieces of gold honey pots trimmed in black ribbons and decorated with bees. She also created a computerized calendar with the 1954 class photo, showing 1954 and 2004 calendars for each class member.

Elinor Garner made a "newsbook" for each person, complete with school pictures and biographies of each classmate, a memorial board with photos of the deceased class members, mortar boards with programs inserted for each place setting and name tags with photos. Bill Cunningham provided black and gold ribbons stamped with bees and '50th Reunion' to be attached to the name tags and wooden stands for the center-pieces. A video of high school days and ensuring years were done by Ervin Herd. He, along with Horace and Jackie Maxwell, all for California, traveled the greatest distance to the reunion. Other states represented were Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Texas and Michigan.

A note of nostalgia, the 1954 senior play was "Cheaper by the Dozen," and 50 years later, it is playing at the local theater. At the end of the program, Glenn Goggins officiated a memorial service for the deceased members with the tolling of the bell after each name was mentioned.

The 1954 class, with Ervin Herd as master of ceremonies, was honored along with the graduating class of 1979 at Upperman High School, at the May 1 Baxter Seminary/Upperman High School Reunion.

**FRANK GARLAND<sup>11</sup> JONES**, (John Mitchell<sup>10</sup>, Isaac Sherman<sup>9</sup>, George Sullivan<sup>8</sup>, John R.7, Prettyman<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>A-1</sup>), b 26 Feb 1923 DeKalb Co., TN d 1 Oct 2000 DeKalb Co., TN m 12 Feb 1941 DeKalb Co., TN (div) Pauline Mullican b 14 May 1924 DeKalb Co., TN d 14 May 1968 DeKalb Co., TN dau of Homer Rozias Mullican and Mary Elizabeth Conley m<sup>2nd</sup> #1643 6 May 1947 (div) Florence Clemons b 17 Apr 1918 Putnam Co., TN dau of Bradley General Clemons and Susie Frances Foster m<sup>3rd</sup> 15 Apr 1976 Nashville, TN Elizabeth Turner b 7 July 1931 Lincoln Co., TN dau of Albert Turner and Willie Mae Lyons. He attended Laurel Hill Elementary a one teacher school on Wolf Creek. He also attended DeKalb County High School in Smithville, TN, and then **attended Baxter Seminary in Baxter, TN.**

At Baxter Seminary he was a starting end on the football team. At the age of 20 he purchased a truck and hauled cattle, etc for people. He worked on the construction of the atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge. He was also employed in Detroit, Michigan. On 2 January 1950 he was employed by Memphis Light and Gas Company in Memphis, TN, and after 25 years he retired. Later he trained bus drivers for Metropolitan School Board in Nashville, TN. Later he worked for Gray Lines as driver taking people on tours all across the country. After his retirement from Gray Lines he moved back to the family farm on Wolf Creek, DeKalb Co., TN. Child: 29 + 1916. (i) DORRIS MITCHELL<sup>12</sup> JONES b m Cecilia Violet McKenzie m Michelle Barrientos Canon.

### **Baxter Seminary groundbreaking re-enactment this week**

Bob McMillan

Herald-Citizen Staff: 30 August 2004

Looking back in history, here were some of the happenings in the Cookeville area for the week of August 22-28 2004 as recorded in the pages of the Herald-Citizen:

73 YEARS AGO this week:

Twenty-one years ago, 200 young men got behind a plow and pulled it to break ground for the administration building of what became **Baxter Seminary**. This week at the school, 300 Baxter grammar school students reenacted the event. They pulled a plow to outline the foundation for a new academic building for **Baxter Seminary**, which many of them will attend in a few years. Hundreds gathered to watch the groundbreaking. (Aug. 22, 1931)

BIBLE WHICH BELONGED TO MAN WHO GAVE  
HIS LIFE TO SAVE HIS SISTER WHEN THE  
TITANIC SANK,  
NOW IS IN BAXTER SEMINARY LIBRARY  
By Albert W. Brogdon  
Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN  
Thursday, April 11, 1940

As far as is known, the only Bible saved from the Titanic when the great liner sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean 28 years ago Sunday, on Sunday night, April 14, 1912, which was owned by a man who gave his life that his sister might be saved, is now in the library of Baxter Seminary.

The Bible was owned by the **Rev. R. J. Bateman**, a Wesleyan minister of near Birmingham, England, who was on his way to this country to live. Mr. Bateman carried his Bible, which was an unusual book, when he took passage on the ill-fated Titanic. The book is "The Emphatic Diaglott, containing the original Greek text of the New Testament with an interlinary word for word English translation based on the interlinary translation, on the rendering of eminent critics, and on the various readings of the Vatican manuscript in the Vatican library."

The minister may have been reading from his Testament at 11:40 p.m. on that fateful Sunday night or may have already read a few passages of Scripture and retired. It is not known what may have transpired in his cabin before the giant ship struck an iceberg, but his Bible was not far from his hand, for when the passengers were summoned on deck after the collision, he carried the book with him.

A sister of the minister, a **Mrs. Wells** of Overlea, MD, who had been to England on a visit, was returning home aboard the ship. In the ensuing panic the man became separated from his sister, whom he thought had been placed in a life boat. He subsequently found a seat in a lifeboat which was ready to be rowed away from the doomed vessel when he looked back and saw his sister still aboard.

He insisted on being allowed to exchange places with her, and as he helped her into the boat, gave the Bible to her. Mrs. Wells was saved, but her heroic brother and 1,517 others went down with the ship as the band played "Nearer My God to Thee."

**Dr. Upperman** was told the story and was given the book by Bateman's wife, who later came to Baltimore to live. She presented the book to him during her last illness and had him sit by her bedside and pen the following inscription on the flyleaf of the Bible:

"To **Harry L. Upperman**, a gift from Mrs. Bateman as a remembrance of her husband who got up out of a rowboat as the Titanic was sinking, and gave that seat to his sister, who he thought was in another boat, but who had really been left on the Titanic. Mr. Bateman got back on the Titanic and lost his life as the boat sunk."

"The drama, as I see it," Dr. Upperman declared, "was in that man, who, in the darkness of the night, knew that if he got back on that boat, he would die."

By a strange coincidence, Dr. Upperman will preach in a Baltimore church on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, and has announced his intention of reading his text from the historic Testament.

\*See Titanic & the Bateman Bible: History file: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN, 12 March 1935

Baxter Seminary has a lot of friends around the country. That became evident after Dr. Harry Upperman, head of Baxter Seminary, went on a trip to Milwaukee this week to get a truck given to the school by a supporter.

On the drive back, Upperman made several stops along the way to pick up a diversity of items offered by other supporters of western Putnam County's church-sponsored high school.

Packed in and lashed onto the truck when Upperman rolled into Baxter were lab supplies, electrical equipment, a piano, a radio, 61,000 envelopes, a collection of other stationery, and parts for a printing press.

Upperman, at the end of the three-day, 650-mile trip, said a man in Nashville offered the school a load of hay too, but Upperman said he didn't swing that far west on the trip home.

Feature in the section 'Way Back When,' Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Sunday, 6 March 2005 – page B-3.

Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN, 8 October 1935:

Several hundred students, faculty and supporters of Baxter Seminary stood around a large wire basket in front of Ivy Hall one day this week as dusk gathered and marked the end of a 25-year struggle for the school.

The basket was full of tiny scraps of paper, what had the day before been \$150,000 worth of mortgages and bank notes on the school. Now, they were being used to feed a fire. The crowd cheered as the presidents of each class of the school dropped bits of paper into the flames, lighting the night.

It's the Depression, and the fact that the school was able to pay off its notes is considered something of a miracle. The school's enrollment and revenue has been down in recent years.

But gifts from former students and friends, as well as the ingenuity of the school's founder and president, Dr. Harry Upperman, kept the school afloat.

Upperman told the crowd this week that the school is now taking on a new struggle – findings ways to stay out of debt.



Upperman class of '64 reunites: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN, Monday, December 20, 2004:

The Upperman High School class of 1964 recently met for a 40-year reunion at Southern Hills Golf Course. In front, from left, are, Patsy Denny Smith, Margaret Brown Webb, Mable Maynard Willoughby, Carole Parker Brown, Cheryl Garrison Rodgers, Charlene Fields Crawford, Judy Lafever Simpson and Joann Anderson Martin; and in middle, McArthur Mahan, Betty Bryant Rendon, Leva Nash Flatt, Trudy Swoape Wheeler, Laura Hall Jackson, Sina Mahan Pinkerton, Judy Lowe Low, Laura Nunally Bilbrey, Fred Shanks, Ronnie Henley, Tommy Thomas and Phillip Godsey; and in back, Eureva Elmore, Joe Mills, William Trobaugh, Richard Goff, Terry Huddleston, Roger Phillips, Jackie Wilson, John Martin, Jerry Crawford, J.C. Kelly and Lynn Anderson.

**Miss Ethelyn Pauline Hill Obt.**

Herald -Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN  
3 January 1990, pg. 7

BLOOMINGTON SPRINGS: Funeral services for Ethelyn P. Hill, 95, will be held Thursday, January 4, at 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Baxter where she will lie in state one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Crestlawn Cemetery.

Miss Hill died at Cookeville General Hospital January 2, 1990.

Born August 28, 1894 in Shiawasse County, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late herbert and Idell Chapman Hill.

She attended high school in Owasso, Michigan, and graduated from Albion College in Michigan, in 1922.

She started her teaching career in 1922 at Onaway, Michigan. In 1924, Dr. Harry Lee Upperman, president of **Baxter Seminary** offered her a position as dean and classroom teacher at the Seminary which she held until her retirement in 1959.

Her summer vacations were spent in centers of higher learning, studying Bible in Israel, library science and Latin at Peabody College and taking refresher courses in various disciplines. Through the years, she served as librarian and teacher of Bible, French, Spanish, German, Latin, English, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, algebra and general science. After retiring from the Tennessee public school system, she started classroom teaching the same year at Junior Military Academy, later DeBerry Academy in Bloomington Springs where she retired in 1984. Her teaching career extended over a period of 62 consecutive years.

Until her health declined, she was an active member of the Baxter United Methodist Church, teaching Bible classes and participating in the Women's Missions activities. She maintained membership in the American Association of University Women, National Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, Putnam County Education Association, and the Putnam County Retired Teachers Association.

Her family includes one sister, Viva Park of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Louella Crewdson and two brothers, Orlo and Irving Hill.

Active pallbearers will be Charles Nunally, Dan Maxwell, Arnold Brown, Max Blankenship, Bill Jones, Jr., J. T. Jones, Jeff Stout, and Rex Hitchcock.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dorothy Nell Swallows, Mae Phillips, Ophelia Sliger, Ruth Blankenship, Juanita Waller, Virginia Smith, and Nell Bain.

Dr. Richard Diemer and Bro. Paul Fox will officiate at the services.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Dr. Harry Lee Upperman Obt.**

HARRY L. UPPERMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF SEMINARY, DIES:

Services for Dr. Harry Lee Upperman, 88, former president of **Baxter Seminary** in Putnam County, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 29, 1984, at Belle Meade United Methodist Church.

The body will be taken to Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home in Cookeville for visitation and services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Baxter United Methodist Church in Baxter.

Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.

The body is at Roesch-Patton Dorris and Charlton Funeral Home, where Masonic services are scheduled for 7 p.m. today.

Dr. Upperman died Sunday night at his home in Park Manor, 115 Woodmont Blvd. He was hospitalized with pneumonia in December and had a recurrence.

He was president of the Methodist Church-supported secondary school in Baxter from 1923 until his retirement in 1957. After his retirement, the school, then a part of the Putnam County public school system, was re-named Upperman High School.

A native of Baltimore, Dr. Upperman graduated from Dickinson Seminary and Junior College in Williamsport, PA, where he entered the ministry in 1915. While in college, he pastored several churches in Pennsylvania and New York. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University. Both alumni. In 1929, he received a doctor of divinity degree from Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Dr. Upperman was twice president of the Midsouth Association of Private Schools, was president of the Middle Tennessee Principals Association and twice was president of the Putnam County Teachers Association.

He served as secretary of the Methodist Church's Central Tennessee Conference and its successor, the Tennessee Conference, from 1924 to 1944. He was a delegate to the quadrennial Methodist General Conference five times during the period 1928 to 1944.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar and Al Menah Shrine Temple, holding offices in each.

#### **Mrs. Elma Clark Upperman Obt.**

January 10, 1987 at her residence. She has no immediate survivors.

Remains are at the Broadway Chapel of Roesch Patton Dorris and Charlton where services will be conducted 1:00 p.m., Monday with Dr. Bill Starnes and Rev. Fred Blankenship officiating. Active pallbearers: Dr. Robert Fesmire, Herbert Ward, H. M. Marlowe, Bill Wade, David Sliger, S. G. Weller. Honorary pallbearers: Her boys and girls from **Baxter Seminary**.

Remains will then be conveyed to the Baxter Chapel of Whitson Funeral Home, Baxter, Tennessee, where funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday by Dr. Bill Starnes and Rev. Ernest Cashdollar. Interment Odd Fellows Cemetery, Baxter. Memorial gifts may be made to the Upperman scholarship fund at Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, or Baxter Seminary Alumni scholarship fund at Upperman High in Baxter.

(Article by J. B. Leftwich, "Nashville Eye" column, *The Tennessean*, January 1987). Mr. Leftwich, before his retirement, was *The Tennessean's* state correspondent in Lebanon, Tennessee.

We gathered recently to bury Elma Clark Upperman, 87, retired teacher, widow of Dr. Harry L. Upperman, who was president of Baxter Seminary, homemaker, and member of the United Methodist Church.

That's about all you would know about her if you wrote a news story about her life and death. Of course, you could use more words - - you could pad the story - - but when you finished, the substance would be about the same. The number of organizations she served, the length of her tenure at the now defunct Baxter school, and the college degrees she earned are not the fiber and thread of her life. The things you do not write in an obituary are the things that made an enduring impact on her community and more especially on the graduates of Baxter Seminary.

Elma Clark Upperman was a cultural shock wave, and those of us who were swept to another plateau by her energy and persuasion, found our lives forever altered and enriched.

Think of the 13-year-old boy from rural Putnam County who had never listened to a bar of classical music, who thought literature was authored by Zane Grey and whose concept of art was limited to mountains, sunsets and streams.

Imagine the boy in the home of Mrs. Upperman, surrounded by shelves overflowing with books, classical recordings, paintings of significance and conversations about ideas instead of things. It was heavy stuff for an adolescent who found himself being talked *to*, instead of *down to*.

Mrs. Upperman encouraged us to foster great expectations, to believe in ourselves, to overcome, disappointment and to meet challenges. She was never surprised when we surprised ourselves by conquering our fears and subduing our inadequacies. She measured our success by our development of our own potential, not by the comparison with others. Though not on a grand scale - - after all, we were not students at Harvard or Yale - - succeed we did. We became preachers and teachers, doctors and lawyers, farmers and politicians, engineers and businessmen, designers and planners, employers and employees.

But more importantly, the graduates of Baxter Seminary became responsible citizens, and this pleased Mrs. Upperman. She was an encyclopedia, the ultimate source of the deeds of her boys and girls. She loved to boast of the achievements of "my children," and she was just as proud of a good corporal as of a good general. She maintained an interest in her grandchildren, the sons and daughters of the boys and girls of Baxter Seminary.

The boys wanted to write and, despite his humble efforts and poor sentence structure, she said she was sure he could learn. Others wanted to become physicians, and despite their limitations, they became physicians. And some wanted to become engineers, and they became engineers. And she was proud of them all!

And so her boys and girls buried Elma Clark Upperman in a cemetery beside her husband who died in 1984. Their graves are not far from the campus of Baxter Seminary which folded soon after their retirement in 1957. The school there now is Upperman High School.

One of her boys, the Rev. Bill Starnes, pastor of Woodbine Methodist Church in Nashville, preached her funeral. He quoted Robert Louis Stevenson who wrote of the lamplighter "knocking holes in the darkness."

Truly, Elma Clark Upperman knocked holes in the darkness.

So we stand silent, having lost so soon  
The best of us, the high and silver flute;  
The loveliest voice of all our times is  
Mute.

By Robert Nathan,  
Author of "A Cedar Box,"  
"For Elinor Wylie"

&  
"The Road of Ages"

**Rev. Dow Allison Ensor Obt.**

Herald - Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for the **Rev Dow Allison Ensor**, 75 well known Methodist minister of this section who died at his home last Wednesday afternoon. A native of Putnam Co. the Rev. Ensor had been a minister for 53 years, holding pastorates at Donelson, Wartrace, Hartsville, Monterey, Gainesboro and other towns. Retired in recent years he had made his home in Cookeville and continued to fill the pulpit in churches in this section. He has probably officiated at more funerals than any other minister in this area of Tennessee often holding two services in one day. **Services were held at the First Methodist Church at 2:00 PM with Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, in charge assisted by the Rev. Thornton Fowler, Pastor.** Member of his Sunday School Class of the Cookeville Methodist Church served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in the City Cemetery. The Rev Ensor was the **son of the late Jonathan L. and Sarah Evans Ensor**. Ordained to preach at the age of 22, the Rev Ensor was a member of a family of ministers. He has two brothers, Simon Ensor of Springfield and John O. Ensor of Sikeston, MO and a brother-in-law, the Rev O. P. Gentry of Smyrna, all of whom are now retired Methodist ministers. He was a Mason and kept his affiliation with the Masonic Lodge in Donelson. Survivors in addition to his wife who before her marriage was Miss **Lizzie Rash** and two brothers include a son, Allison Ensor of Cookeville, two daughters, Miss Fanie Ensor of Cookeville, and Mrs. Brice Stone of Washington DC; three grandchildren, Allison Ensor Jr. of Cookeville, Douglas Stone and Miss Barbara Stone of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Allison of Cookeville; his step-mother, Mrs. Almeda Ensor of Baxter, four half-sisters, Mrs. O P Gentry of Smyrna, Mrs. Oliver Maxwell, Mrs. Burch Gentry, and Miss Ida Ensor of Baxter; three half-brothers, Sam Wirt Ensor of Detroit, Mich., Jim, Robert, and Charles Ensor.

Children of DOW ENSOR and ELIZABETH RASH are:

- i. ALLISON RASH SR.8 ENSOR, b. 1901; d. 1990; m. ROSE NELL JOHNSON.
- ii. FANNIE DOWELL ENSOR, b. June 03, 1906; d. April 14, 1967, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Baxter, Tennessee 1924  
By Quimby Dyer, Cookeville, TN  
(Putnam Co. Library, Cookeville, TN)

**Baxter Tennessee**

Location:

Baxter has a population of nine hundred people and is the principal town in the western section of Putnam County, located on the Tennessee Central Railroad eighty-one-miles east of Nashville and one hundred and twenty-nine miles west of Knoxville. The town is well situated, as there are six public roads leading in every direction; also a good pike leading to Nashville and all intermediate points. It is the trade center for parts of Jackson, DeKalb, Smith and the western end of Putnam County. The business men are progressive, wide-awake and honest in their dealings, which is of inestimable value in the building of any town.

Climate:

Baxter has a climate not excelled anywhere in the South. Its water is the best and purest freestone and chalybeate that runs from "Mother Earth." The cool breeze from Caney Fork river and the valley below make the Spring and Summer delightful. The nights are so cool in mid-summer that covering is necessary. In fact all the seasons of the year are as good as you will find in the world.

Municipality:



Hon. Van D. Nunally, Mayor

Baxter was incorporated in 1915. Hon. J.E. Oliver was the first mayor and under his administration most of the ordinances governing the town were formulated. Hon. V.D. Nunally, the present mayor, is serving his second term. He is progressive and doing much toward the building and improvement of the town. At present he is having a beautiful park made in the business part of the town which will add much to the comfort of the citizens. The mayor is ably assisted in his work by V.B. York, recorder, W.R. Bradford, Lawrence Grace, D.B. Boyd and Jas. L. Sadler, Aldermen.

Baxter was formerly known as Mine Lick, but the name was changed in 1902 in honor of Jere Baxter, the builder of the Tennessee Central.

#### **Business Enterprises and Factories:**

Baxter is a great shipping point. Last year there was shipped to various parts of the United States and Europe 125 cars of pulp wood, 100 cars of acid wood, 150 cars of poles, 200 cars of crossties, 50 cars of lumber and spokes, 35 cars of handles, 30 cars of eggs, 40 cars of poultry, and 25 cars of hogs and cattle. Baxter has one bank, electric light plant, two wholesale produce houses, one wholesale grocery store, one hotel, and a number of boarding houses; one telephone exchange, one long distance service with copper circuit, one Western Union Telegraph office, with money order service to all parts of the United States and Canada; one express and freight office, six general stores, two hardware stores, two grocery stores, one drug store, one millinery store, one flour exchange, two wholesale and retail crosstie and pole companies, one large handle factory that exports goods to all parts of Europe; one large saw and planing mill, one garage, Standard Oil station, cotton gin, two restaurants, one barber shop, and several other enterprises. Baxter has a live Business Mens Club and this club is at all times willing and anxious to have good people locate within their midst.

#### **Land Adjacent to Baxter:**

The land adjacent to Baxter is well adapted to the raising of corn, cotton and tobacco. Vegetables of all kinds grow well and a ready market is to be had for everything grown. There are several nurseries near Baxter, the Baxter Nursery being the largest and doing a business of \$30,000 annually. All of the nurseries do a business of \$75,000 per annum. The dairy business is just beginning to be developed and will in a short time be the greatest source of income that the farmer has. For the raising of chickens the country surrounding Baxter is unsurpassed.

#### **Social Life of Baxter:**

The citizens of Baxter are a high type of pure Anglo-Saxon, law abiding and moral. The Masons, Odd Fellows and other secret orders are fully represented, with large memberships. Church clubs, societies, get-together meetings and other forms of social relationship are to be found. In all social gatherings you will find perfect harmony and good feeling.

#### **Churches:**

Baxter is a town of deep religious environments. There are three fine churches: The Methodist, Church of Christ, and Presbyterian. All have regular services and are growing in membership. The Sunday schools are well attended and interesting in every particular. Perfect harmony and good fellowship exist among the churches.

### **Grammer School:**

Baxter is considered one of the best educational towns of its size in the state. The grammar school is in session nine months in the year and free to all children living in the corporate limits. The school has a sufficient number of efficient teachers to give individual attention to the pupils. The school has an enrollment of over three hundred. A large and beautiful building with modern class rooms and practically fire proof has recently been completed.



Rev. Harry L.  
Upperman  
President

### **Baxter Seminary:**

Fifteen years ago Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris, one of the leading citizens, advanced the idea of establishing a school of higher education, and with the co-operation of the citizens Baxter Seminary was founded in the year 1910 by the joint action of the Central Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Board of Education of said church. While it was located by the Conference, that action was endorsed by the Board of Education, and the school is under its direction and control. The majority of the Trustees are elected by the Central Tennessee Conference, but the majority of them must be laymen. The institution is chartered by the State of Tennessee. It is recognized by the State as a Standard Four Year High School.

Baxter Seminary has served the people all through this part of Tennessee without regard to denomination or church membership, and has sought to give the best education possible to all. The Seminary now has the following department: Fully certified and equipped High School department, of A grade, giving standard diplomas and certificates; Religious education department, also giving standard work and certificates; Home Economic department, giving standard certificates; Smith-Hughes Agriculture department and Extension Work, with standard equipment; Teacher Training classes, giving standard teachers' certificates; Music department with large studio and well qualified instructor; Commercial department with the same rating; Physical Education, including athletic teams and equipment, with standard rating coach.

Baxter Seminary graduates its students so that they are able to enter college or go out and earn a living without feeling inferior to any one else and its graduates are now known though the country. The Seminary has a Boy's Dormitory, well equipped with a large number of students and teachers in it; also a Girls' Dormitory likewise equipped, while the Boarding department is under a capable Supervisor and Matron, and the boys and girls who live at the Seminary are able to work a large part of their way through school. No boy or girl is ever turned away because of poverty. The campus of the Seminary is very beautiful, being twelve acres in extent, part of which is wooded, the rest being cleared. There are two large main buildings, one being the regular school rooms and Girls' Dormitory, the other being the apartments for various teachers and the Boy's Dormitory. There are also houses for cars, coal house, chicken houses, and much of the cleared land is under cultivation for raising food for winter use. The Board of Trustees and the President hope to be able to materially increase the room for the use of students and have other buildings needed badly on the campus. Many of the improvements of the Seminary have been and are being made through gifts of friends in all parts of the United States. Several organizations in various parts of the country have been formed to promote the welfare of Baxter Seminary.

President Harry Lee Upperman is one of the most untiring workers to be found in any school in the country. Through his efforts the Seminary is becoming widely known. Prof. Upperman is a

graduate of Syracuse University, has traveled and studied abroad, making him well equipped for the building of a great school.

**Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris Obt.**

b. 28 June 1870, Putnam Co., TN – d. 18 February 1959, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1910, Putnam Co., TN to **Frances “Fannie” Gertrude (Gentry) Harris**, b. 24 March 1887 – d. 29 October 1971, d/o **William Stanton Gentry** (1860-1937) & **Martha Jane McCaleb** (1861-1939). Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris, s/o **Robert H. Harris** (1840-1914) & **Martha Burgess** (1838-1872). (**Robert H. Harris**, b. 10 July 1840, TN – d. 24 May 1914, Putnam Co., TN, s/o Joseph H. Harris (1796 - 1875) & Sarah Richardson (1796 - 1883). Robert H. Harris and his parents are all buried in Harris Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN). (**Martha (Burgess) Harris**, b. August 1838 – d. January 1872, buried in West Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN). Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris also md on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1891, Putnam Co., TN to **Martha E. (Anderson) Harris**, b. 25 November 1873, Overton Co., TN – d. 23 June 1910, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William Jasper Anderson** (1844-1908) & **Louisa Frances Dodson** (1842-1880), both buried in Dodson Chapel Cemetery, Overton Co., TN. **Martha E. (Anderson) Harris** is buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Frances “Fannie” Gertrude (Gentry) Harris Obt.

\*Robert H. Harris' first wife was Martha Burgess, (1838-1872), d/o George Washington Burgess & Charlotta McBride. He had 2 children by her Rebecca L., b. 1869 (living with uncle Isaac Burgess in 1880) and Sarah Charlotte (1872- 1875) buried next to her mother Martha at West Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Robert H. Harris second wife was Harriet Parson (1846-1914), d/o James Parson & Martha Cardwell).

Siblings: Sarah Charlotte Harris (1872-1875); Martha (Harris) Gibson (1875-1945 md Asa Young Gibson; James Robert Harris (1884-1981); James Robert Harris (1884-1981) md Eliza Pasco Stone; & John Monroe Harris (1886-1953) md Myrtle T. Stewart.

\*See Frances “Fannie” (Gentry) Harris Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 17 – J. D. Harris married 12 September 1891, Putnam Co., TN to Martha Anderson).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 4, #14 – J. D. Harris married 21 September 1910, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Gertrude Gentry).

\*See Frances “Fannie” (Gentry) Harris Obt.

Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris, 88, died at this home, 605 Douglas St., Wednesday night following an extended illness. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:00 at the First Methodist Church with Rev. James Reed Cox and Rev. David B. Sargent, officiating. Burial will be in Crestlawn Cemetery. The body is at Hooper and Huddleston funeral home where it will remain until time for the funeral.

Rev. Harris, a veteran minister of the Methodist Church, son of Robert and Martha Burgess Harris, was a native Putnam Countain, born and reared in the 16<sup>th</sup> district. He was twice married, first to Martha Anderson to which were born two daughters and three sons. Following her death he married the former Gertrude Gentry also a native Putnam countian and they had three sons.

Rev. Harris was a teacher of this area for many years and in 1910 founded Baxter Seminary and throughout his life continued his interest in its success and progress.

He was a graduate of the Theological seminary of the University of Chattanooga and in 1901 was ordained as a minister of the Methodist church and since that time served as superintendent of the Baxter-Tullahoma district of the church, as conference evangelist and held pastorates in Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas and Virginia. A minister for more than a half century, he held at the time of his death membership in the Holston conference.

Following his retirement, some fifteen years ago, he and Mrs. Harris came from Baxter to Cookeville to live residing at the Douglas street address.

In former years he called Cookeville home where he was a large property owner.

Some ten years ago Rev. Harris sustained a broken hip in a fall and since then had been a semi-invalid until recently when he became seriously ill.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Gentry Harris, two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Strohm of Colorado Springs, CO; Mrs. Creola Sykes of Los Angeles, CA, six sons, J. Herman Harris, of Los Angeles, Robert Harris of Long Beach, CA, Willard Harris of Louisville, Orville Harris of Cookeville, Frank Harris of Cookeville, Joe Harris of Germantown, a half-brother, Jim Harris of Cookeville, 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Dispatch, TN: 18 February 1959.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:  
6 May 1943

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman Complete Twenty Years At Baxter Seminary:

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Upperman are completing twenty years of faithful, unstinted and unselfish service at Baxter Seminary, one of the outstanding secondary schools of the South, located at Baxter in Putnam County.

Just twenty years ago, on the twenty-third of June, Dr. and Mrs. Upperman arrived to take charge of Baxter Seminary. They were met by a group of earnest and willing citizens who joined with them during that first summer in improving the campus and renovating the buildings. The fall brought an enrollment of sixty, and steadily since that day the enrollment from about sixty has increased until for the past few years it has numbered about three hundred thirty-five.

To accommodate this increasing attendance much expanding of the physical plant has been necessary and to this matter, side by side, with attaining and holding the highest scholastic rating, Dr. and Mrs. Upperman have given unstinted labor. From a campus of twelve acres, the holdings have developed to over three hundred acres. They include a large farm with a fine herd of dairy cattle, cared for by the boys of the school.

Twenty years ago, there were two buildings on the campus, the main building, housing the academic program of the school, the administrative offices, the president's apartment, the library, the girls' dormitory, the boarding hall and the laundry. The other building was the boys' hall, a long, low building, built after the manner of the barracks of the other world war.

The need for more space soon became apparent and a brick dwelling known as the President's Home and Guest House, was erected in 1930. When the President moved into this, space was allowed in the main building for a larger library and for the commercial department as well as for more classroom space. But even this was not adequate for the rapidly increasing enrollment and a building fund campaign was begun which resulted in the new educational building. Pfeiffer hall, being occupied by the school for all classes and the Offices of administration. The old Main building was then named Ivy Hall and became the girls' dormitory. Space was also provided in it for the Department of Music. During that year the Trades School was started in the basement of Pfeiffer Hall. One of the first things the boys in this school did was to help with the flashing of Pfeiffer Hall, for the school had moved into it while it was still incomplete. Laboratory furniture was also built by the Trades School during the year. Shortly afterward work was begun on the John W. Lowe Trade School Building, and its first unit was complete about a year later. Additions have

been made since, almost wholly by student labor, the boys working under the direction of instructors.

In 1937, the boys' dormitory was destroyed by fire and the following summer the Trades School erected Ward Hall, a new three story brick building. It was ready for occupancy when school opened, and during the year they built much of the furniture for it. About the same time a new gymnasium across the road from Pfeiffer Hall was erected and a dairy barn was also built on the farm.

Within the past two years, the entire interior of Ivy Hall has been redecorated and modernized; a Health Center, largely the gift of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been constructed, and a central heating plant has been installed.

From two buildings eight, these are some of the tangible things that marked the Seminary's development through the years. The more important things – the educational and spiritual development in life, the aspirations, the consecration of life – these are the intangibles! They cannot be measured. Nevertheless, they are the real accomplishments of these twenty years.

"The dedication of the soul to the highest ideals of Christian ethics and a firm belief in God; the attainment of high scholastic achievements through study and thought; the enriching of the mind and the storing away of Useful knowledge; the development of a strong body, abounding health and vitality; an understanding of how to work and play happily with one another; a thorough training in at least one or two occupations-these should be the goal of every young man and woman. To such a well rounded program for life is Baxter Seminary ever committed."

**Frances "Fannie" Gertrude (Gentry) Harris Obt.**

b. 24 March 1887, TN – d. 29 October 1971, md **Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris**, b. 28 June 1870 – d. 18 February 1959, Putnam Co., TN. Frances G. (Gentry) Harris, d/o **William Stanton Gentry & Martha Jane McCaleb**. Frances "Fannie" Gertrude (Gentry) Harris, d/o **Stanton Gentry & Martha McCaleb**.

\*See Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris Obt.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Gertrude (Gentry) Harris, 84, were conducted Sunday afternoon at the chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home with the Rev. Ben Alexander officiating. Mrs. Harris passed away Friday in Arab, AL at a infirmary there. She resided on the Monterey Road, but at the time of death, she was visiting with a son in Arab.

Mrs. Harris, a native of Tennessee, was the daughter of the late Stanton and Martha McCaleb Gentry. She was the widow of the late J. D. Harris, a former Methodist minister.

Survivors include 3 sons, Frank B. Harris, of Cookeville, J. D. Harris, Jr. of Arab, AL and Orville Harris, Bordentown, NJ, 2 step-sons, Herman Harris, Chattanooga, TN, and Robert Harris, Phoenix, AZ, 2 step-daughters, Mrs. Jessie Mae Titzel, Colorado Springs, CO, and Mrs. Creola Sykes, Los Angeles, CA, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Burial was in the Crestlawn Memorial Cemetery.

Dispatch, TN: 2 November 1971.

**Joseph Daniel "J. D." Harris Obt.**

ARAB, AL – Memorial services for **Joseph Daniel "J. D." Harris**, 71, of Arab, AL and formerly of Baxter, were held Sunday, June 2, at the Arab Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Harris died Tuesday, May 28, 1996.

**He was born in Baxter to the late Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris, founder of Baxter Seminary, and Gertrude Gentry Harris.**

Mr. Harris moved to Arab, AL in 1959.

He was a retired computer engineer for NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, a veteran of World War II, and an Episcopalian.

His family includes his wife, **Roberline Harris** of Arab, AL; one daughter, Browyn Hansel of Orlando, FL; one grandson, Jared Hansel; and one brother, Frank Harris of Orlando, FL.

The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Alan Roggli of Winchester.

#### **Frank B. Harris Sr. Obt.**

**FLORIDA --** Funeral services for **Frank B. Harris Sr.**, 82, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Cookeville, were held on Sat., Aug. 26, at Pinecastle United Methodist Church near Orlando. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Orlando.

Mr. Harris died on Wed., Aug. 23, 2000, at his home.



**He was born in Baxter to the late Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Daniel Harris and was a former pastor of Baxter Methodist Church and the original founder of Baxter Seminary. Mr. Harris was the last surviving member of Rev. Harris' 11 children.**

**While living in Cookeville, he was the builder and owner of Lane Grocery Store and the Winona Motel.** After raising their children in Cookeville, Mr. and Mrs. Harris sold the motel and moved to Orlando, where they have lived for the past 28 years. Mr. Harris was a member of the Pinecastle United Methodist Church.

His family includes his wife of almost 64 years, **Winona K. Lee Harris** of Orlando; a son, Bristol Harris of Orlando; a daughter, Leann Harris of San Francisco, Calif.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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#### **James Robert Harris Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE –** Funeral services for James Robert Harris of 1204 Pleasant View were held at 1 p.m. today in the chapel of Dyer Funeral Home, with Bro. W. B. Rodgers officiating. Burial was in the Judd Grave Yard.

Mr. Harris, a native of Putnam County, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1981, in the Masters Health Care Center after an extended illness. He was the son of the late Robert and Harriett Parsons Harris and the husband of the late Pasco Stone Harris. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Edward Harris of Maryville, James Harris of Akron, OH, Bob Harris of Garden Grove City, CA; one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Smith of Cookeville; 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Dyer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### **John M. Harris Dies Of Wreck Injuries:**

Funeral services for John M. Harris, 67, were held Wednesday afternoon at the west View Baptist Church with the Rev. Bruce Strother, Rev. Carson Whitaker, and Rev. V. R. Butler officiating. Burial was in City Cemetery.

Mr. Harris died Tuesday at Cookeville General Hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident several days ago.

Mr. Harris, who lived on 6<sup>th</sup> street in Cookeville, was a retired farmer and was the son of the late Robert and Harriet Carson Harris. He was a member of the Cookeville Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Stewart Harris; 6 daughters, Mrs. Hazel Tucker, Silver Point, Mrs. Ruby Bullington, Highland Park, MI; Mrs. Jewel Mathis and Mrs. Vallie Elrod, Cookeville, Mrs. Johnny Wilmoth, Indianapolis, IN, and Mrs. Medele Hartbarger, Chattanooga; 3 sons, John M. Harris, Jr., Indianapolis, IN, Howard Harris Flat Rock, MI, and James Morgan Harris, Cleveland, OH; 43 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Herald, TN: 30 July 1953, pg. 5.

1850 census 12<sup>th</sup> Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 328

Burgess, Washington 47 M W (value of real estate, 400) NC

Burgess, Charlott 47 F W VA

Burgess, Iba 22 F W TN

Burgess, Thomas 16 M W TN

Burgess, John 13 M W TN

Burgess, Rebeca 11 F W TN

Burgess, Martha 11 F W TN

Burgess, Mary 9 F W TN

Burgess, Elizabeth 7 F W TN

Burgess, Isaac 5 M W TN

Burgess, Charlott 3 F W TN

Burgess, Daniel 2 M W TN

1860 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., post office Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 49 Family: 49

Burgess, Washington 56 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 4,000) (value of personal estate, 400)  
Farmer NC

Burgess, Charlotte 57 F W VA

Burgess, Rebecca 21 F W TN

Burgess, Martha 21 F W TN

Burgess, Mary 19 F W TN

Burgess, Elizabeth 17 F W TN

Burgess, Charlotte 15 F W TN

Burgess, Isaac 15 F W TN

Burgess, Daniel 12 M W TN

1870 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 50

Harris, Joseph 49 M W Farmer TN

Harris, Martha 48 F W Keeps House TN

Harris, George 11 M W TN

Harris, James 9 M W TN

Harris, Mary 5 F W TN

1870 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 33

Harris, R. P. 27 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 100)  
(value of personal estate, 150) TN

Harris, Asseanath 25 F W Keeping House TN

Harris, Sarah A. 4 F W TN

Harris, Lucinda E. 2 F W TN

Harris, Safrona J. 0 8/12 Nov F W TN

1870 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 34

Harris, R. H. 29 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 100)  
(value of personal estate, 250) TN

Harris, Martha 31 F W TN

Harris, Rebecca L. 1 F W TN

Census Place: 1880 District 16, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Line: 7 Dwl: 317 Family: 322						
Robbert HARIS	Self	M	M	W	39	TN
Occ: Farmer	Fa: VA Mo: VA					
Harret HARIS	Wife	F	M	W	35	TN
Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN Mo: TN					
Rebecca HARIS	Dau	F	S	W	11	TN
	Fa: --- Mo: ---					
Daniel HARIS	Son	M	S	W	9	TN
	Fa: --- Mo: ---					
Martha HARIS	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: --- Mo: ---					
Mary HARIS	Dau	F	S	W	3	TN
	Fa: --- Mo: ---					
Harret HARIS	Dau	F	S	W	10M	TN
	Fa: --- Mo: ---					

Census Place: 1880 District 16, Putnam Co. Tennessee

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Line: 14 Dwl: 318 Family: 323

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Denton HARIS	Self	M	M	W	46	AL
Occ: Farmer	Fa: VA Mo: VA					
Lucinda HARIS	Wife	F	M	W	27	TN
Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN Mo: TN					
Jorden HARIS	Son	M	S	W	3M	TN
	Fa: --- Mo: ---					

1900 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 98 Family: 103

Harris, Joseph Head M W 54 March 1873 M (4 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Harris, Marina Wife F W 44 October 1875 (4 yrs. md) 6 children born,  
6 children living

Harris, Minnie Dau 21 F W August 1878 Single TN TN TN

Harris, Annie Dau F W 15 February 1885 Single TN TN TN

Harris, Robert Son M W 12 December 1887 Single TN TN TN

1900 census 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 28 Family: 28

Harris, Robert Head M W 58 July 1841 (26 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Harris, Harret Wife 56 F W May 1844 (26 yrs. md) (9 children born,  
6 children living) TN TN TN

Harris, Monrough Son M W 19 April 1881 Single TN TN TN

Harris, Marget Dau F W 16 March 1886 Single TN TN TN

Harris, Robbert Son M W 15 December 1884 Single TN TN TN

Harris, Rosey Dau F W 13 February 1887 Single TN TN TN

1910 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 85 Family: 87

Harris, Robert H. Head M W 61 M2 (35 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Harris, Harriet Wife F W 52 M1 (35 yrs. md) (9 children born, 6 children living)  
TN TN TN

Harris, James R. Son M W 25 M1 0/12 yrs. married TN TN TN

Harris, Pasco Daughter-in-Law F W 19 M1 0/12 yrs. married TN TN TN

1910 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 86 Family: 88

Harris, John M Head M W 24 M1 (0/12 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Harris, Myrtle T. Wife F W 19 M1 0/12 yrs. md) TN TN TN

1910 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 75 Family: 76

Harris, Joseph Head M W 60 M1 (37 yrs. md) Farm laborer TN TN TN

Harris, Margrett E. Wife F W 61 M1 (37 yrs. md) 8 children born, 6 children living  
TN TN TN

Harris, Linnie Daughter-in-Law F W 27 M1 (10 yrs. md) (6 children born,  
1 child living)

Harris, Velmer Grand-daughter F W 11/12 Single TN TN TN

1920 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Main Street, Putnam Co., TN

Line: 4 Dwl: 85 Family: 85

Harris, Joseph D. Head W M 48 Minister Gospel TN TN TN

Harris, Gertrude Wife F W 32 TN TN TN

Harris, Willie Dau. F W 6 TN TN TN

Harris, Orviell Son 6 TN TN TN - (census hard to read)

Harris, Frank B. Son 1 8/13 TN TN TN

1930 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Baxter, Buffalo Valley Rd., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 1

Harris, J. D., Head W M 58 Minister TN TN TN

Harris, Gertrude Wife F W 43 TN TN TN

Harris, Orville Son M W 16 TN TN TN

Harris, Frank Son M W 11 TN TN TN *Frank B. Harris Sr. md Winona K. Lee*

Harris, J. D. Jr. Son 5 M W TN TN TN

Harris Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN located off Ditty Road on Solon Maxwell farm.

Robert H. Harris – b. July 1841, TN – d. 1914

Joseph H. Harris – b. 12 April 1796 – d. 10 March 1875

West Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Martha Burgess Harris – b. 21 August 1838, Jackson Co., TN – d. January 1872, TN,

d/o Washington & Charlotte Burgess. She married Robert H. Harris  
Sarah Charlottie Harris – b. 1872 – d. 1875, d/o Robert H. Harris & Martha Burgess.

Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Rev. J(oseph) D(aniel) Harris, s/o Robert H. Harris & Martha Burgess.

b. 28 June 1870, TN

d. 18 February 1959

Gertrude (Gentry) Harris

b. 24 March 1887, TN

d. 29 October 1971

Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Martha E. Harris

b. 7 November

d. 23 June 1910

Welch Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Frank Harris – b. 23 September 1917 – d. 24 July 1956



Baxter Grammar School



Picture taken 2005 of Baxter City Hall – Police – Water – Senior Citizens – Library: located downtown Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. The white columns used on this building came from the old Baxter Seminary School.

The new Upperman High School was constructed with white columns similar to the old school to keep the history of Baxter Seminary alive.

**Frank Hurst Barnes Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Frank Hurst Barnes**, 91, of Cookeville will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 25, from the chapel of Cookeville Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery. There will also be a Masonic service.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until time of services on Friday, at the funeral home.

Mr. Barnes died on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at his residence.

He was born on May 15, 1913, in Putnam County to the late Jesse Crockett and Myrtle Hurst Barnes. He was retired from the Ford Glass Plant in Nashville. Mr. Barnes was a member of First United Methodist Church and attended the Backsliders class. He was also a Shriner.

Mr. Barnes was a fourth generation descendant of Upper Cumberland pioneer Thomas Barnes (1777-1851). **He attended Cookeville City School, Baxter Seminary,** and Branham and Hughes Military Academy in Spring Hill. Mr. Barnes was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp.; the USN; 109th Calvary (mounted) Tennessee National Guard; 181st F.A. Tennessee National Guard; 2nd United States Army, Memphis; OCS Ft. Benning, Ga.; 2nd Lt. 113th Infantry

His family includes a son, Sam Taylor Barnes M.D. and a special daughter-in-law, Sheila Barnes of Cookeville; five grandchildren, Molly Lisa Barnes Forsyth and husband Colin, and Dorothy Jamie Barnes Merritt and husband Bert, all of Cookeville, Frank H. Barnes II M.D. and wife Izabela Leonel Barnes M.D., Mary Jessica Barnes of Lexington, Ky., Jesse Patterson Barnes of Cookeville; and four great-grandchildren, Fawn Hibbs, Gabriella Forsyth and Shelby and Sarah Merritt.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Barnes; six sisters, Jessie Barnes Siglow, Mable Broshear Goldman, Alice Broshear Wilson, Mahalia Barnes Wyatt, Cora Barnes Barlett and Artie Barnes Williams; and four brothers, Alan Broshear, John, Williams and Robert Barnes.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Abston, John Duke Allen, Walter Hill Carlen, Ronnie Gaw, U.L. Hensley, Cecil Montgomery, Junior Palk and Perry Phipps.

Honorary pallbearers will be Backsliders Sunday School Class.

Memorial donations may be made to The Upper Cumberland Heritage Foundation, c/o Dr. Michael Birdwell, P.O. Box 5064, TTU, Cookeville, Tenn. 38505.

Rev. Carson Whiteaker will officiate at the services.

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### **Wanda Sue (Maxwell) Hensley Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for **Wanda Sue Hensley**, 63, of Baxter, will be held today, Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 2 p.m., from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cooke Cemetery.



Mrs. Hensley died on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1941, in Detroit, Mich. to Alfred Junior Maxwell of Baxter, and the late Ellawee Phillips Maxwell.

Mrs. Hensley was a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and a 1959 **graduate of Baxter Seminary**. She was also a member of Baxter Church of Christ.

(Pictured: Wanda Sue (Maxwell) Hensley, 1959 Senior, Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN. "why not have a good time while you may.")

In addition to her father, her family includes two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff Hensley of Baxter and Larry and Cheryl Hensley of Quebec; and five grandchildren, Amanda, Shania and Selena-Lee Sue Hensley and Tony and Roxann Baker.

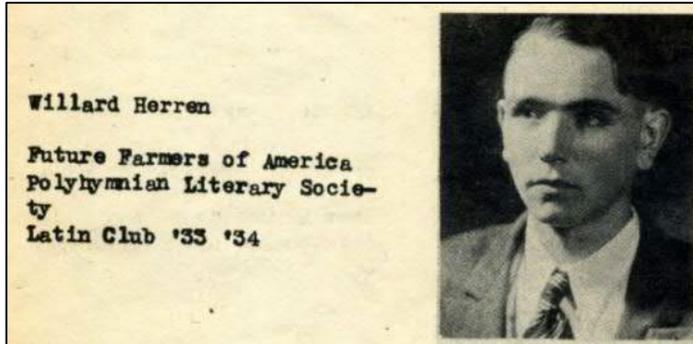
In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Hensley; and a sister, Sandra Bush.

Pallbearers will be Robert Shanks, Phil Martin, Brent Bush, Roger Phillips, Larry Brown and Lionel Smith.

Bro. Dewayne Chaffin will officiate at the services.

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**Claude Willard Herren Obt.**



**MANCHESTER** -- Funeral services for **Claude Willard Herren**, 86, of Manchester will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30. Burial, with military rites, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Judd Cemetery in Baxter.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 29, at Manchester Funeral Home, 214 E. Main St., Manchester, TN

(931)728-3505.

Mr. Herren died on Sunday, April 27, 2003, at his residence.

He was born on July 20, 1916, in Putnam County to the late Verbel and Laura J. Sweet Herren.

**He attended Thomas Grade School in the 8th district of Putnam County and graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1935.**

He married Kathryn Stanckek on April 29, 1950. Prior to retiring to Tennessee in 1974 to become a farmer, Mr. Herren resided in Southern California for 32 years, where he was the general manager for a large electrical company.

He served in the Navy during World War II from 1943-1945.

His family includes his wife of 53 years, Kathryn M. Herren of Manchester; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Sherry Redasky of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Winnell Herren of Lewisburg; three sisters, Jo Bell of Holdenville, Okla., Florence Tucker Crawley of Manchester and Faye Brindley of Cookeville; two grandchildren, Jim Redasky of Tucson and John Redasky of Yucaipa, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Etha and Reba Jones and Zel Kozak.

Bro. Ken Chambers will officiate at the services.

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**Lorraine Ella Smith Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Lorraine Ella Smith, 89, of Silver Point will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Carr Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 5 p.m. today, Monday, Oct. 25, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, in Bethesda Health Care Center.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1915, in Bush, Ill.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of Heavenly Host Lutheran Church in Cookeville. **She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

Her family includes a son, Kenneth Smith of Baxter; a sister, Velma Wallslicker of St. Louis, Mo.; a grandson, Darren Smith of Carthage; and three great-grandchildren, Kacey, Jessica and Kristen Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Noah B. Smith.

Rev. Roger Paavola will officiate at the services.

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**Anna Mai (Julian) Smith Obt.**

**BAXTER** – Funeral services for **Anna Mai Smith**, 90, of Silver Point will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Friday, May 28, 2004 , at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born June 7, 1913, in Silver Point to the late Will J. and Mary Ceva Watkins Julian. Mrs. Smith was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary** and Tennessee Technological University. She was a retired school teacher, having taught over 30 years at Buffalo Valley, Boma, Silver Point and Baxter Elementary Schools. She attended the Silver Point Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter, Mary Snowden of Lebanon; two sons and daughter-in-law: William (Bill) T. Annita Smith, and James (Jim) W. Smith, all of Silver Point; four grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law: Lionel Smith, Phillip and Daka Smith, and Forest and Susan Smith; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Loran and Shea Lee; three great-grandchildren: Danika and Colton Smith, and Elliott Lee.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Lionel D. Smith; two sisters; Carolyn Julian and Lois Alcorn; three brothers: Earl, Will and Lloyd Julian; and a granddaughter, Ann Snowden.

Active pallbearers will be Lionel, Phillip and Forest Smith, Shea Lee, Clyde Clemons, Byrd Clemons, Jr., Brian Sears, John Tom Alcorn, and Gerald Julian.

Honorary pallbearers will be all former teachers who worked with Mrs. Smith, and former students, Danika and Colton Smith and Elliott Lee.

Bro. Johnny Fox and Bro. Don Chaffin will officiate at the services.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 30 May 2004

**Tommy Mathis Obt.**

**CARTHAGE** - Funeral services for **Tommy Mathis**, 60, of Smith County, will be held at 1:30 p.m. today, Oct. 11, from the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Smith County Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Mathis died on Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, at the Summit Medical Center in Hermitage, of cancer.

He was born in the Spring Fork Community of Jackson County to Carrie Thomson Mathis of Cookeville and the late Tom Mathis. Mr. Mathis was a retired plumber and electrician with Moss Service and Supply Co. in Carthage. He was also a circulation employee of the Newspaper Printing Corporation. Mr. Mathis was an Army veteran, a **graduate of Baxter Seminary** and a Missionary Baptist in belief.

On Oct. 9, 1962, he married the former Bonnie Mai Donoho, who died on March 7, 1996.

In addition to his mother, his family also includes a daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Tim Lankford of Hermitage; a son and daughter-in-law, Chip and Kathy Mathis of Hermitage; six sisters, Jimmie McKinney of Elmwood, Helen Boyd, Frankie Williams, Mary Dean Payne, Sue Davis, and Karen Cole, all of Cookeville; and a granddaughter, Bonnie Leanne Mathis of Hermitage.

In addition to his father and wife, he was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty Ruth Elrod.

Elds. Charles Allen Gentry and Stephen Brooks will officiate at the services.

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#### **Ray Whitehead Obt.**

**CARTHAGE** - Funeral services for **Ray Whitehead**, 55, of Indianapolis, Ind., will be held at 3 p.m. today, Oct. 23, from the Carthage chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Rock Springs Cemetery at Buffalo Valley.

Mr. Whitehead died on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998, at the Community Hospital East in Indianapolis after a battle with cancer.

He was a native and long time resident of Buffalo Valley and the son of the late James Isaac (Ike) and Eliza Christian Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead was a welder and a **1961 graduate of Baxter Seminary**.

His family includes his wife, Geraldine Whitehead; three children, Lisa Drew, Kelvin Scott and Phillip Ray Whitehead, all of Indianapolis; four sisters, Avannah Boyd of Buffalo Valley, Evelyn Brown of Gordonsville, Rose Lampley of Ashland City and Jean Smith of Cookeville.

Barney Barton will officiate at the services.

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#### **Ruth (Barks) Maxwell Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for **Ruth Maxwell**, 90, of Plant City, Fla., formerly of Baxter, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church. Burial will be in New Home Baptist Church Cemetery in the Boma Community.



*(Pictured: Ruth (Barks) Maxwell, 1949 Senior, Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN. "Gentle of speech, beneficial of mind.")*

Family will receive friends Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 2 p.m. until time of services at the church.

Mrs. Maxwell died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Highland Lake Center in Lakeland, Fla.

She was born Sept. 28, 1916, in Putnam County to the late John Washington and Ida Emmaline Brown Barks.

Mrs. Maxwell was a member of First Baptist Church in Plant City. **She graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1940 and was a former Postmistress.** Mrs. Maxwell owned and operated Ruth's General Store. She was also a member of the Town and Country Club in Plant City.

Her family includes a stepdaughter, Dorothy Cornell of Sacramento, Calif.; two nieces, Barbara Sapp of Tallahassee, Fla., and Linda McCall of Plant City; three great-nieces; and three great-great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Maxwell was preceded in death by her husband, L.B. Maxwell; two brothers, Alton and Tom Barks; and a sister, Grace B. Kirby.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Home Baptist Church, 10350 Old Baxter Rd., Baxter, TN 38544.

Bros. Charles Anderson and Joel Moss will officiate the services.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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#### **Elise (Dunavin) Green Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for **Elise Dunavin Green**, 86, of Baxter will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Green died on Sunday, July 14, 2002, at Lakeshore Nursing Home in Nashville.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1915, in Baxter to the late James Taylor and Velma Allison Dunavin. **Mrs. Green graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1934 and became a school teacher.** She taught at Boma, Twin Oak, Nash Chapel and 26 years at Baxter Elementary School as a fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Green retired with a total of 39 years of teaching.

She was a member of Baxter United Methodist Church, where she served as treasurer for many years. Mrs. Green was a member of Putnam County Retired Teachers Association.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Ann Carol and Mike Scarlett of Brentwood; two sisters, Lillian Sutton of Baxter and Keeble Sutton of Cookeville; three grandchildren, Cristy Wilson, Michael Scarlett and Sara Goricki; and two great-grandchildren, Jack and Anna Wilson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Dunavin Swallows, and a brother, Blanchard Dunavin.

Pallbearers will be Wayne and Wes Shanks, Danny and Daniel Sutton, Harold L. Maynard, Tom England and Michael Scarlett.

Dr. Richard Diemer and Rev. T.J. Bennett will officiate at the services.

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**FRANK GARLAND11 JONES**, (John Mitchell<sup>10</sup>, Isaac Sherman<sup>9</sup>, George Sullivan<sup>8</sup>, John R.<sup>7</sup>, Prettyman<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, WilliamA-1), b 26 Feb 1923 DeKalb Co., TN d 1 Oct 2000 DeKalb Co., TN m 12 Feb1941 DeKalb Co., TN(div) Pauline Mullican b 14 May 1924 DeKalb Co., TN d 14 May 1968 DeKalb Co., TN dau of Homer Rozias Mullican and Mary Elizabeth Conley m2nd #1643 6 May 1947(div) Florence Clemons b 17 Apr 1918 Putnam Co., TN dau of Bradley General Clemons and Susie Frances Foster m3rd 15 Apr 1976 Nashville, TN Elizabeth Turner b 7 July 1931 Lincoln Co., TN dau of Albert Turner and Willie Mae Lyons. He attended Laurel Hill Elementary a one teacher school on Wolf Creek. He also attended DeKalb County High School in Smithville, TN, and then **attended Baxter Seminary in Baxter, TN.**

**At Baxter Seminary he was a starting end on the football team.** At the age of 20 he purchased a truck and hauled cattle, etc for people. He worked on the construction of the atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge. He was also employed in Detroit, Michigan. On 2 January 1950 he was employed by Memphis Light and Gas Company in Memphis, TN, and after 25 years he retired. Later he trained bus drivers for Metropolitan School Board in Nashville, TN. Later he worked for Gray Lines as driver taking people on tours all across the country. After his retirement from Gray Lines he moved back to the family farm on Wolf Creek, DeKalb Co., TN. Child:29 + 1916. (i) DORRIS MITCHELL<sup>12</sup> JONES b m Cecilia Violet McKenzie m Michelle Barrientoes Canon.

**Lena (Whitaker) Kestner Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Lena Kestner**, 103, of Cookeville will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kestner died on Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born on July 4, 1899, in Putnam County to the late James Lawrence and Geniva Lousetta Robinson Whitaker.

**Mrs. Kestner was a retired school teacher with more than 50 years of service. She taught at Baxter Seminary and Baxter Elementary.** She was a charter member and charter treasurer of the Putnam County Retired Teacher's Association and charter member of Putnam County Democratic Women's Club.

Her family includes a niece, Helen Spicer of Cookeville, and three nephews, Kenneth Whitaker of Montgomery, Ala., Howard Whitaker of Athens and Dr. Robert (Bob) Craighead of Cookeville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Lem Plunkett and R.E. Kestner; three sisters, Sally Whitaker, Mattie Maddux and Beatrice Craighead; and two brothers, Clarence and Ernest Whitaker.

Pallbearers will be Jim Hicks, Gleason Pebley, Kenneth Huddleston, Bob Winchester, James Bush and Bill Brown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Baxter Seminary Alumni Scholarship Fund by contacting the funeral home.

Dr. Bill Starnes will officiate at the services.

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**Connie Lee Brown Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Connie Lee Brown, 70, of Cookeville will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ.

Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends at the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 5-8 p.m. and at the church on Thursday, Nov. 6, after 9 a.m.

Mr. Brown died on Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at his home.

He was born May 26, 1933, in Putnam County to the late Mitchell and Mary Cecil Cumby Brown.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. **A graduate of Baxter Seminary**, he was a member of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. He had served as custodian at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ for 28 years and was custodian at Cookeville First Methodist Church for 10 years.

His family includes his wife of 43 years, Maggie Goodwin Brown of Cookeville; two sons and daughter-in-law, Terry Brown, Randy and Summer Brown, all of Cookeville; a daughter, Sandra Brown of Cookeville; two half sisters, Dorene McEvoy and Darlene Weiderhold, both of Royal Oak, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Gina Brown of Ferndale, Mich.; three grandchildren, Mitchell and Benton Brown and Tori McCormick; and a great-grandchild, Shane McCormick.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepson, Richard Burgess, and half brother, Jimmy Brown.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Goodwin, Lynn Hughes, Dale Hughes, Phil Honeycutt, Mike Pippin and Martin McDaniel. Honorary pallbearers will be Harvey Summers and Terry Harp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Connie Brown Memorial Fund at Bank of Putnam County, c/o Ann Holland.

Bros. Gary Hampton and Glen McDoniel will officiate at the services.

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**James Pope "Pete" Brady Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for James Pope (Pete) Brady (LTC) Army retired, 76, of Cookeville, will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, with military honors.



The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 26, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Brady died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1928, in Sparta to the late Odus and Pearl Hayes Brady.

*(Pictured: James Pope Brady, Senior, Baxter Seminary 1945, Putnam Co., TN).*

**After graduating from Baxter Seminary in 1945**, he received his bachelor of science degree in history from Tennessee Tech in 1952, and his master of science degree in education in 1953 from the University of Tenn. in Knoxville. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

He attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Mr. Brady served as assistant professor of military science at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. With prior service as an enlisted person in the Navy, Mr. Brady was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army in 1953. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the active regular Army in 1973. He had 25 years of active federal service when he retired.

He served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam combat zone. He served eight years overseas. Mr. Brady was post transportation officer of Hesse District in Germany from 1964-1966. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star with the Oak Leaf Cluster, the US Army Commendation Medal with a second Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal and four campaign stars for service in Vietnam. At the time of his retirement, he was commander of the 29th Transportation Battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Upon returning to Cookeville, he was appointed manager of the Putnam Welfare Office, where he served for two and one-half years. In October of 1975, Mr. Brady joined Citizen's Bank, becoming a vice president and loan officer.

Until Mr. Brady contracted Parkinson's Disease 14 years ago, he was active in banking, civic and church affairs. He served on the Putnam County Commission, representing the First District. He was active in the American Legion, VFW, Putnam County Coordinating Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Putnam County Rural Fire Dept., Civil Defense, Big Brothers, Drive Chairman for United Way, Lions Club, Cookeville Arts Societ, American Institute of Banking and was projects director of the State Law Enforcement Program.

**Mr. Brady was one of the founders of the local office of J.C. Bradford Company and was a broker with them. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and received a certificate for 50 years of service from the F&AM Masonic Lodge.**

He was an officer in the Cookeville Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite Club and was a member of the Al Menah Shrine Temple in Nashville. He was vice president of the Backsliders Sunday School Class at Cookeville First United Methodist Church and chaired the Church and Society Committee.

His family includes his wife of more than 52 years, Betty June Hodges Brady, whom he married on Dec. 28, 1951 in Cookeville; and two daughters and a son-in-law, Sallie Brady of Donelson and Elizabeth and Keith Merrell of Charlotte, N.C.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Griffin, and a brother, David M. Brady.

Pallbearers will be Kaul Fincher, Keth Merrell, Rick Bellar, Kenneth Ford, Wendell Mobley, Ray Lumpford, David Brady and Wendell Kendrick.

Honorary pallbearers will be Glenn H. Ramsey and members of the Backsliders Sunday School Class of Cookeville First United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Putnam County Humane Society; the Building Fund of Cookeville First United Methodist Church; or Lazarus House Hospice, by contacting the funeral home.

Revs. Rebecca Larson and Jim Rogers will officiate at the services.

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**Anna Mai (Julian) Smith Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Anna Mai Smith, 90, of Silver Point will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Friday, May 28, 2004, at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born June 7, 1913, in Silver Point to the late Will J. and Mary Ceva Watkins Julian. **Mrs. Smith was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and Tennessee Technological University. She was a retired school teacher, having taught over 30 years at Buffalo Valley, Boma, Silver Point and Baxter Elementary Schools.** She attended the Silver Point Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter, Mary Snowden of Lebanon; two sons and a daughter-in-law: William (Bill) T. Anita Smith, and James (Jim) W. Smith, all of Silver Point; four grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law: Lionel Smith, Phillip and Daka Smith, and Forest and Susan Smith; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Lorna and Shea Lee; three great-grandchildren: Danika and Colton Smith, and Elliott Lee.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Lionel D. Smith; two sisters: Carolyn Julian and Lois Alcorn; three brothers: Earl, Will and Lloyd Julian; and a granddaughter, Ann Snowden.

Active pallbearers will be Lionel, Phillip and Forest Smith, Shea Lee, Clyde Clemons, Byrd Clemons, Jr., Brian Sears, John Tom Alcorn, and Gerald Julian.

Honorary pallbearers will be all former teachers who worked with Mrs. Smith, and former students, Danika and Colton Smith and Elliott Lee.

Bro. Johnny Fox and Bro. Don Chaffin will officiate at the services.

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**Frank Hurst Barnes Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Frank Hurst Barnes, 91, of Cookeville will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 25, from the chapel of Cookeville Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery. There will also be a Masonic service.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until time of services on Friday, at the funeral home.

Mr. Barnes died on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at his residence.

He was born on May 15, 1913, in Putnam County to the late Jesse Crockett and Myrtle Hurst Barnes. He was retired from the Ford Glass Plant in Nashville. Mr. Barnes was a member of First United Methodist Church and attended the Backsliders class. He was also a Shriner.

**Mr. Barnes was a fourth generation descendant of Upper Cumberland pioneer Thomas Barnes (1777-1851). He attended Cookeville City School, Baxter Seminary, and Branham and Hughes Military Academy in Spring Hill.** Mr. Barnes was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp.; the USN; 109th Calvary (mounted) Tennessee National Guard; 181st F.A. Tennessee National Guard; 2nd United States Army, Memphis; OCS Ft. Benning, Ga.; 2nd Lt. 113th Infantry

His family includes a son, Sam Taylor Barnes M.D. and a special daughter-in-law, Sheila Barnes of Cookeville; five grandchildren, Molly Lisa Barnes Forsyth and husband Colin, and Dorothy

Jamie Barnes Merritt and husband Bert, all of Cookeville, Frank H. Barnes II M.D. and wife Izabela Leonel Barnes M.D., Mary Jessica Barnes of Lexington, Ky., Jesse Patterson Barnes of Cookeville; and four great-grandchildren, Fawn Hibbs, Gabriella Forsyth and Shelby and Sarah Merritt.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Barnes; six sisters, Jessie Barnes Siglow, Mable Broshear Goldman, Alice Broshear Wilson, Mahalia Barnes Wyatt, Cora Barnes Barlett and Artie Barnes Williams; and four brothers, Alan Broshear, John, Williams and Robert Barnes.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Abston, John Duke Allen, Walter Hill Carlen, Ronnie Gaw, U.L. Hensley, Cecil Montgomery, Junior Palk and Perry Phipps.

Honorary pallbearers will be Backsliders Sunday School Class.

Memorial donations may be made to The Upper Cumberland Heritage Foundation, c/o Dr. Michael Birdwell, P.O. Box 5064, TTU, Cookeville, Tenn. 38505.

Rev. Carson Whiteaker will officiate at the services.

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#### **Lorraine Ella Smith Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Lorraine Ella Smith, 89, of Silver Point will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Carr Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 5 p.m. today, Monday, Oct. 25, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, in Bethesda Health Care Center.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1915, in Bush, Ill.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of Heavenly Host Lutheran Church in Cookeville. **She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

Her family includes a son, Kenneth Smith of Baxter; a sister, Velma Wallslicker of St. Louis, Mo.; a grandson, Darren Smith of Carthage; and three great-grandchildren, Kacey, Jessica and Kristen Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Noah B. Smith.

Rev. Roger Paavola will officiate at the services.

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#### **Hannah Laura (Hughes) Hall Obt.**



**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Hannah Laura Hall, 95, of Baxter, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, from the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-4 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hall died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Baxter to the late Phylander D. Hughes and Zulema C. McDonald Hughes.

**Mrs. Hall attended school in Baxter, at the grammar school and then Baxter Seminary. She was a retired teacher of 44 years with the Putnam County School System.** When she began her teaching career, she had to stand on a step stool to write at her chalkboard because she was only 4'11" tall. During this time, she attended U.T. Knoxville, Murfreesboro, and earned her degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

She taught in the Putnam County system and then switched to the WPA adult education program, serving as a supervisor for the WPA in the five-county area of Upper Cumberland. After these years, she returned to Putnam County and taught until 1975. **She was a member of the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame** and worked with the local drama group, where she directed and appeared in several productions before the troupe disbanded.

Mrs. Hall's teaching extended also to the church; she had taught Sunday school for the last 60 years. She also participated in various civic clubs, including Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, International Thespian Society, Polyhumnian Literary Society, AAUW and Community Theater, where she was also a member of the board of directors.

In recent years, Mrs. Hall worked with PTA/PTO, **DAR Old Walton Road Chapter**, Retired Teachers Association, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Baxter Senior Citizens (where she served on the board of directors), and the volunteer physical education program at Baxter and Boma Senior Citizens groups and The Democratic National Committee. She was currently working as a registrar in the Eighth District Election Commission of Putnam County. She taught Jazzercise at the age of 86 to the seniors at Boma.

Some of her other community services included story telling at Baxter Elementary School and Upperman High School, visiting and singing at nursing homes weekly, serving on the Bicentennial Quilt Committee and helping to distribute "food source" with the Senior Citizens. She directed, acted in and served on boards of directors for a span of 60 years.

Her honors include lifetime membership in PTA, Volunteer Service recognition from Bart Gordon, service recognition from the Office of Prize Administration, Gov. Prentice Cooper recognition for Patriotic Service, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program recognition, International Thespian Society recognition, Baxter Elementary School Volunteer Program recognition, awards for services in Vacation Bible School, Ms. Senior Putnam County Pageant (at age 84), First Runner Up and Miss Congeniality, 42nd District Advisory Council recognition from Dwight Henry and Certificate of Appreciation - Democratic National Committee - Bill Clinton.

Her family includes two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura H. and Charles Jackson of Baxter and Shelia F. and Steve Wakefield of Cookeville; **a sister, Jimmie E. Jaquess of Cookeville**; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Chris H. and Lori Wakefield of Cookeville; two granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Laura J. and Chris Bell of Cookeville and Julie W. and Jim Harcum of Cookeville; a grandson, Frank Jackson of Nashville; a great-grandson, Hunter Harcum of Cookeville; a great-granddaughter, Avery K. Wakefield of Cookeville; and a great-grandson, Taylor Trahan of Cookeville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of more than 42 years, Frank Hall and a brother, Davis Hughes.

**Honorary pallbearers will be the Old Walton Road Chapter of DAR, Putnam County Retired Teachers Association and Baxter Senior Citizens.**

For more information on Mrs. Hall, visit her Web site at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

Gary Hampton and Glen McDoniel will officiate the services.

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### **CLUB WOMEN ARE IN 4-H CAMP AT BAXTER SEMINARY**

Names of Boys and Girls To Attend State Camp Announced

STYLE SHOW SATURDAY

Putnam County Newspaper, 23 July 1931

Four-H Club women of Putnam county gathered at Baxter Seminary yesterday for the third annual women's encampment, under the leadership of Mill Wilma Schubert the home demonstration agent. They will break camp Friday afternoon.

Winners of the various club contests which have been held here were announced by Miss Schubert, who will accompany them to the state 4-H camp at Knoxville during the week of July 27-August 1. The winners are: Lola Belle Brown, of Brown's Mill; Lucille Buck, Salem; Waunetta Clouse, Salem; Miss Brown was awarded the trip by the First National Bank, Miss Buck receives her trip from the Citizens Bank, while Miss Clouse won her trip by the Chattanooga Fair Association.

Others who will make the trip are Zeb Walker, Frank Boatman, Evelyn Stanton, Mabel Spencer, and Edith Breeding.

Announcement of the holding of a style dress review to be held in the courthouse here Saturday has been made. Two medals will be given those adjudged winners, one, a silver medal, and the other a bronze medal. Ten girls will enter, and winners will go to Chattanooga to compete with winners from other districts.

Miss Ona Worley, district agent at Knoxville, will be judge in the 4-H Clubs. The district contest will be held at Chattanooga on August 4th.

**Source:** Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 12 November 1953:

**Baxter Seminary**, a Methodist-sponsored school here, has paid a high honor to a Baptist this week. It made Cookeville attorney A. B. McKay an honorary member of its board of trustees.

It didn't surprise anyone. McKay is known as "Uncle Mack" to hundreds of youngsters here. At their birth he gave their parents a commemorative Silver Dollar to hold in safekeeping for them when they were older.

He's known by merchants on the square as that fellow who's always buying things for other people. They say he does more for more people – and has done so consistently for 25 years – than anyone else here they know.

And he's known by six graduate nurses, 5 practical nurses, two doctors, two students working on their medical degrees, two dentists, three lawyers, 40 pre-school teachers and 25 school teachers as the man who paid their way, or who is paying their way through school. "They are my children," McKay said.

He's the county's most charitable individual and Baxter Seminary officials said they were honored to honor him.

**Source:** Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 27 March 1972:

A former Putnam man, **Alfred L. Anderson**, the son of Mrs. Mattie L. Anderson and the late Ned Anderson of Silver Point, has been named head of the FBI's office in Anchorage, Alaska.

The **Baxter Seminary graduate** served in the US Navy in WWII and in 1948 joined the FBI after working here briefly for the First National Bank.

**Anna “Peggy” (Sherrell) Evans Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for **Anna (Peggy) Evans**, 78, of Baxter will be held Saturday, July 7, at 11 a.m. at the Baxter chapel of Hooper Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Family will receive friends today, Friday, July 6, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Evans died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born July 9, 1928, in Baxter to the late Wade Lewis and Minnie Clara Maxwell Sherrell.

Mrs. Evans was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary** and a homemaker. She was a member of Baxter First Church of God. She loved to quilt and crochet.

Her family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Flora Evans of Grand Blanc, Mich., and Mike and Joan Evans of Ocala, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Pauline Evans of Cookeville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Lois Sherrell of Baxter; a granddaughter, Brandi Rose and husband Jerry of Ocala; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert Evans; a sister, Mary Ruth Hunt; and a brother, Millard Sherrell.

Pallbearers will be Mrs. Evans' nephews.

Bros. Troy Withers and Archie Whitefield will officiate the services.

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**Richard “Dick” Lusk Obt.**



It is with great sadness that I inform Richard's former classmates, that my beloved husband died on Dec. 3, 2007.

Richard remembered you fondly, and often shared with me stories about his days at Baxter. Please remember us in your prayers  
Juanita

(Richard “Dick” Lusk – Baxter Seminary Senior Class of 1946).

**Rose Marie (Maxwell) Stamps Obt.**

**WAVERLY** -- Funeral services for Rose Marie Maxwell Stamps, 81, of Waverly, will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Luff-Bowen Funeral Home, Waverly, Tenn. (931) 296-2437.



Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at Maxwell Cemetery in Baxter.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Stamps died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008.

Her family includes her husband of 63 years, Henry J. Stamps Sr. of Waverly; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Jerry Burns of Bowling Green, Ky., and Elaine and Bill Vandiver of Kingston; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Diep Stamps of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister, Delores Mahler of Cookeville; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Dora Virginia Maxwell, and a sister, Jessie Mae Maxwell.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Bro. Jeff Keele and Rev. David Spencer will officiate at the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, Sep 30, 2008

### **Horace Lee Maxwell Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Horace Lee Maxwell, 72, of Baxter, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, from the chapel of Dyer Funeral Home. Burial, with full military honors, will be in Maxwell Cemetery South.



The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 4, and from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, at the funeral home.

Mr. Maxwell died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 27, 1936, in Baxter to the late Oakley and Zella Mae Mires Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell was a member of Silver Point Church of Christ. He was retired from the Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant after 28 years of serving the Air Force.

Chief Master Sergeant is the highest rank for an enlisted man. He then retired again from the state of California after 13 years of service.

His family includes his wife, Jackie Parrish Maxwell; two daughters, Linda Maxwell of Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Carolyn Burke of Sacramento, Calif.; a son, Terry Lee Maxwell of Sacramento; two stepsons, James D. Edgemon Jr. of Hixson and Kenneth Lee Edgemon of Jasper; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Silas and Jewel Maxwell of Moshier, Nelson Maxwell of Portland, Ore., and Alton and Debbie Maxwell of Nashville; two sisters, Pearl Huffman of Moshier and Flossie Maxwell of Nashville; eight grandchildren, Gerald, Brittini, Jeremy, Maddie, Jannel, Lidell and Davin; and one great-grandchild, Lucy Franklin.

Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Foundation of Tennessee, Compassionate Friends Cookeville Chapter or the Veterans Honor Guard of Cookeville.

Bros. John Whitson and Norman Parish will officiate at the services.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, Dec 04, 2008

### **Walter Whitson "Snuffy" Burton, Jr. Obt.**

b. 13 September 1924, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 10 December 2008, McMinnville, Warren Co., TN, md **Laura Louise (Maggart) Burton**. Walter Whitson "Snuffy" Burton, Jr., s/o **Walter Whitson Burton Sr.** (1901-1975) & **Hazel P. Jacobs** (1908-1986).



McMinnville resident and DeKalb County, TN native Walter Whitson "Snuffy" Burton, Jr., age 84, was born September 13, 1924 and died December 10, 2008 at River Park Hospital following a two-year illness. A retired employee of General Telephone and member of Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he was the son of the late Walter Whitson and Hazel Jacobs Burton, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Landon Tom Burton and sister, Gloria Ann Burton. He was a member of the McMinnville Lions Club for twenty-six years and an American Red Cross Volunteer. He is the only Warren County resident to have donated twenty-five gallons of blood. He was married August 14, 1948 to Laura Louise Maggart Burton of McMinnville. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter and son -in-law, Shannon Burton and Fred Byrd of McMinnville; son, Scott Burton of Dallas, TX; grandsons, Lance and Logan Byrd of McMinnville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack Burton, Michael and Judy Burton and Terry and Ann Burton all of Silver Point, TN and Bill and Micki Burton of Lavergne, TN; two sisters and brother-in-law, Jean Kelly of Nashville, TN and Keeble and Jack Helm of Silver Point, TN and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 13, 2008 at Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Gary Whitworth, Harry Green, Buddy Pope and Lanny Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. View Cemetery. Those wishing to sign guest book may do so at: [http://highfuneralhome.com/obit\\_archive.htm](http://highfuneralhome.com/obit_archive.htm)

**Billy Keith Herron Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Billy Keith Herron, 67, of Cookeville, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Algood City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, Feb. 17, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Herron died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 28, 1942, in Baxter to the late Ewin Albert and Barbara Ellen Henley Herron.

Mr. Herron was a member of First Christian Church and served in the Army National Guard for six years. He worked as a senior lab technician at Fleetguard for 42 years, having started there on May 9, 1967.

Mr. Herron dedicated his entire life to his family. He was a devoted husband and a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

His family includes his wife, Joyce Cooper Herron of Cookeville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bryan and Andrea Herron and Blake and Beth Herron, all of Cookeville, and Brent and Amanda Herron of Algood; three granddaughters, Alexandria and Krista Brannon and Bryanna Herron, all of Cookeville; a grandson, Caden Herron of Cookeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Malcolm Lafever of Baxter; a brother and sister-in-law, Coy and Amy Herron of Baxter; a special aunt, Leona Thomas; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Petty; a brother, Alfred Herron; and an infant daughter, Pamela Joy Herron.

Bro. Hillier Duke will officiate at the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, Feb 17, 2009

**Elaine (Emanuel) Oxendine Obt.**



Elaine Emanuel Oxendine, **Baxter Seminary class of 1957**, died December 15, 2007 at the age of 68 in her hometown of Lumberton, NC. She married Dobbs Oxendine from Lumberton and had 3 sons, they lived in Maryland outside of DC.

Her mom and dad were in an auto accident in 1982, which killed her mom. Elaine returned to NC to care for her ailing dad in 2000. Elaine was retired from the Public Schools of Robeson County NC. She worked in the local school system after returning to NC until 2005 - she had a stroke in 2005. Another of her sons drove her to Baxter to see the old place in 2005.

**Robert Eudele Ramsey Obt.**

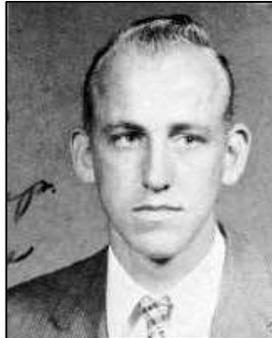
**BAXTER** — Funeral services for Robert Eudele Ramsey, 69, of Bloomington Springs, will be held today, Sunday, Jan. 4, at 3 p.m. from the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Rock Springs Cemetery.

Family will receive friends Sunday from 7 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mr. Ramsey died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 8, 1939, in Putnam County to the late John Ramsey and Mary Alice Bryant Ramsey Whitehead.



Mr. Ramsey was a member of Dillard's Creek Community Church and served as a Deacon.

His family includes his wife, Susie James Ramsey of Bloomington Springs; two sons, John C. Ramsey and girlfriend Annetta Hicks and Justin W. Ramsey and girlfriend Amber Fruchey, all of Bloomington Springs; and a brother, Doug Ramsey of Buffalo Valley and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Ramsey was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob and Buford Ramsey.

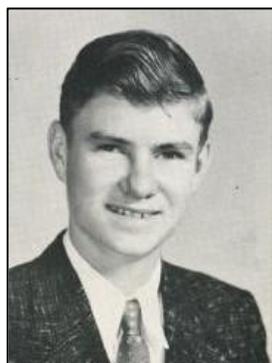
Pallbearers will be Mark Rodgers, Chris Holmes, Chris and George Ramsey, Terry Hutchinson and Robert Brown.

Honorary pallbearers will be Terry Fields, Shane Whitehead, Kevil Pullum and Izell Ramsey.

Bros. Bobby Ray and Terry Bryant will officiate the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Saturday, Jan 03, 2009

**Jimmy Durrell Herron Obt.**



**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Jimmy Durrell Herron, 71, of Baxter, will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, from the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Double Springs Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 8, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Herron died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, in Masters Health Care Center in Algood.

He was born Dec. 15, 1937, in Baxter to Anna Jewell Herron of Baxter and the late Otto Herron.

Mr. Herron was self-employed in the construction business. He was a member of Sycamore Church of Christ.

In addition to his mother, his family includes his wife, Charlene Herron of Baxter; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Carol Herron of Baxter; a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Tommy Lee of Baxter; a stepdaughter, Tammy Barrett of Baxter; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and L.D. Anderson and June and Dale Garrett, all of Baxter; a brother and sister-in-law, Jackie and Chris Herron of Owensboro, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Travis Lee and wife Tonya and Toby Lee, all of Cookeville, Troy Lee, Jesse and Anna Herron, Danyiel and Krystal Taylor and Shana and Minko Ishcomer, all of Baxter; and his extended family of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Herron, and two grandchildren, Brian and Brandi Herron.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Bros. Johnny Fox and Kevin Daughrity will officiate at the services.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, Jan 08, 2009.

**Thomas Alexander Holladay Sr. Obt.**

b. 25 February 1887, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 April 1959, Putnam Co., TN, md **Flossie (Burton) Holladay**, b. 20 November 1898 – d. 20 January 1974, d/o **Lemuel Ticeston Burton** (1867-1945) & **Katherine Dunlap** (1880-1923). Thomas Alexander Holladay, s/o **Rev. James Allison Holladay** (1850-1934) & **Malinda Tennessee Jared** (1857-1889). Rev. James Allison Holladay, s/o **Thomas Holladay** & **Agnes Jared**. Rev. James Allison Holladay md 1<sup>st</sup> Malinda Tennessee Jared in 1876; md 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Ann Jared (1848-1936) on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1896. All of James's children were by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife. He was a farmer and a Methodist minister.

\*See Frank M. Burton buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

\*See James "Jim" R. Burton buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

\*See Fred Young Holladay buried in Holladay Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Lassie Frances Holladay buried in Holladay Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Lemuel Ticeston Burton buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Thomas Alexander Holladay, 72, died unexpectedly at his home, 115 North Hickory Avenue Monday morning.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Whitson Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Ellege and the Rev. Carson Whitaker officiating.

Interment was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

**Mr. Holladay was a retired caretaker at Baxter Seminary** and a member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. He was a native of Putnam County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Flossie Burton Holladay, a daughter, Marie Holladay; a sister, Mrs. Algood (Agnes Miranda) Moore, all of Cookeville.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Wednesday, 29 April, 1959.

**Homer C. Nash Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Homer C. Nash, 79, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Cookeville Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at the Nash Family Cemetery on Cookeville Boat Dock Road.



The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 20, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Nash died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in Masters Health Care Center in Algood following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born Oct. 15, 1929, in Baxter to the late S.B. and Myrtle Myatt Nash.

Mr. Nash was a proud Army veteran who served in the Korean War. He was a cattle farmer and worked 30 years as a foreman and plant supervisor for Bowser

Briggs-Kaydon Corporation of Cookeville, then later at LaGrange, Ga.

After his retirement in 1993, as plant superintendent, he returned home to Cookeville to reside. His family includes his wife of almost 56 years, JoAnn Nash; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Diane Nash of Soddy Daisy and Tony and Tracy Nash of Baxter; a daughter, Marsha Nash Johnson of Bartlett; seven grandchildren, Raena Garcia (LJ), Luke Nash (Cory), Jake Johnson (Matilda), Beth Johnson, Carrin Nash, Chris Nash and Allen Nash; two great-grandchildren, Anna Katherine Garcia and Michael Conner Nash; and a brother and sister-in-law, Hooper and Jeanetta Nash of Baxter. Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Ministers David Skinner and L.D. Anderson will officiate at the services.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Monday, Jan 19, 2009

**Keith Kinnard Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Keith Kinnard, 81, of Silver Point, will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Smellage Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 19, and from 7 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Kinnard died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in DeKalb Community Hospital in Smithville.

He was born Oct. 26, 1927, in Putnam County to the late Pless and Arvie Carr Kinnard.

Mr. Kinnard was a farmer and a member of New Home Baptist Church.

His family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Keith Jr. and Jean Kinnard of Silver Point, and two grandchildren, Joshua Pless Kinnard of Smyrna and Katie Ann Kinnard of Cookeville.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Monday, Jan 19, 2009

**Vander McCall "Mack" Palmer Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Vander McCall (Mack) Palmer, 74, of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, from the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 23, and from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Palmer died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.



He was born Aug. 23, 1934, in Warren County to the late George E. and Vander Mai Maxwell Palmer.

Mr. Palmer attended Hampton's Crossroads Baptist Church. He worked as a mechanical contractor at Jackson and Carwile for 23 years and as a building contractor until retirement.

His family includes his wife, Glenda L. DeLong Palmer of Cookeville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah Palmer and Eddie Clark of Cookeville; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Debi Palmer of Baxter; two stepsons, Jeffery Chandler and wife Carey of Morrison and David Chandler of Murfreesboro; a sister, Sarah Ruth Palmer of South Carolina; two brothers and sisters-in-law, George H. and Helen Palmer of Michigan and Bobby R. and Sarah Palmer of Cookeville; a brother-in-law, Lester (Dee) Huddleston of Cookeville; two

granddaughters, Katie and Lauren Clark, both of Cookeville; three grandsons, Bradley Clark of Cookeville and Dakota and Montana Palmer, both of Baxter; a stepgrandson, Logan Chandler of Morrison; a stepgranddaughter, Chelsey Chandler of Morrison; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Anell Brewington Palmer; two sisters, Beatrice Jones and Virginia Huddleston; and a brother-in-law, Foil Jones.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Afternoon Coffee Group at Ralph's Doughnuts.

Memorial donations may be made to the CRMC Foundation to be designated for diabetes programs or the Mustard Seed Ranch in memory of Mack Palmer.

Bros. LeRoy Forgey and James Haynes will officiate at the services.

Visit the family's Web site at [www](http://www).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Friday, Jan 23, 2009

**James Monroe "Jim" LaFever Obt.**



**COOKEVILLE** \_ Funeral services for LTC James (Jim) Monroe LaFever (U.S. Army, Ret.) 78, of Silver Point, will be held at 1 p.m. today, Sunday, April 26, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial, with military honors, will be in LaFever Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. LaFever died Friday, April 24, 2009, in St. Mary's Residential Hospice in Knoxville.

He was born Oct. 25, 1930, in Cookeville to the late Rutledge Dillard (R.D.) and Jodie V. Foster LaFever.

**Mr. LaFever was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and a 1953 graduate of Tennessee Tech University with a business management degree. He was a retired Lt. Colonel in the Army, serving 20 years in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded the Silver Star.**

*(Pictured: Jimmy LaFever, 1949 Senior at Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN).*

His family includes his wife, Alma Engle LaFever of Silver Point; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Melvin Anderson of Silver Point; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rodger D. and Linda LaFever of Baxter and Greg LaFever of Cookeville; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Dexter Lee and Tammy Day of Ebars, Ky.; and six stepgrandchildren, Carmen, Bailey, Landon and Dustin Day and Josh and Elizabeth Brown.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Thelma Jean Allison LaFever; a son, John LaFever; and a sister, Doris LaFever.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

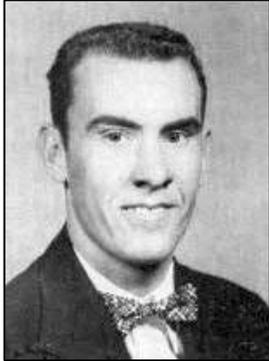
Bro. Archie Whitefield will officiate at the services.

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Saturday, Apr 25, 2009: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

**Lewis Claude (Mousie) Watts Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Lewis Claude (Mousie) Watts, 68, of Baxter, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Smellage Memory Gardens.



The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, and from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Watts died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 6, 1940, in Putnam County to Dora Prill Maddux Watts of Baxter and the late Jimmy Hop Watts.

Mr. Watts was of the Church of Christ faith. He was a retired rural mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service with 31 years of service. He was a Free Mason with the Cookeville Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his mother, his family includes his wife of 49 years, Dowlene Maxwell Watts of Baxter (whom he married June 4, 1959); a son and daughter-in-law, Bo and Renee Watts of Baxter; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Eddie Metzgar of Baxter, Cara and Jim Frizzell of Bloomington Springs and Joei Beth and Lee Birdwell of Gainesboro; three brothers, Whitley Watts of Cookeville, Roy Watts of New Orleans, La., and Jimmy Hoppy Watts Jr. of Michigan; three sisters, Sara Futrell of Baxter and Faye Watts Maxwell and Jean Kinnard, both of Silver Point; six grandchildren, Claudia Brette Metzgar, Jared and Colton Watts, Lindsey Frizzell Henderson, Lacey Frizzell Trigg and Paige Frizzell; two great-grandchildren, Lola and Harper Henderson; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

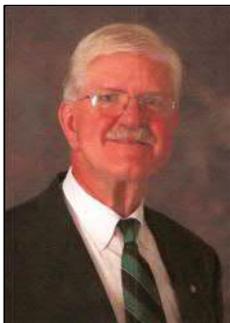
Bro. Dennis Lowe will officiate at the services.

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Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, February 26, 2009.

**Dr. Robert "Bob" Craighead Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Dr. Robert (Bob) Clinton Craighead, 64, of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, at Cookeville First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Friday at the church.

Dr. Craighead died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical

Center.

He was born March 24, 1944, in Cookeville to the late Odell Russell and Beatrice Whitaker Craighead.

Dr. Craighead graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1964, with a B.S. degree in business management. Immediately after graduation, he moved to Huntsville, Ala., where he worked in purchasing for the Boeing Company and met his wife, Rita. After a tour of duty with the Army in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star, Dr. Craighead returned to Alabama to continue his education. He earned both his Master of Arts in administration of higher education and his Ph.D. in administration of higher education from the University of Alabama. In 1974, Dr. Craighead was appointed to serve as the first personnel director for the University of Tennessee at Nashville. He and his family returned to Cookeville in 1977 and lived several years in a house where he was born and raised on North Dixie Avenue.

Dr. Craighead spent almost 20 years at Tennessee Tech, where he served in three different positions: Cooperative Education Coordinator, Director of Career Services and Registrar. His latest work assignment was with the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency where he served as Program Developer and grant writer until his illness forced him to retire.

Dr. Craighead was instrumental in the development of the Leadership Putnam program and CityScape. He was a charter member of the Leadership Putnam Board of Trustees and served as its chair in 1995. He was a graduate of the Leadership Putnam Class of 1992.

Dr. Craighead was a member of the Putnam County School Board from 1980-1992 and served as chair in 1986 and 1992. He served on the Cookeville Planning Commission from 1991-1998 and served as chair in 1998.

Dr. Craighead was involved with many other community organizations including the American Heart Association, Putnam County United Way, Vietnam Veterans Association, American Legion, Cookeville Toastmasters, Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, Cookeville Noonday Rotary Club, Cookeville Evening Lions Club, Putnam Heritage Foundation, Putnam County Zoning Appeals Board and the Putnam County Vocational Education Advisory Council.

Dr. Craighead was a member of Cookeville First United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Backsliders Class.

His family includes his wife of more than 44 years, Rita Joy Grigg Craighead (whom he married Nov. 26, 1964, in Florence, Ala.); a daughter, Andrea Leigh Craighead of Murfreesboro; a niece, Deborah Craighead; two nephews, Jimmy and Richard Craighead; a brother-in-law and his wife, William Edgar and Mary Grigg and their children, Will and Sam Grigg, all of Murfreesboro; and his mother-in-law, Frankie Mill Cotten and husband Oliver of Florence.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William Russell Craighead.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Cookeville Noonday Rotary Club, Cookeville Evening Lions Club and the Backsliders Sunday School class.

Memorial donations may be made to God's Grace Food Pantry at Cookeville First United Methodist Church, 204 E. Spring St., Cookeville, TN 38501 or the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 2008 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, TN 37203.

Revs. Max Mayo and Drew Shelley will officiate at the services.

Please share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com), 526-6111.

Thursday, Feb 26, 2009: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN

### **James Carl "Switloe" Swallows Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **James Carl Swallows**, 90, of Baxter, will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow in Odd Fellow Cemetery.



(Picture: Senior Baxter Seminary, 1936)

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Monday, Aug. 10, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Swallows died early Sunday morning, Aug. 9, 2009.

He was born Aug. 17, 1918, in Overton County, the youngest child of the late William Stanton and Ida Sophia Freeman Swallows.

Carl's father, William Stanton, relocated his family in 1919 from Overton County to Baxter. **A Justice of the Peace, the former Tennessee state senator valued education and moved to the area to be close to Baxter Seminary, around which some of Carl's earliest memories centered.**

Carl related memories of an evening supper with a young Harry Upperman, apparently invited to **the dinner table in an effort to persuade him not to close the seminary in Baxter, as he had been assigned to do (Upperman determined instead to seek funding and help support the school, later named Upperman High School in his honor).**

**Carl completed his high school education at Baxter Seminary before serving in the Army.** Assigned combat duties in the European theater of World War II, Carl served from 1943-1945. His military tenure included assignments as a guard at the Luxembourg trials and participation in the Battle of The Bulge.

Returning to Baxter after military service, Carl was proud of his community and enjoyed serving it in a variety of ways. An independent electrician and plumber by trade, Carl enjoyed contributing to the community through baseball in particular. Referencing Carl's influence in a commencement address, Principal Wayne Shanks told the assembly that he remembered sitting out of a Little League game because he had failed to bring a belt and a kerchief. To Coach Swallows, that belt and kerchief represented a pride and discipline that were as important to him as winning the game.

Building two personal homes in Baxter and assisting with several others, Carl enjoyed gardening, farming and fixing things. After his first "retirement" from plumbing and electrical work, he owned and managed Swallows Hardware on Main Street in Baxter before "retiring" again to farming and gardening work. An active sports enthusiast, he was a regular supporter of area high school and TTU basketball, baseball and football games.

Carl and his wife Marie enjoyed many years of square dancing, entertaining, Rook games and time with their family. They also enjoyed worshiping and serving in Baxter United Methodist Church.

A robust, strong man with reddish hair and a ready laugh, Carl made the rooms he inhabited a little richer. He loved singing the bass line of a good gospel song, a full plate of Marie's cooking, an early morning sunrise and an intimate conversation. Rarely apart from his wife, Marie, he talked often of "playing slow," his way of ensuring that he made the most of each day. His love for his family was evident in the clear joy he took in surprising them with gifts and in his desire to be with them.

His family includes his wife of 67 years (whom he married October of 1941, in Cookeville), Marie Austin Swallows; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Linda Swallows and their daughter's extended families, as

well as a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Gene Hutchings and their extended family. Granddaughter Lisa is married to Ward Norris of Cookeville and their family includes Ward and Amy Norris, Marshall and Nissa Norris, Luke Norris and Jared and Jessica Fletcher, along with four grandchildren, Edward, Emily, Corbin and Jonathan. Granddaughter Karen is married to Shane Allen of Cookeville. They have four children, Evan, Claire, Paul and Samuel. Jan and Gene Hutchings' extended family includes Robin Hutchings (d.1998), and Steve and Amy Hutchings and their son, Kyle, of Mobile, Ala. Carl is also survived by a number of additional nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

The youngest of 14 children, Carl is preceded in death by 13 siblings, sisters Ruth Lee, Vada Grace, Pearl Allison, Vera Medley, Maddie Swallows and Lelar Swallows, and brothers Frank, Talmadge, Bill, John, Isaac, Charles and Paul.

Carl was pragmatic, purposeful and plain spoken. He seemed to understand life's hardships and the importance of embracing the best in each moment. He wanted family and friends to know how much he loved and enjoyed them and he might have summed up his thoughts by saying: "Remember me with music and laughter, for that's the way I'll remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all." (Patricia Neal)

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

The family suggests memorials to Baxter United Methodist Church, 102 Main Street, Baxter, TN.

Revs. Earnest Robertson and T.J. Bennett will officiate at the services.

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Monday, Aug 10, 2009: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

### **Herman Medley Obt.**

Herman Medley, age 85 of McMinnville, TN. November 7, 2006 at his home following a brief illness. Mr. Medley owned and operated Warren County Furniture in McMinnville for forty years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Seekers Sunday School Class, American Legion Post 173, V. F. W., Post 5064 and McMinnville Evening Exchange Club. He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN, where he worked his way through school. He was a U. S. Navy veteran of WWII, with most of his duty served in the Atlantic ocean aboard the U. S. S. Daran, transporting troops to the European Theater of Operations of North Africa. He made thirteen trips across the Atlantic. He also served in the Pacific on the S. S. Jean Lafayette, transporting wounded Marines who had not had their shoes off in a month. He was discharged from the Navy on February 1, 1946.



(Pictured: Right: 1941 Baxter Seminary Senior Yearbook: "If nobody cares for me, I'll care for nobody.")

He was the son of the late, Cody and Dollie Carter Medley of DeKalb County, TN. He was preceded in death by son, Carter West Medley and brothers-in-law, Jim McPherson, Hugh Stewart and Joe Stewart. He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Jane Stewart Medley; son and daughter-in-law, Barry & Jackie Medley, McMinnville, TN; granddaughter, Kate Medley, McMinnville, TN; step-son Terence Clabo, Charlottesville, VA; two step-greatgrandchildren, Cullen and Kalab Clabo; sister, Maggie McPherson, McMinnville, TN; brother and sister-in-law, Clyde & Jewell Medley, Smithville, TN; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. & Mrs. Robert E. Stewart, Huntsville, AL.



The family will receive visitors Thursday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, from 10 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m., in High's Chapel. Dr. Robert Case and Dr. Steve Angus will officiate. Interment to

follow in Gardens of Memory. Military graveside Rites by American Legion Post 173 and V. F. W. Post 5064. Honorary pallbearers are: members of the Seekers Sunday School Class and the firm of Farrar, Holliman & Medley Attorneys. Memorials may be made to The First United Church Good Neighbor Program. High Funeral Home, (931) 473-2137.

### **Clarence Glenn Lee Obt.**

Funeral services for longtime businessman Clarence Glenn Lee were conducted recently at the Church of Christ in Coalinga, CA.

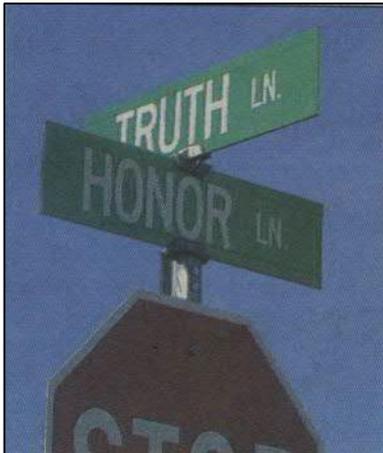
Mr. Lee passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, April 23, at St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno, CA.

Born October 9, 1917 in Baxter, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ozias J. (Oma Montgomery) Lee. He received his education at Baxter Seminary (Upperman High School) in Baxter and moved to Coalinga in 1935.

He opened an automotive repair shop in 1939. In 1950, he and his brothers opened the Hudson franchise. In 1954, they opened the Ford-Lincoln-Mercury business and in 1964, Lee became a dealer for General Motors. Most recently, he operated Lee Brothers Car Rental Service in Coalinga.

He spent most of his time working in the automobile business, but was also an avid fisherman and a generous supporter of Coalinga's school sports programs and was a past president of the Coalinga Horned Toads Booster Club. He was a member of the California Automobile Dealers Association, National Automobile Dealers Association, Coalinga Lions Club, Coalinga Chamber of Commerce, Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613, and alife member of the Baker Memorial Museum.

### **New Road Signs Go Up at Upperman High School Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN, 27 January 2005: By Kristina England, Upperman Times Staff**



Some new additions were made recently to Upperman High's parking lot. There are four new road signs named for our school's motto: Truth Lane, Honor Lane, Loyalty Lane and Service Lane.

When Principal Jerry Boyd was asked if the new road signs were his idea, he said, "It was no one's idea, really. It was just what was best for the school."

Every year, the county gives schools money for maintenance fees or upgrades. Last year, a little money was left over from our maintenance fees. Mr. Boyd said he used the remaining money to order four street signs to label the four drives around the school.

When asked the purpose of these signs, he commented, "People who are not familiar with our campus would have trouble knowing where the East and West drives are around the school. It makes it a lot easier to just say 'Truth Lane,' for example."

As for any new signs, if there is any money left in the budget, Mr. Boyd said he would like to order more signs for our school. Some new possibilities are signs that may be seen in a park, with directions to different parts of the school. For example, a sign that point to the office or to the gym.



Of course those improvements will have to wait until other priorities are taken care of. So keep an eye out, because there might be some other changes to our campus in the not-so-distant future.

**Notes:** Census Report for the Baxter Seminary Class of 1956 Reunion:

Section A: General Counts

Class Counts	Men	Women	Total	Percent
Number in Class	32	32	64	
Number Contacted	24	22	46	72

Section B: States Where Members Live – Based on Those Contacted.

State of Residence	Number	Percent
AL	1	2
Cuba	1	2
FL	3	7
GA	2	4
IN	1	2
KY	1	2
NC	1	2
SC	1	2
TN	35	76

Total Member: 46

Number of States: 9

Section D: Deceased Class Members:

Lois Allison	Emogean Bryant	Sue Bryant	
Bertha Chaffin	Louise Duke	Kenton Cooper	
Gordon Hall	Spencer Hart	Donald Lafever	
Tom Maxwell	Jerry Petty	Robert Waller	
Number of Women: 5	Number of Men: 7	Total: 12	Percent: 19

Section C: Tennessee Analysis

City	Number	Percent
Baxter	10	22
Buffalo Valley	3	7
Cookeville	4	9
Knoxville	3	7
Lebanon I	2	
Livingston	1	2
McMinnville	1	2
Memphis	1	2
Mosheim	2	4
Mt. Jouilet	1	2
Nashville	5	11
Oak Ridge	1	2
Silver Point	2	4
Total Living in TN:	35	76
Number of Cities:	13	

Section E: Members Could Not Be Contacted:

Ann (Bacon) Barr  
 Florence Garcia  
 Tom Maynard  
 Aurora Rodriguez

Virginia Turner  
Velma Underhill

**Source: WELCOME TO HISTORIC PUTNAM COUNTY TENNESSEE**  
Tennessee Established 1842

Booklet prepared by  
THE HISTORICAL TOURS COMMITTEE  
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PUTNAM COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION  
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American Revolution Bicentennial 1776-1976

**# 11) Bloomington College.** A few years before the Civil War, Garland Kuykendall, a teacher and preacher, opened a private elementary school at School Hill in the 10<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Jackson County which became part of Putnam County when it was formed in 1854. A teacher's register gives the opening date of his first session as August 9, 1852, and the closing date November 5, 1852. Soon after 1854 he established **Bloomington Seminary at Bloomington** and it was still in operation in 1860. After some years **Bloomington College** was established; it was housed in a large two-story frame building which burned sometime prior to 1890. The college stood on a site near the residence of Everett Presley and south of the resort area and the Junior Military Academy.

After a few years, the effort to establish an academy shifted from Bloomington to Baxter. Two Educators, H. C. and C. W. Coleman, founded the **Baxter Institute**. At the end of the first year it closed. **The Methodist Church then assumed responsibility and reopened the school as Baxter Seminary.**

McClain says that Ridley Draper improved the fine spring at Bloomington about 1865 and made it something of a summer resort. Several small cabins were built to accommodate the guests. After that time, Bloomington became Bloomington Springs. In 1919 the resort was sold for a military academy named Castle Heights. It later became the nationally known **Junior Military Academy** with Major Roy DeBerry as Headmaster.

**Source:** Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 13 September 1956:

The newspaper has discovered that four Putnam women on the list of teachers here for 1918 are still teaching.

They are Bessie Gentry, who was at Board Valley School 36 years ago and who is now principal at Twin Oak; Zola Wiggins, who was at Bangham in 1918, and is now principal of Pippin School; Etta Leftwich, who taught at the Thomas School and is now principal of Uffelman Elementary; and **Lena Plunkett who, in 1918, was assigned to the New Salem School and who now teaches at Baxter Seminary.**

**Delores Ann (Maxwell) Mahler Obt.**

d. 6 November 2010, Murfreesboro, TN, md **James Walter "Moots" Mahler**, b. 23 November 1928, Putnam Co., TN – d. 22 June 2008, Smyrna, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Daily Seigel Mahler & Emily Lou Dyer**. Delores Ann (Maxwell) Mahler, d/o **Charlie Maxwell & Dora Virginia Stewart**.

\*See James Walter "Moots" Mahler Obt.

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Delores Ann Maxwell Mahler, 79, of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 9, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Mahler died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, in Park View Meadows Assisted Living in Murfreesboro.

She was born May 27, 1931, in Baxter to the late Charlie and Dora Virginia Stewart Maxwell.

Mrs. Mahler was a member of Cookeville Church of the Nazarene and **attended Baxter Seminary**. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Mahler Sr., and a sister, Rose Marie Stamps.

Her family includes three sons and two daughters-in-law, James and Nisha Mahler of Encinitas, Calif., Charles and Janice Mahler of Cookeville and Steven Mahler of Murfreesboro; a daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Bill Balls of Murfreesboro; nine grandchildren, James Mahler III and wife Mary of Haslett, Texas, Jennifer Smith and husband Chris of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jason Mahler and wife Alane of Glen Carbon, Ill., Tracy Sergeant and husband Barry of Manchester, Don Dellget of San Diego, Calif., Josh Mahler of New York City, N.Y., Nicholas Mahler and Tristan Mahler, both of Ridgeway, Va., and Julian Cordell of Thompson Station; and six great-grandchildren, Laura Beth and James Michael Mahler, Chloe and Emma Smith and Jonas and Owen Mahler.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society online by visiting [www.cancer.org/mosaic](http://www.cancer.org/mosaic) or be contacting the funeral home.

Rev. Kevin Thomas will officiate at the services.

You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 11 November 2010.

#### **Myra "Faye" (Cooper) Anderson Obit.**

**SOUTH CAROLINA** -- Funeral services for Myra "Faye" Cooper Anderson, 76, were held at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 23, at North Trenholm Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.



Faye passed away Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010.

She was born Nov. 2, 1934, in Silver Point to the late Willie and Vera Leftwich Cooper.

Faye graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1951. She was a faithful member of North Trenholm Baptist Church of 41 years.

(Pictured: Myra "Faye" (Cooper) Anderson, Class of 1952 of Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN. "*The Pink of Perfection*".

Her family includes her husband of more than 59 years, William Riley "Bud" Anderson, whom she married July 4, 1951; three sons and daughters-in-law, Eric Anthony and Elizabeth "Beth" Anderson of Greenville, S.C., Curtis and Dianne Anderson of Columbia and Alan and Beth Anderson of Atlanta; a daughter and son-in-law, Myra Anderson and Duncan Rutland of Columbia; 10 grandchildren, Elease, Eric Jr., Kayla and Charlotte Anderson, Riley and wife Zoe and Ryan Anderson, Brittney Anderson, Deana Kerr, Cooper and William Rutland; two sisters, Hilda Cooper Anderson of Baxter and Glenna Brown of Florida; and a great-granddaughter, Bella.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kenton Cooper, and two sisters, Doris

and Wanda Sue Cooper.

Memorial donations may be made to Autism Speaks, 1 East 33rd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or North Trenholm Baptist Church, 6515 N. Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206.

Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 23 December 2010

**Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

May 7, 1942



Mr. and Mrs. James T. Dunavin have announced the marriage of their daughter, Lillian (pictured), to Sgt. Calbert Sutton, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Lester Sutton.

The bride is a member of the Senior class at Baxter Seminary. The groom is located at Camp Forrest.

The marriage was solemnized in Rossville, GA, May 3, Ray Crow, Justice of the Peace officiating. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. James Austin.

**Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

**GILL-MADDUX WEDDING**

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Maddux, formerly of Buffalo Valley, but now of Cookeville, announce the marriage of their daughter, **Dimple Dean** to **Althel Lee Gill**, Lt. (j.g.), U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gill of Wolf Creek. The wedding was performed in Rossville, GA, Wednesday, January 19.

The bride is a graduate of Baxter Seminary and attended Tennessee Tech. For 2 years she was connected with the Putnam County school system, but now holds a position with the State Dept. and is located in Nashville.

Lt. Gill is a graduate of TPI, and has been stationed as a communications officer at a naval air station in the Aleutians near Dutch Harbor for about 2 years.

Herald, TN: Thursday, 27 January 1944

**Dimple Dean (Maddux) Gill Massie Obt.**

**NASHVILLE:** Funeral services for **Dimple Dean Maddux Massie**, 72, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, at the Lebanon Road Church of Christ, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.



She died Saturday, September 12, 1992, at her home in Nashville.

Born February 27, 1920, in Buffalo Valley, Tennessee, Mrs. Massey was the daughter of the late Vada Carr and Henry Grady Maddux. She graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor's degree in education and moved to Nashville in 1941.

She was a member of the Lebanon Road Church of Christ and Merry Oaks Canasta Club, and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

(Pictured: Dimple Dean (Maddux) Gill, 1938 Senior of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Her family includes two sons, Vernon David Massie of Nashville and Robert Knox Massie of St. Louis, Missouri; one grandson, David Scott Massie of Nashville; one granddaughter, Dana Massie Hutson of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and one aunt, Dimple Carr Grigg of Nashville.

**She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Davison Massie.**

Active pallbearers are Scott Massie, Mike Ghee, Freddie Maddux, Ralph Maddux, Jimmy Burnett and Don Hutson.

Honorary pallbearers are Polly King, Jimmie Saylor, Bette Jones, Anna Woods, Mary Katherine Sparkman, Libby Woods, Mary Ralph Maddux, Dee Massie, Betty Deathridge, Carol Ghee, Laura McCullough and Dana Massie.

The family will receive friends between 4-6 p.m. Sunday, September 13, and 3-9 p.m. Monday, September 14 at the Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home at 429 Donelson Pike in Nashville. Bro. Ron McIndoo will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Centennial Medical Center or Alive-Hospice of Nashville.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 13 September 1992.

**Athel Lee Gill Obt.**

Lt. Athel Gill Died In An Airplane Crash.

**Lt. (j.g.) Athel Lee Gill, 34, husband of Mrs. Dimple Maddux Gill**, was among the 19 persons listed as missing yesterday by the war department in the crash September 18 or a C-47 Air Transport Command plane on Mt. McKinley, 70 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Alaska division of the A.T.C. said ground rescue parties have not been able to reach the scene of the crash, but that no signs of life have been observed by crews of search planes. The A.F.C. plane was on a routine flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks.

The last radio contact was made with the plane when it was over Summit, Alaska, more than half way to Fairbanks, the war department stated. The wreckage was found only after exhaustive search.

Lt. Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Napoleon Gill, Silver Point, served as athletic coach and instructor at Smyrna High School prior to entering the service in January 1942. A graduate of Smithville High School and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, he has been stationed as a communications officer at a naval air station in the Aleutians near Dutch Harbor for about 2 years.

Smithville Review, TN: Thursday, 12 October 1944, front page.

**Maurine (Ensor) Patton Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Maurine Patton, 92, of Cookeville, will be held at 3 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 15, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from noon until time of services today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Patton died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 30, 1917, in Putnam County to the late Charlie Bradley and Pearl Huddleston Ensor.

Mrs. Patton attended Summit County Ohio Elementary School in Akron, Ohio and the Gentry Elementary School in Putnam County. She graduated from Baxter Seminary where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She received her BS degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (Tennessee Tech University) and her master's degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, both in home economics.

She taught home economics at Lambuth College in Jackson for one year and in the Putnam County School system for more than 34 years.

Mrs. Patton was a longtime member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the National Educational Association, a lifetime member of the American Home Economics Association (now called Family and Consumer Sciences), a member of the Putnam County Retired Teachers Association, a member of the Friends of the Depot Museum, a member of the board of directors of the Cookeville Heritage Museum, a member and former treasurer of the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association, served as secretary to the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and worked in the American Red Cross Blood Mobile for many years following her retirement.

Mrs. Patton was named Putnam County Historian in 2004 and was grand marshal of the Cookeville Christmas Parade in 2007 at the age of 90. She was one of the first to be certified in Reach to Recovery in Putnam County and was the oldest living cancer survivor in Putnam County.

Mrs. Patton's hobbies included reading, dancing, gardening, arts and crafts, hunting, fishing, traveling, genealogy and necrology and she was active in them until her recent illness.

Her family includes her sister, Eleanor Ensor Huddleston of Buffalo Valley; a brother, Charles Eugene Ensor or Nashville; four nieces, Betty Lynn Ensor Thomas, Maura Kay Ensor Nolan, Patti Jo Patton Ammonette and Theona Patton Kotz; seven nephews, Clarence Taylor Huddleston Jr., Charles Dow Huddleston, Ronald Ensor Huddleston, Gary Denton Huddleston, Michael Young Ensor, John Chester Patton and Robert David Patton; six great-nieces, Debra Huddleston Francis, Angela Joy Huddleston Fountain, Charlotte Ann Huddleston DeVasher, Regina Sue Huddleston Huddleston, Rhonda Huddleston Petty and Lana Raychelle Huddleston; five great-nephews, Donald Bradley Huddleston, Christopher Dow Huddleston, Ronald Huddleston Jr., Jeffrey Taylor Huddleston and Michael Kotz; three great-great-nieces, Emily Frances Sliger, Jenna Thorton and Leann Francis; eight great-great-nephews, William D. Francis, D.J. Key, Jason Huddleston, Seth Huddleston, Noah DeVasher, Samuel Fountain, Joshua Petty and Justin Petty; a great-great-great-niece, Lana Jade Sliger; a great-great-great-nephew, Jacob Ryan Rodriguez; and her angels at Heritage Pointe Senior Living.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Denton Patton.

Pallbearers will be Fred Breeding, Dr. William Shipley, Ralph Jared, Doug Frances, Glen Jones, Teddy Johnson, Wayland Hawkins and Pharoah Smithers.

Memorial donations may be made to the Putnam County Archives, 900 South Walnut Avenue, Cookeville, TN 38501.

You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerlas.com](http://www.hhhfunerlas.com), 526-6111.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Sunday, Feb 15, 2009

**Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**  
September 29, 1921, Thursday, front page

There was a wedding at the home of Rev. B. T. Arnold, Sunday morning. Delia Brown and Carson Anderson, former pupils of Baxter Seminary, were united in marriage.

**Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

September 8, 1932

**BAXTER** – Baxter citizens are glad to welcome to their midst Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Burch of Cookeville. They have moved here to place their daughter in Baxter Seminary.

**Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

Thursday, January 19, 1933

Harley Duke, of Wolf Creek, and a student of Baxter Seminary visited Luke Allen Jared Sunday.

**Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

August 31, 1934

Grover Anderson, Jr., of Baxter Seminary, has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Virgil T. Denny, and family.



William Grover "Slim" Anderson Jr.  
Class of 1936 Senior  
Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.  
Dairy & Livestock Judging Team, 1,2,3,4.  
Y.M.C.A. 1,2,3,4.  
Future Teachers of America, 1,2,3,4.  
Phi Alpha Society



William Rankin Medley, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Grover Anderson Sr. (1889-1970) & Lillian Lea (1889-1925) of Silver Point, Rt. 1, has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls Army Field, Sioux Falls, SD for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He attended Baxter Seminary and prior to his induction into the service, he was employed with the Vultee Aircraft Corporation in Nashville and previous military training has taken at Miami Beach, FL, Lockborne, OH and Maxwell Field, AL.

William "Bill" Rankin Medley – b. 26 Sept. 1923, TN – Cookeville, TN, s/o Eugene Eschol "Dock" Medley & Buena Vista Denny.

**Putnam Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

October 12, 1944

Harold Johnson killed in action. He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN. He entered service in July 1943. His last letter home was written in Belgium.

<p>HAROLD JOHNSON</p> <p>F. F. A.-1-2-3-4, Treas.-4; F. F. A. Basketball-1-2; Varsity Basketball-3-4; B Letter Club-1-2-3-4; Zeta Soc.-2; Freshman Class Pres.; Football-1-2-3-4; Volunteer Club-2-3; Victory Corps; Annual Staff.</p> <p><i>Killed in W. W. II</i></p>	
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**Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**

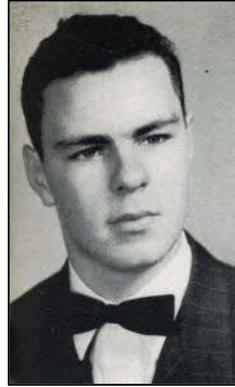
June 19, 1947

**SILVER POINT-** Reba Duke who graduated from Baxter Seminary, May 19, has started training at Nashville Business College.



**Margaret (Duke) Jones**

Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN: 1943 Senior



**Harold Fike**

Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN: 1954 Senior

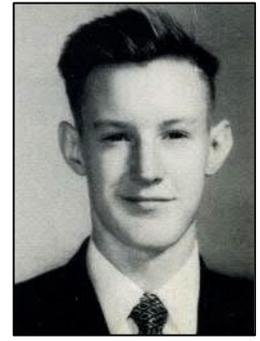
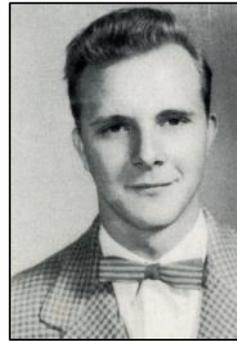
**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**

May 20, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fike and daughters of Albany, KY, were here last weekend. They came especially to attend commencement at Baxter Seminary. Mr. Fike's brother was a member of the graduating class.

Mrs. Jimmie Nelle Russell Garrison, Owen D. Carr, Jimmie Medley and Joe Nichols were our local young people who were graduated from Baxter Seminary.

Mrs. L. D. Nichols, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham and Mrs. E. H. Maddux were in Baxter Friday for commencement exercise at Baxter Seminary. They went to be present at the graduation of Mrs. Nichol's son, Joe Nichols.



L to R: Mrs. Jimmie Nelle Russell Garrison, Owen D. Carr, Jimmie Medley and Joe Nichols; Class of 1954 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

**Alfred Floyd Garrison**

b. 3 May 1932, Putnam Co., TN- d. 17 July 1967, Putnam Co., TN, (Tenn Sfc U. S. Army, Korea), md **Jimmie Nell (Russell) Garrison**, b. 22 August 1936. Children: Pamela Garrison, b. 8 Dec. 1955; Donna Garrison, b. 28 March 1959 & Gregory Garrison, b. 13 Feb. 1962. Alfred Floyd Garrison, s/o **Solon Garrison** (1896-1984) & **Nettie Helms** (1896-1960), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**CARR-DENNY WEDDING**

Source: Herald Citizen Newspaper, 11 June 1958, **Miss Denny Becomes Bride of Owen D. Carr**

Miss Bobbie June Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denny of Buffalo Valley, became the bride of Owen D. Carr son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Carr also of Buffalo Valley, Saturday afternoon, May 31 at the Rock Springs Methodist Church. (*Robert James Denney, s/o (James Elbert Denney & Nannie Ellen Paris) md Nannie Ellen Paris, parents of Bobbie June Denney who md Owen D. Carr, s/o (Bailey Owens Carr & Ethel Avo Shanks).*)

Officiating at the 4:00 ceremony was the Rev. Joe Elledge of Doyle.

Preceding the ceremony, a program of music was furnished by Frank Huddleston, pianist and cousin of the bride, who was the accompanist for Mrs. John Jared who sang 'I Love You Truly.

Groupings of palm and magnolia leaves formed a background for basket arrangements of white roses and snowballs. The white tapers posed among the greenery were lit by David Denny, cousin of the bride and Charles Pullum.

Given in marriage by her Uncle, John Henry Denny, the bride wore a ballerina gown of white nylon posed over lace featuring a fitted bodice, low neckline, and short sleeves. On her head, she wore lilies of the valley and carried a white prayer book centered with a white orchid surrounded with white ribbon.

Miss Rebecca Denny was her cousin's only attendant. Her ballerina aqua nylon gown was fashioned with a full skirt, low neckline and short sleeves.

Bill Baton of Ft. Benning, GA, served as Mr. Carr's best man.

Mrs. Denny chose for her daughter's wedding, a pink and black dress fashioned with a full skirt and accented with a corsage of pink roses.

Mrs. Carr, mother of the groom, wore a black and white cotton dress with an orchid corsage.

After a short wedding trip Mr. Carr will report to Ft. Benning, GA where he is stationed with the U.S. Army.

He was a native of Putnam County, the son of Jesse and Mary Tucker Carr. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by three sons, Joe Carr of Baxter and Glenn and David Carr, both of Silver Point; a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Anderson of Baxter; and five grandchildren.

Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 28 June 1979

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**  
January 5, 1950



Miss Dorothy Ann Shanks math teacher at Baxter Seminary was here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shanks.

**Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN**  
October 23, 1958

Medley to Take Part In Exercise:

Army Pfc. Jimmy Medley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Medley of Silver Point is scheduled to participate with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division's 327<sup>th</sup> Inf. in "Exercise White Cloud", a strategic Army Corps (STRAG) maneuvers involving parachute assaults on Ft. Campbell, KY and Ft. Bragg, NC.

Medley, a driver in the infantry's Headquarters Co. at Ft. Campbell, entered the Army in February 1957 and received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

The 24-year-old soldier is a graduate of Baxter Seminary. His wife Lois is with him at Ft. Campbell.

**Ralph Herbert Fike Obt.**

b. 4 April 1927 – d. 9 April 2011, md **Dorothy Ann Shanks**. Ralph Herbert Fike, s/o **Hugh Frank Fike & Wrenner Ersel McKee**.



World War II and after 30+ years of Baptist Church for 33

**MADISON** -- Funeral services for Ralph Herbert Fike, 83, of Madison, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, in the chapel of Madison Funeral Home. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. in Maddux Cemetery in Buffalo Valley.



Family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Monday, April 11, at the funeral home.

Mr. Fike passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011.

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and a student at UT Knoxville. Mr. Fike served in the Navy during retired from the Army Corps of Engineers in 1986, service. He was an active member of Madison First years, where memorial contributions may be made. His family includes his loving wife of 60 years,

Dorothy Ann Shanks Fike; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bob Vermilye, Nancy and Alton Roark and Linda and Barry Moran; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph David and Christy Fike; eight grandchildren, Gretchen Roark Whaley and husband Ron Joe, Josh Roark and wife Amanda, Victoria Vermilye, Sarah Moran, Matthew Moran, Emily Fike, Erynn Fike and Haydynn Fike; and two great-grandchildren, Micah and Nate Whaley.

Pallbearers will be Ron Joe Whaley, Ken Ferdon, Larry Kenny, David Mistakovitch, Joe Perryman and Rich Powell.

Honorary pallbearers will be Josh Roark, Haydynn Fike, Matthew Moran, Micah and Nate Whaley, Robert Shanks, Reggie Shanks, Barry Moran, Alton Roark and Robert Vermilye.

Online tributes may be made to [www.madisonfuneralhome.net](http://www.madisonfuneralhome.net).

Madison Funeral Home (219 Old Hickory Blvd. East, Madison, TN) is in charge of arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 11 April 2011.

**Jere T. Herren Obt.**

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Jere T. Herren, 81, of Baxter, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 30, from the Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in G.V. Herren Family Cemetery.



Family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 29, and after 9 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Herren died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at his home.

He was born May 4, 1930, in Putnam County to the late General Vester "G.V" and Mary Thomas Herren.

**Mr. Herren was a graduate of Baxter Seminary. He was owner-operator of Jere Herren Auto Sales, Empire Homes, J.T. Herren Livestock Co. and J&M Farms.** He was a farmer and member of Silver Point Church of Christ.

His family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Dian Herren and Sammie Bow of Crossville; a son, Mike Herren of Baxter and fiancée Sandra Bachus; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Eunice Jones and Belle and Ivan Youngblood, all of Silver Point, Sue Rhea Nord of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Bonnie Herren of Cookeville; a sister-in-law, Helen Herren of Baxter; two grandchildren, Stacey Evans and wife Melissa, Amy Laurene Herren; a great-grandchild, Elizabeth Evans; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Herren was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jo Roberts Herren; his second wife, Laurene Waller Heren; a grandson, Jeremy Todd Evans; four sisters, Lucy Jones, Dorothy Martin, Lois Phillips and Mary Lou Herren; and two brothers, Howard and Zina Herren.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Bros. Johnny W. Fox and John Whitson will officiate the services.

The Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home (931-858-2134) is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen: 29 June 2011

**Dora Prill (Maddux) Watts Obt.**

b. 6 June 1915, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 August 2011, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Jimmy Hop Watts**. Dora Prill (Maddux) Watts, d/o **Oscar Jack Maddux & Sarah Catherine Cole**.

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for Dora Prill Watts, 96, of Baxter, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Maddux-Cole Family Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Watts died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011, in NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born June 6, 1915, in Putnam County to the late Oscar (Jack) and Sarah Catherine Cole Maddux.

Mrs. Watts was a member of Baxter Church of Christ. **She graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1934.**

Her family includes three sons, Whitley Watts of Cookeville, Roy Watts of New Orleans, La., and Jimmy Hop Watts Jr. of Bay City, Mich.; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sara Futrell of Baxter and Faye Watts and Jean and Keith Kinniard Jr., all of Silver Point; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Hop Watts; a son, Lewis Claude "Mousie" Watts; and six brothers, Clifford, Claude, Red, Clyde and Jack Maddux.

Pallbearers will be Russell Watts, Bo Watts. Tom Bullington, Eric Watts, Josh Kinniard and Trace Watts.

P.V. Whitefield and Bro. Herb Leftwich will officiate at the services.

You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931) 858-2134.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 26 August 2011.

**Anna Faye (Haller) Beckers Obt.**

**SILVER POINT** -- Private graveside services for Anna Faye Haller Beckers, 69, of the Herren's Chapel community of Putnam County, near Silver Point, were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, in the Herren's Chapel community.

Mrs. Beckers died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born April 30, 1942, in Herren's Chapel to the late Fritz (Fred) Haller of Switzerland and Effie Mae Roberts Haller.

Mrs. Beckers was a homemaker and attended St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church in Cookeville. She was a former resident of New York City and Long Island. **She was a 1961 graduate of Baxter Seminary.** For a time, Mrs. Beckers raised Pomeranian dogs that she loved a great deal.

The family would like to thank the employees of NHC Healthcare of Cookeville and the nurses at Cookeville Regional Medical Center for their very patient and compassionate care of Mrs. Beckers.

Her family includes a brother and sister-in-law, Charlie and Michele J. Taggart Haller of Sparta; a nephew, Patrick Michael Haller of Sparta; a niece, Isabel Erin Haller of Pullman, Wash.; three great-nieces, Sarah, Katherine and Abigail Hulst, all of Pullman; and several cousins, including special cousins Floretta Haller Anderson of Old Hickory and Geneva Brown Haller of Silver Point.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Beckers; her maternal grandparents, Jessie Fate Roberts and Martha Hancock Roberts of Herren's Chapel; and her paternal grandparents, Rudolph Haller and Bertha (Haller) Haller of Switzerland.

Pallbearers were Patrick Haller, Roy Hemphill, Michael Oyston, Carl Tucker and Danny Smith.

Father Chad Puthoff S.D.S. officiated at the services.

Online guest book may be signed at [www.dyerfuneralservices.com](http://www.dyerfuneralservices.com).

Dyer Funeral Home in Cookeville was in charge of the arrangements (931) 526-7158.

**Sue Rhea (Herren) Nord Obt.**

**SILVER POINT** -- Sue Rhea Herren Nord, 85, of Jacksonville, Fla., and formerly of Silver Point, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Herrens Chapel Church of Christ. Interment will follow in the G.V. Herren Family Cemetery on the on the farm where she grew up.



Family will receive friends Thursday from noon until time of services at the church. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Mrs. Nord died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at her home in Jacksonville.

She was born Sept. 24, 1926, in Silver Point to the late General Vester (G.V.) and Mary Thomas Herren.

**Mrs. Nord was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (now Tennessee Tech University). She was a school teacher for 34 years, most of them at Englewood High School in Jacksonville, where she taught calculus and geometry. She loved playing bridge and having parties. She served on the Board of Directors at Jones College in Jacksonville.

Her family includes a son, Eric Nord of Jacksonville; a daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie Sue Nord and Ken Hurley of Jacksonville; five grandchildren, Tyler Hurley, Brie Hurley, Lucy Nord, Anna Nord and Cameron Nord; her ex husband, Bob Nord; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Bonnie Herren of Cookeville; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Eunice Jones and Belle and John Youngblood, all of Silver Point.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Nord was preceded in death by four sisters, Lucy Jones, Lois Phillips, Dorothy Martin and Mary Lou Herren; and three brothers, Howard, Zina and Jere Herren.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Bro. Johnny Fox will officiate the services.

The Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home (931-858-2134) is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 9 November 2011.

**James Maddux “Pete” Nichols Obt.**

b. 10 June 1923, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 November 2011, Tampa, FL, md on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1953 to **Imogene (Carr) Buckner**, b. 1 December 1916, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 August 2002, d/o **William Matthew Carr & Margaret Frances Gentry**. James Maddux “Pete” Nichols, s/o **James Grimes Nichols** (1897-1928) & **Edith Mable Maddux** (1900-1989). Imogene was md 1<sup>st</sup> to **Edwin Buckner**.

Funeral services for James “Pete” Maddux Nichols of Lutz, FL formerly of the Buffalo Valley Community of Putnam County will be Saturday, Nov. 12 at 11 A.M. from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, will follow in the Smellage Cemetery in the Boma Community



Mr. Nichols died Monday night November 7, 2011 at Florida Hospital in Tampa, FL.

He was born in Buffalo Valley to the late James “Jamie” Grimes and Edith Maddux Nichols. **He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and an Army veteran.

(Pictured: 1942 senior of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

He was a retired Senior Engineering Technician with General Motors in Warren, MI. with 30+ plus of service.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by wife Imogene Carr Nichols on Aug. 4 2002, and a sister Mary Ann Nichols Bartlett.

Survivors include daughter & son-in-law Carol Ann & Kerry Sarnowski of Wesley Chapel, FL, two step-sons & daughters-in-law Leamon Ray & Kathleen Buckner of Centerline, MI. Gene Edwin & Carol Buckner of Tavares, FL, two sisters & brothers-in-law Betty & Ken Maynard, Barbara Janice & Tom Carr all of Dickson, TN, five grandchildren: Bryan Buckner, Bonnie ( William) Weir, Kimberly (William) Aydelotte, Rhonda Moon and Samantha Sarnowski, four great-grandchildren.

Family & friends will serve as pallbearers.

Family will receive friends Friday from 3 to 8 P.M. and after 10 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home.

Bro. Herb Leftwich will officiate.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 9 November 2011.

**Willie Marcum Obt.**

b. 25 February 1918, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 December 1936, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Sidney Marcum & Sarah Gentry**.

Funeral services were held Sunday for Willie Marcum, 18, who was instantly killed when a burning tree fell on him, breaking his neck, while he and several others were fighting a forest fire three miles northwest of Silver Point Saturday.

Marcum was a junior high school student at **Baxter Seminary**.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Sidney Marcum, and two sisters, Mrs. Nero Steel and Mrs. William Bozarth.

The funeral service at the family cemetery near Silver Point was conducted by the Rev. Trobough, assisted by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 31 December 1936.

**NAME:** Willie C. Marcum

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 25 Feb 1918

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Putnam County

**DATE OF DEATH:** 26 Dec 1936

**FATHER'S NAME:** Sid Marcum

**FATHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH:** Putnam County

**MOTHER'S NAME:** Sarah Gentry

**MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH:** Putnam County

**SOURCE:** DC Certificate No. 30945, Year 1936, Putnam Co., TN

NAME: Sidney Marcum DATE OF BIRTH: 13 Oct 187AGE: Age: 50y 5m 14d PLACE OF BIRTH: Putnam County DATE OF DEATH: 27 Mar 1936 FATHER'S NAME: Perry Marcum FATHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: Putnam County MOTHER'S NAME: Marth Oaks MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH: Putnam County SPOUSE: -----SOURCE: Certificate No. 7557, Year 1936, Putnam County, Tennessee.

**BAXTER STUDENT IS KILLED ACCIDENTALLY:**

Ralph Waller, b. 26 March 1921 – d. 27 November 1937, TN, s/o Oplus Waller. Ralph Waller is buried in the Goolsby Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN at Martin's Creek, on old Waller farm.

Ralph Waller, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oplus Waller, of near Baxter and **sophomore at Baxter Seminary**, was found dead near his home Saturday, apparently the victim of a hunting accident.

Young Waller had started squirrel hunting and had gone only a short distance from the house when the accident happened. The parents heard the report of the gun and saw the boy lying on the ground. It is believed the gun was accidentally fired as the boy walked along swinging the weapon. The discharge took effect in the chest, killing him instantly.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Jim Roberson. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, a younger sister, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ellar James.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 2 December 1937.

### **Raymond Terry Obt.**

Raymond Terry, 46 Dies in Austin, Texas:

Funeral services were held February 24 for Raymond Terry, 46, in Austin, Texas. He had been ill since early fall.

Son of R. B. Terry and the late Melissa McGlasson Terry his home was in Putnam County for a number of years. He was educated in the Putnam County schools and was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary**. He moved to Detroit in 1925 and later moved to Texas with his family in 1944.

He married Miss Ethel Hammel, Detroit, and a native of Windsor, Canada, who survives. Also surviving is a ten-year-old son, Harry Ray Terry; and his father, R. B. Terry, Detroit.

Mr. Terry is a nephew of Mrs. Fred Maxwell and the Misses Minnie, Avo, and Cleo McGlasson.

Other survivors include a sister, Jewel Terry, Detroit, and a brother, Charles Terry, Lake Charles, LA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 24 February 1949.

### **Robert A. Elrod Obt.**

b. 13 June 1916, TN – d. 29 October 1931, , TN, s/o **Earline G. “Early” Elrod (1891-1970) & Dora Stout (1894-1979)**, both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Robert A. Elrod is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Funeral Services Held For Highway Accident Victim: Robert Elrod, 15, Baxter Seminary Student Killed As He Stops From School Bus: Car Overturns, is Damaged:

Funeral services for Robert Elrod, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Early Elrod, were held at the home 13 miles West of Cookeville on Highway No. 24, Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Dow A. Ensor. Young Elrod was almost instantly killed at 4:30 Thursday afternoon as he stepped from a school bus at Ensor to allow a girl to alight.

According to witnesses, Elrod stepped from the rear door of the bus, and unconsciously got too far into the highway and was struck by an automobile driven by Charlie Lockridge, of Huntsville, AL. The car was overturned after striking Elrod but neither Lockridge nor Latham Davis, of Nashville, his riding companion, was seriously injured.

Elrod was rushed to the Millis hospital about 100 yards from the scene of the tragedy, but was dead before medical aid could be administered.

The youth, son of a prominent Putnam county farmer living in the tenth district, was a sophomore at Baxter Seminary, and his death was a severe blow to his class and the entire student body, among which he was popular and beloved.

Surviving him besides his parents, are a sister, Martha, and two brothers, James and Gordon.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 5 November 1931.

**Imogene Jared Obt.**

b. 7 August 1911, Putnam Co., TN – d. 20 Feb. 1933, Putnam Co., TN. She never married. She is the daughter of **Isaac Claiborn Jared** (1882-1974) & **Alta Elizabeth Stanton** (1882-1944). Buried next to her parents in Cookeville City Cemetery.

\*See Frank Wilson Jared Obt.

Miss Imogene Jared, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayburn Jared, of the Twelfth District, died at her home Monday morning after an illness of more than two years. Funeral services were conducted at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, of which she was a member, Tuesday by the pastor, the Rev. Dow A. Ensor, assisted by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary.

**Miss Jared, who was a graduate of Baxter Seminary of the class of 1929**, was one of the most popular young women of Putnam county, and her death was a blow to many friends, both here and in other sections of the State. After graduating from Baxter Seminary, Miss Jared entered Tennessee Tech and continued in college for two years, when she was forced to stop on account of her health. She was a talented musician.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Wilson Jared.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 23 February 1933.

**Tom Shaw Sewell Obt.**

b. 21 October 1916, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 February 1956, Putnam Co., TN, md **Selma (Morgan) Sewell**, b. 3 April 1920, TN – d. 6 November 1982, Baxter, TN, d/o **A. Quitaman Morgan & Effie Hodged**. Tom Shaw Sewell, s/o **William Thomas “Bill” Sewell & Winnie Maxwell**.



(Pictured: Tom Shaw Sewell, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN, Senior of the Class of 1935).

**Tom S. Sewell**, 39, co-manager of W. T. Sewell and company, a wholesale grocery firm at Baxter, died Monday night at Cookeville General Hospital. He had suffered a stroke about three hours earlier at his home in Baxter.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Baxter Methodist church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Fred Hembree and Dr. Harry L. Upperman. Burial was in Odd Fellows cemetery at Baxter.

Mr. Sewell was a member of Cookeville Post 46 of the American Legion and the Methodist church. He held a membership with the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

A native of Baxter, he was **graduated from Baxter Seminary** and the University of Tennessee.

During 1947 and 1948 Mr. Sewell was a first sergeant in Service Company of the 765<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion of the Tennessee National Guard at Cookeville.

Mr. Sewell served in the United States Air Force during World War II.

Survivors besides his father, are his mother, Mrs. Winnie Maxwell Sewell; widow, Mrs. Selma Morgan Sewell; one daughter, Tommie Sewell, 9, and a son, Bill Sewell, 7, all of Baxter; two sisters, Mrs. Robert L. Baldwin, Winchester, TN, and Mrs. James Austin, Baxter, paternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sewell, Nashville, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Maxwell, Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 16 February 1956.

**Frank Wilson Jared Obt.**

b. 12 March 1909, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 1994, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1882 to **Edith (Wyrick) Jared**. Frank Wilson Jared, s/o **Isaac Claiborne Jared & Alta "Altie" Elizabeth Stanton**.

\*See Imogene Jared Obt.

Funeral services for Wilson Jared, 85, of Cookeville will be held Friday October 21 at 11:00 in the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the City Cemetery. Mr. Jared died Wednesday, October 19, 1994 in Cookeville General Hospital.

Born March 12, 1909 in Putnam County, he was the son of the late Isaac Claiborn Jared and Alta Stanton Jared.

**A graduate of Baxter Seminary**, Mr. Jared was an Army veteran of WWII and served in 512<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion in General George Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. He saw action in England, Luxembourg, Germany, France, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia.

**In 1929, he began delivery in his father's partnership of Jared Monumental Works.** By 1931 he had become a salesman and traveled throughout the Upper Cumberland. He opened his own Monument Company, and served Franklin and Tompkinsville, KY. Mr. Jared was owner-operator of Jared Monumental Works in Cookeville.

His family includes his wife, Edith Wyrick Jared of Cookeville; 2 daughters, Donna Jean Jared Austin of Louisville, KY, and Ann Wilson Jared Lewald of Cookeville; 1 grandson, Jared Wilson Austin.

Acting pallbearers will be Preston Waites, Lonnie Finley, Charlie Eldridge, Robert Waites, Charles Vaughn, Mike and Preston Presley and Morgan Young. Former employees and other Monument Company employees will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive friends form 4-8 today at the funeral home.

Rev. David Campbell will officiate at the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 20 October 1994.

**Katherine "Tootie" (Willoughby) Stanton Obt.**

b. 30 June 1928, Jackson Co., TN – d. 31 December 1990, Granville, TN, d/o **Arthur H. Willoughby** (1898-1968) & **Winnie Page** (1899-1971). Arthur H. Willoughby, s/o Thomas Bertran Willoughby (1877-1959) & Maud Byrne (1877-1968).

Funeral services for Katherine W. Stanton, better known as "Tootie", 62, of Granville, were conducted from the chapel of Anderson Funeral home, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1991, at 1 p.m. Burial was in the Granville Cemetery.



Mrs. Stanton died Monday, Dec. 31, 1990, at her home. A native of Jackson County, she was born June 30, 1928, to the late Arthur H. and Winnie Page Willoughby. Mrs. Stanton was an employee of The Dispatch, a member of the Liberty Church of Christ, a member of the former Granville Church of Christ, and a **graduate of the former Baxter Seminary**.

(Pictured: Katherine (Willoughby) Stanton, Class of 1946, Senior, Baxter Seminary. "*I cannot love as I have loved.*" Granville Jr. High 1, 1; Y.M.C.A. 3; Victory Corps 3, 4; Literary Society 3, 4; Flash Staff; Allied Youth).

Survivors include one son, Tommy Stanton of Orlando, FL; two daughters, Lucy Dowell Dearmon of Gladdice Community of Jackson County, and Melody Foster of Nashville; one brother, Gordon Lee Willoughby of Nashville; two grandchildren, Brandi Griffin of Gordonsville and Lauren Elizabeth Foster of Nashville; one great grandchild, Descree Nichelle Griffin of Gordonsville; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Anderson Funeral Home was in charge.

The Dispatch, Cookeville, TN: 6 January 1991.

**George Blanchard Dunavin Obt.**

b. 16 September 1920 – d. 16 April 1943, s/o **James Taylor Dunavin** (1897-1980) & **Velma Allison** (1896-1980).

\*See Elise (Dunavin) Green Obt.

Funeral services for Blanchard Dunavin, 23, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Baxter Methodist Church, with Dr. Harry Upperman and Rev. H. P. Keathley officiating.

Mr. Dunavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dunavin, of Baxter, had been ill for several months, his death occurring Friday, April 16, at the Mennonite Sanitarium, La Junta, CO, where he had been for treatment for more than a year, however, his condition was thought to be very satisfactory and his father, his sister, Miss Elise Dunavin, and a friend, Miss Ruth Lee Sadler, had been with him for a visit, leaving only a short time before his death. Mr. Dunavin had reached Ft. Lyon, CO, when he was notified that his son had passed away.

**The deceased was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and attended Tennessee tech for two years, being in school at the time he was taken ill.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 22 April 1943

In a communication from **Mrs. Creola Harris Thomas** of 639 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, IL, it is learned that **Capt. B. H. Fleenor, Jr.**, of Manhattan, KS, has been missing in action since April 16. With the Army Air Corps he was somewhere in England. **His mother is the former Jessie Harris**, of Cookeville and Baxter, and **he is the grandson of Rev. J. D. Harris**, of Baxter. Mrs. Fleenor has been in Baxter for a recent visit.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 6 May 1943

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 May 1943

Manhattan Kansas paper carries a picture and the following write-up concerning Capt. B. Harris Fleenor, 24, who has been reported missing in active. Capt. Fleenor, whose mother is the former Jennie Harris, of Baxter, is a grandson of Rev. J. D. Harris of Baxter, and it is with sincere sorrow that their many Putnam County friends learn of his being missing. In a recent letter to her family, Mrs. Fleenor states they are still hopeful of hearing from her son.

Capt. B. Fleenor, son of Prof. and Mrs. Fleenor, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross shortly before he was reported missing in action on April 16. His parents received a telegram from the War Department Monday stating that he was missing in the European area. Professor Fleenor is in the Department of Education Extension at the College.

“Tuesday they got a letter from their son mailed April 13, three days before the date mentioned in the telegram. In his letter, “Buddy,” as he was known to local friends, told of having been given the Distinguished Flying Cross.

“He had been serving as a bomber pilot in the United States army air corps presumably operating out of England over the German-occupied continent.

“The War Department assured his parents that further information concerning him will be immediately sent to them when it is obtained.”

**Nan Kelsey (Denny) Kingsley Obt.**

b. 15 April 1924, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN - d. 22 February 2012, Fairfield, TX  
Parents: William “Willie” Timothy Denny (1872-1953) & Effie D. Rippetoe (1893-1989)  
Husband: James W. Kingsley, b. 26 August 1923, Kent, OH - d. 3 September 1950  
Parents: Robert Kingsley & Anna Houser

OAK RIDGE, TN

**Nan Denny Kingsley**, 87, of Oak Ridge, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Fairview Nursing and Rehab Center in Fairfield, Texas.

She was born April 15, 1924, in Buffalo Valley, Tenn., **the daughter W. T. and Effie Rippetoe Denny.**

**She attended Baxter Seminary High School**, Martin College and Tennessee Tech University.

Later she earned her master's degree at the University of Tennessee. She loved teaching children and taught first at the Oak Ridge Nursery School, then Clinton Senior High School, and retired from Oak Ridge city schools where she taught at Jefferson Jr. High School. She also taught home-bound students and did private tutoring. She was an active member of both Kern Memorial United Methodist Church and Heritage Fellowship. She loved reading, cooking, sewing and flower gardening.



In addition to her parents, Mrs. Kingsley was preceded in death by her **husband, James W. Kingsley.**

She is survived by four children, Pamela Seay and husband, William, J. Denny Kingsley and wife, Patricia, Jeffrey E. Kingsley and wife, Terry, and Eric W. Kingsley; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at Weatherford Mortuary.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weatherford Mortuary with the Rev. Paul Mettler officiating.

**Burial will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens.**

The family suggests making any memorials to a favorite Youth Group of the donor's choice. An online guest book can be signed at [www.weatherfordmortuary.com](http://www.weatherfordmortuary.com).

OakRidger.com

\*See Denny files and Chapter 5 at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:  
9 September 1943

Putnam Boy Dies in Japanese Prison Camp:

In April, Mr. and Mrs. David Allison of Baxter, Route 2, received a message from the War Department advising that their son, Pfc. Elrony Allison, was reported a prisoner of war of the Japanese government, in the Philippine Islands, where he had been since 1941.

Two weeks ago they received a card from their son sent from a concentration camp in the Philippines, stating that he was well and employed.

Again on Saturday of last week they were notified by the War Department that their son had died in a Japanese prison, further details of his death were not given.

Young Allison, who attended the Cookeville schools and Baxter Seminary, had been in the regular army since 1939.

**Reba (Denny) Bilak Obt.**

**SWITZERLAND** – Funeral services for Reba Denny Bilak, 72, of Lausanne, Switzerland, were held on Wed., Feb. 14, at the Centre funeraire de Montoie in the “A” chapel. On Wed., Feb. 17, there was a graveside ceremony in the village cemetery in Cheseaux, where Reba and her husband, Stephan lived for more than 25 years.

Mrs. Bilak died on Sat., Feb. 13, 1999, in Aubonne, Switzerland.

She was born on June 1, 1926 in Baxter to the late Bruce and Bertha Allison Denny. Mrs. Bilak was a 1945 graduate of Baxter Seminary. She attended Lipscomb College in Nashville and TTU, where she graduated. Many of her 45 years together with her husband, Stephan, were spent in the mission field. In March of 1969, they moved to Lausanne. Because of the Swiss neutrality, they were able to travel more freely into the Eastern block of nations.

Her family includes her husband Stephan Bilak; two daughters, Rebecca Meixner and Stephanie Smith; a son, Paul Bilak; a sister, Waurine Denny House; and aunt, Eunice Hedgecough; two sisters-in-law, Gertrude and Erelene Denny; a nephew; and many nieces.

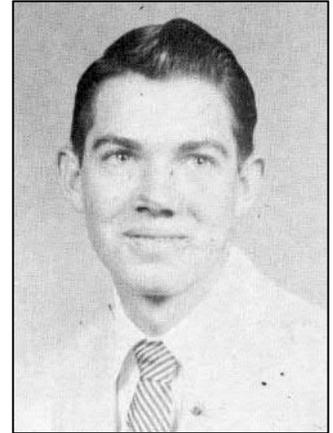
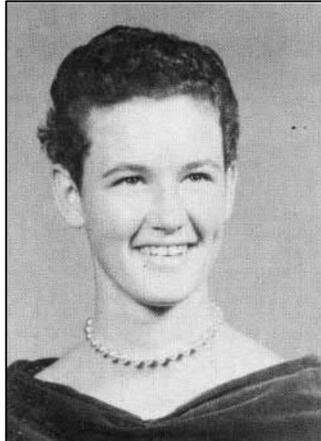
In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a son, James Michael Bilak; and three brothers, Carl, Neil, and Ralph Denny.

Donations in honor of Reba Bilak may be sent to Slavis World for Christ, Box 2872, Abilene, TX, 79604.

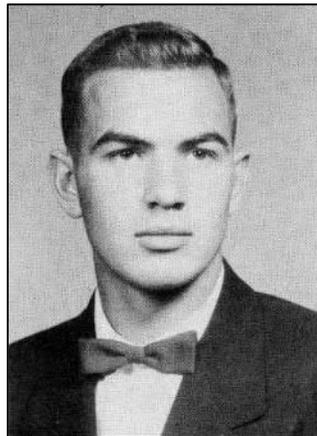


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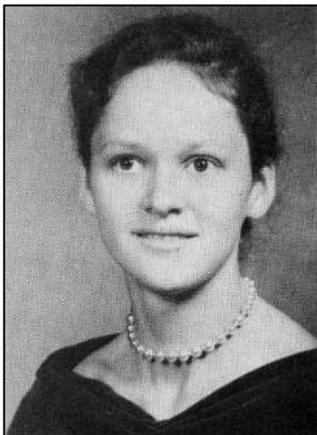
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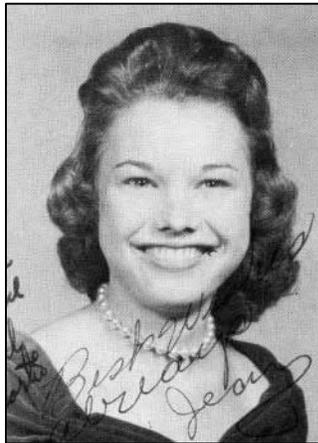
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L to R: Sylvia Fields Jared, Kenneth Maynard & Albert Nash.



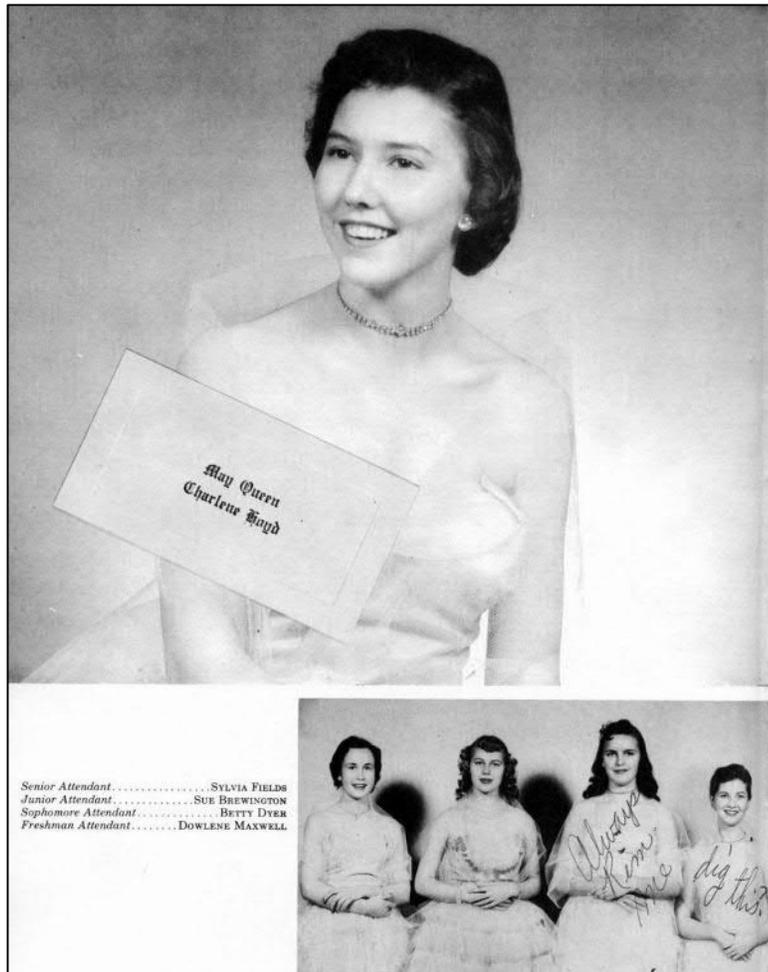
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L to R: Dorothy Nell Denny Stout, Jean Jared Vinson and Nell Goff Vinson.



Margaret Minton Walker



Top: May Queen Charlene Boyd Broyles.

Bottom Group: Senior Attendant, Sylvia Fields Jared; Junior Attendant, Sue Brewington; Sophomore Attendant, Betty Dyer and Freshman Attendant, Dowlene Maxwell.

**James Darrell Boyd Obt.**

b. 23 February 1942, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 April 2013, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md **Delma Kathleen (Elrod) Boyd**. James Darrell Boyd, s/o **O. E. Boyd & Glenner Mae Scarlett**.

Funeral Services for **James Darrel Boyd**, 71 of Baxter will be Monday, April 8 at 1 P.M. from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home with interment in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Boyd died Saturday afternoon April 6, 2013 at his home.

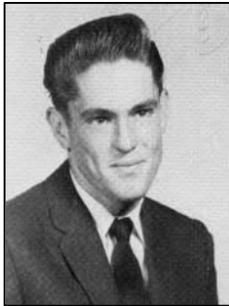


He was born February 23, 1942 in Putnam County to the late O.E. and Glenner Mae Scarlett Boyd.

**He was a 1960 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

He was a retired carpenter and member of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers Alton Boyd and Junior Boyd.



Survivors include wife of 51 years Delma Kathleen Elrod Boyd (whom he married October 20, 1961 in Putnam County); two daughters and a son-in-law Katherine and Rick Lineberry of Baxter, Lisa Boyd of Baxter, sister Kathleen Mahan of Baxter, four grandchildren: Jamie (Matt) Trebing of Baxter, Kristi (T.J.) Pendergrass of Rickman, Brittany ( Matt) Haggard of Baxter and Felicia Linder of Hilham, four great-grandchildren: Kayson Phillips, Azrael Linder, Sam Roberson and Marcie Trebing.

Bro. Harold Walker will officiate.

(Pictured: Class of 1960 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Family will receive friends Sunday from 4 to 8 P.M. and Monday after 10 A.M. at the funeral home.

**Lois Ruth Smith Anderson Obt.**

**SILVER POINT** — Memorial services for Lois Ruth Smith Anderson, 93, of Silver Point, will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Silver Point Church of Christ.

She peacefully passed away Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, in the home built by her grandfather, where she had many childhood memories. She reflected that she “courted” her husband, John, in the parlor.

Mrs. Anderson was born Dec. 6, 1919, to Norman and Vora Smith.

She had a long career as an educator. She began her career teaching in a one-room schoolhouse at Cherry Hill. Mrs. Anderson then **taught at Baxter Seminary** and Lipscomb University, and then for many years as a professor of English at Tennessee Technological University, from where she retired.

Mrs. Anderson was an avid community leader and was very active in Silver Point Church of Christ, as well as Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. After her retirement, she volunteered thousands of hours at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She and her late husband were both very active in the Republican Party, both serving as delegates at national conventions. Mrs. Anderson was also elected as Tennessee State Republican Chairwoman.

Her family includes a sister, Wanda Smith Briggs; numerous nieces, nephews and their families, as well as her foster children, the Baker family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John O. Anderson; two brothers, Norman Smith and Warren G. Smith; and a sister, Ruth Lucille Smith Whittaker Clark. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avalon Hospice, 13 North Oak Ave., Cookeville, TN 38501.



### **BAXTER-SEMINARY-UPPERMAN HIGH REUNION**

May 4 was the annual Baxter Seminary-Upperman High School Alumni Association held at the school. June Lewis is pictured with a display of Dr. Harry Upperman's (the school's namesake) cap and gown that he wore at various ceremonies and a 1950s Baxter Seminary girls' basketball uniform and jacket. Dr. Upperman's cap and gown are part of a donation made by Marie Swallows a long-time educator at the school, who also attended the dinner as an alumni of the 1940 class of Baxter Seminary.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 4 May 2013, pg. 7.

### **HAIL TO BAXTER**

Hail to Baxter, place of beauty,  
Nestling midst the encircling hills;  
Round about are trees and meadows,  
How our hearts its beauty thrills.

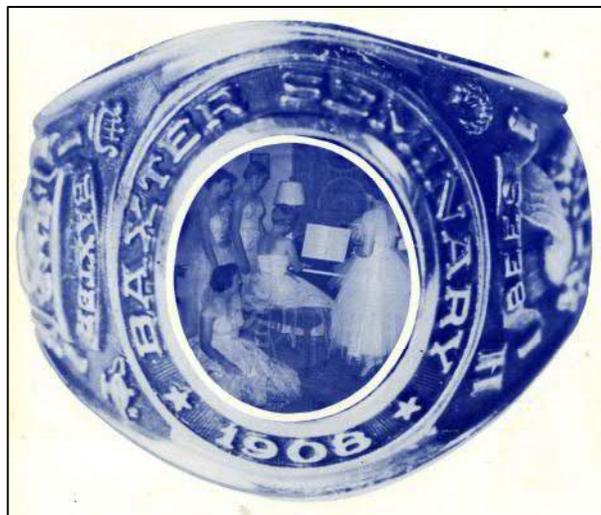
Hail to Baxter, place of training,  
Training head and hand and heart;  
Fitting us while here we tarry,  
In life's work to do our part.

Hail to Baxter, place of service,  
Pointing out life's Golden Way;  
Shown to us by patient teachers,  
As they train us day by day.

Hail to Baxter, place of friendship,  
Where our hearts together blend;  
And we come to know each other,  
As we journey, friend and friend.

Hail to Baxter, place of heart-life,  
Where we clearer learn of God;  
Find our joys in way of service,  
In the paths the Master trod.

Hail, All Hail, to Dear Old Baxter,  
Alma Mater, Guide and Friend;  
To the lessons thou hast taught us,  
We'll be true till life shall end.



We will walk in Wisdom's pathway,  
Serving others, never fail;  
We will follow where thou leadest,  
Dear Old Baxter, Hail, All Hail.

Thos. P. Potter: New York City, 1931.

Dedicated to Baxter Seminary and President and Mrs. H. L. Upperman.  
Highlander Yearbook 1955.

**Ometa Ruth (Pullum) Thompson Obt.**

b. 18 June 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 February 2014, Oak Ridge, TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1973, Anderson Co., TN to **Clarence Taylor Thompson**. Ometa (Pullum) Thompson, d/o **Fount Pullum** (1905-1973) & **May McBroom**.

\*See Reuben "Sonny" Pullum buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Anderson Co., TN – Clarence Taylor Thompson married 21 July 1973, Anderson Co., TN, age 48, b. 17 April 1925, address: 110 Broadway #131 Oak Ridge, TN 37830 to Ometa Ruth Thompson, age 39, b. 18 June 1933, address: 106 Malvern Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: William Frank Thompson, (son), 106 Malvern Rd., Oak Ridge, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: Roger Thompson (son), 106 Malvern Rd., Oak Ridge, TN).

**OAK RIDGE** — Funeral services for Ometa Pullum Thompson, 80, of Oak Ridge, will be held at 2:30 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Weatherford Mortuary in Oak Ridge. Burial will follow in Anderson Memorial Gardens.



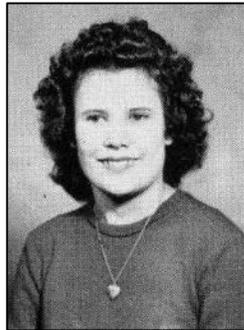
The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. (EST) until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Ometa went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014.

She was born June 18, 1933, in Baxter to the late Fount and May McBroom Pullum.

Mrs. Thompson **attended Baxter Seminary in Baxter, Tenn.**, which is now Upperman High School.

Ometa was an active member of Robertsville Baptist Church for more than 50 years, where she enjoyed the friendship of many of the senior women in her Sunday school class, the women's missionary union and the "new beginnings" group.



She enjoyed working with Tabitha's Table, the church's food ministry, the clothes closet and other benevolence ministries.

(Pictured: Ometa (Pullum) Thompson 1949 Sophomore at Baxter Seminary).

Her family includes her children, Connie Woods and husband Joe of Cookeville, Roger Thompson and wife Cathy of Oak Ridge and Bill Thompson and wife Susan of Bristol, Va.; a brother, Ernie Pullum and wife Bonnie of Cookeville; nine grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Clarence Taylor Thompson, and younger brother, Ruben Sonny Pullum of Cookeville.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be given in her memory to the Kitchen Renovation Fund at Robertsville Baptist Church, 251 Robertsville Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Rev. Brian Scott will officiate at the services.

An online guest book can be signed at [www.weatherfordmortuary.com](http://www.weatherfordmortuary.com).

Arrangements by Weatherford Mortuary, 158 South Jefferson Circle, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (865) 482-2464.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 17 February 2014

(1940 census Fremont Avenue, Avenal, Kings, CA: Dwl: 912 ½ #152 – **Fount Pullum** is head of household, 35 yrs. old, TN, (occupation: Rig builder, Ideco construction), md to **May**, 37 yrs. old, TN. Children: **Ometa**, 6 yrs. old, TN; Buddy, 2 yrs. old, TN & Reuben Pullum, 11/12 yrs. old, CA).

(Delayed Birth Record for Tennessee (1869-1910) for **Fount Pullum**, b. 6 September 1905, DeKalb Co., TN. Father: Harve Pullum, birthplace DeKalb Co., TN. Mother: Maude Alice Pullum, birthplace: Putnam Co., TN).

(**Fount Pullum**, b. 6 September 1905, DeKalb Co., TN – d. October 1973, NC. Last Residence: 28742 Horse Shoe, Henderson, NC. Buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Henderson Co., NC).

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN - **Ernie Dencil Pullum**, md on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1960, Putnam Co., TN, age 22, b. 28 February 1938, address: 426 S. Cedar, Box 96, Cookeville, TN to Bonnie Jean Sparks, age 20, address: Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mrs. Casto Sparks (mother), Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN).

**Bobbie Sue (Carter) Kuykendall Obt.**

b. 13 October 1930, Putnam Co., TN – d. 21 March 2014, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1952, Putnam Co., TN to **Frank Anson Kuykendall**, b. 22 July 1928. Bobbie Sue (Carter) Kuykendall, d/o **Robert Haggard “Bob” Carter** (1902-1995) & **Ruby Brown** (1908-2000), both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Bobbie Sue’s brother **Joe B. Carter** (1955-1999) is buried in Sand Springs Memorial Gardens, Monterey, Putnam Co., TN.

\*Note: Joe Carter Sr. Obt. buried in Sand Springs Memorial Gardens, Monterey, Putnam Co., TN

\*See Ruby (Brown) Carter Obt. in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 228 - Frank Anson Kuykendall married 4 June 1952, Putnam Co., TN, age 23, b. 22 July 1928, address: Algood, TN to Bobbie Sue Carter, age 21, b. 13 October 1920, address: Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Robert Haggard Carter, Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN).

**NASHVILLE** — Funeral services for Bobbie Sue (Carter) Kuykendall, 83, of Nashville, will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 26, at Donelson Church of Christ Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at Donelson Church of Christ Generations Lobby, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.



Mrs. Kuykendall passed away on Friday, March 21, 2014.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1930, to the late Bob and Ruby Carter.

Bobbie was raised in Putnam County and **graduated from Baxter Seminary in Baxter**. She married her husband, Frank, in 1952, and, after a military career, they settled in Nashville in 1970. Bobbie retired from Security Federal in 1991, as a loan officer after 20 years of employment.

Known for her unflinching faith, she had been an active member of Donelson Church of Christ for more than 40 years. Bobbie was a generous, loving and selfless Christian wife and mother, and saw these as her most important roles.

Her family includes her beloved husband of 61 years, Frank Kuykendall; her daughters, Joan Kuykendall of Nashville, Beth Kuykendall Leary (Ed) of Brentwood and daughter-in-law Mary Armstrong Kuykendall of Petaluma, Calif; her grandchildren, Rory Kuykendall, Carter and Ethan Hurt and Cecilia, Sara and Emma Leary; her sisters, Faye Smith and Joy Roark (Paul); her sister-in-law, Bonnie Carter; and her brother, Charles Carter (Faye).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Ron Kuykendall, and her brother, Joe Carter.

Condolences may be offered at [www.hibbetthaileyfh.com](http://www.hibbetthaileyfh.com).

Arrangements by Hibbett & Hailey Funeral Home, 429 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN, (615) 883-2361.

**\*Note:** Joe Carter Sr. Obt.

**MONTEREY** – Funeral services for Joe Carter Sr., 64, of the Sand Springs Community near Monterey, will be held at 11 a.m. on Thurs., Aug. 12, from the chapel of Goff Funeral Home. **Burial will be in Sand Springs Cemetery.**

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. today, Wed., Aug 11, at the funeral home.

Mr. Carter died on Tues., Aug. 10, 1999, at his home.

He was born on July 5, 1935, in Jackson County to Ruby Brown Carter of Cookeville and the late Bob Carter. Mr. Carter was a farmer and an avid coon hunter. He was a member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, his family also includes his wife, Bonnie Swack Carter of Monterey; a daughter and son-in-law, Janita and Johnny Walker of Monterey; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Cyen Carter Jr. of Monterey; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bobbie and Frank Kuykendall and Faye Smith, all of Nashville, and Joy and Paul Roark of Atlanta, GA; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Faye Carter of Cookeville; and one grandchild, Kenny Joe Walker.

Rev. DeWitt Sampley will officiate at the services.

**Mildred Joyce (Cole) Pointer Obt.**

b. 23 October 1924, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 September 2011, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **J. E. Cole & Patricia Nash.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Mildred Joyce Pointer, 86, of Cookeville will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, at Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Sunday, Oct. 2, and from 1 p.m. until time of services on Monday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Pointer passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 23, 1924, in Baxter to the late J.E. Pointer and Patricia Nash Cole.

**Mrs. Pointer graduated from her beloved Baxter Seminary.** She worked as a dispatch communicator at GTE for more than 25 years before her retirement.



She was a member of Cookeville First United Methodist Church. She loved to travel and enjoyed her reading. She was a loving, devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend, and will be greatly missed.

(Pictured: Class of 1942, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Her family includes two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Steve Hickok of Madison, Miss., and Mikki and Glenn Hoard of Cookeville; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Elfrun Pointer of Nashville; two granddaughters and spouses, Stephanie and David Logsdon of Nashville and Rachel and Andy Spence of Hermitage; a grandson and spouse, Jim and Suzanne Howard of Silver Point; six great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Juanita Austin.

Bro. Kelly Stockton will officiate at the services.

Go to [www.crestlawnmemorial.com](http://www.crestlawnmemorial.com) to sign the online guest book and send a message to her family.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home-Cremation Center is in charge of arrangements.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Sunday, 2 October 2011

**Verda Dell Dalton (Maddux) Warta Obt.**

b. 28 March 1940, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 June 2014, Carthage, Smith Co., TN, md on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1988, Boma, Putnam Co., TN to **Ricky Dean Warta**, b. 25 October 1952. Verda Dell Dalton (Maddux) Warta, d/o **Silas Denton Maddux** (1913-1995) & **Loy Autrey** (1916-2006), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 50 – Ricky Dean Warta married 23 October 1988, Putnam Co., TN, age 35, b. 25 October 1952, address: P. O. Box 402 (Rt. 1 Box 253) Smithville, TN to Verda Dell Dalton, age 48, b. 28 March 1940, Rt. 4 A2-4, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Lisa Scott, daughter, Rt. 4, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

**BAXTER** — Funeral services for Verda Dell Dalton Warta, 74, of Baxter, will be held at 7 p.m. today, Monday, June 16, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

Graveside services and interment will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until time of services to day at the funeral home in Baxter.

Mrs. Warta died Saturday morning, June 14, 2014 at Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation-Smith County in Carthage.

She was born March 28, 1940, in Putnam County to the late Silas Denton and Loy Autrey Maddux.

Mrs. Warta was of the Christian faith.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Ricky Warta of Baxter (whom she married Oct. 23, 1988, in Boma); a son, Scott Dalton of Sparta; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Lonnie Dunn and Lisa and Roy Scott, all of Baxter; two stepsons, David Warta of Shawnee, Okla., and Frank Warta of Kearney, Neb.; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Ann Maddux of Mt. Juliet; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Randy Carr of Baxter; seven grandchildren, Fletcher, Mattie and Thomas Dalton, Cody and Zachery Dunn

and Sydney and Kelsey Scott; a great-grandchild, Aiden Dunn; and several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (931) 858-2134.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville TN: 16 June 2014

**Treva Joyce (Thomas) Luke Obt.**

b. 17 December 1935, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 June 2014, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army WWII), md on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1962, Overton Co., TN to **Roy Samuel Luke**, b. 19 March 1921 – d. 6 June 2003, (US Army WWII). Treva Joyce (Thomas) Luke, s/o **Charlie Dow Thomas** (1900-1979) & **Annie Herd** (1899-1980).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 210, #3810 – Roy Samuel Luke married 27 October 1962, Overton Co., TN, age 41, address: Baxter, TN to Treva Joyce Thomas, age 26, address: Rt. 2, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Annie Thomas).

**COOKEVILLE** — A celebration of life for Treva Joyce Luke, 78, of Baxter, will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, from the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home in Cookeville.

Family will receive friends Thursday from 1 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home.



Mrs. Luke passed away on Monday, June 30, 2014, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1935, in Baxter to the late Charlie Thomas and Annie Herd Thomas.

Mrs. Luke worked at Delman Company as an assembly worker and also as a lumber tallier and secretary for her late husband, Roy Luke's Lumber Company. Her greatest job of all was being a wife, and mother to her two boys, Mike and Scotty Luke. Her greatest joy of all was being a grandmother to her two wonderful grandchildren, Alexis and Barrett Luke. Treva loved gardening, canning, fishing and family gatherings of all kind. She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. She was a member of Bethlehem Church of Christ.

Her family includes two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Erica Luke and Scotty Luke, all of Baxter; a granddaughter, Alexis Luke; a grandson, Barrett Luke; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Wilma Maxwell, Mary Ellen and Lloyd Lafever and Charlene and James Goff; a brother and sister-in-law, Carlen and Claranell Thomas; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Luke was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Luke; two sisters, Elmus Britt and Nelline Willey; and three brothers, JV Thomas, Charles Thomas and King D. Thomas.

Bro. Charlie West will officiate at the services.

To sign the online guestbook and to leave the family a message please visit [crestlawnmemorial.com](http://crestlawnmemorial.com).

Crest Lawn Funeral Home in Cookeville is in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-6384.

**Clara Nell (Ashburn) Thomas Obt.**

b. 30 March 1936, Putnam Co., TN – d. 23 July 2014, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Carlyn Thomas**. Clara Nell (Ashburn) Thomas, d/o **John Calvin Ashburn** (1900-1990) & **Mary Dunn** (1905-1965).

Funeral services for Clara Nell Thomas, 78, of Baxter will be held Saturday, July 26 at 4pm in the Chapel of Presley Funeral Home with Bro. Corey Price and Bro. Frank Davis officiating. Burial will follow in Dobbs Cemetery.



The family will receive friends Friday 5pm to 9pm and Saturday 12 noon until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Thomas passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 30, 1936 in Putnam County, TN to the late John C. and Mary Dunn Ashburn.

Mrs. Thomas was a longtime member of Ozion Freewill Baptist Church, where she enjoyed singing with her special friend, Lillie Lafever. She had worked at Acme Boot Company and Russell Stover Candies.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Ashburn, sisters, Mildred Gammill and husband Jim and Betty Sue Ashburn, sister-in-law, Mary Lou Ashburn and brother-in-law, Howard Allison.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by her husband of 60 years, Carlyn Thomas of Baxter; two sons, Mitch Thomas and Greg Thomas and wife Sandra of Cookeville; grandchildren, Abigail, Jared & Colin Thomas; brothers, Roosevelt Ashburn, Alfred Ashburn and wife Faye; sisters, Melba Allison, Rose Goff and husband Orby; sister-in-law, Lorene Ashburn and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jared, Colin, Milton and Lynn Thomas, Milt Ashburn, Jeff Goff and Randall Lafever.

**Charlie Mai (Maxwell) Bowman Obt.**

b. 24 July 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 2 August 2014, Nashville, TN, md on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1953, Putnam Co., TN to **Finis Monroe Bowman**, b. 29 May 1928. Charlie Mai (Maxwell) Bowman, d/o **Charlie Foster Maxwell** (1912-1981) & **Versa Rice** (1910-1999).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 87 – Finis Monroe Bowman married 1 September 1953, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 29 May 1928, address: Rt. 2, Cookeville, TN to Charlie Mai Maxwell, age 20, b. 24 July 1933, address; Rt. 2, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Charlie Maxwell, Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN).

Bowman, Charlie Mai Maxwell, age 81 was born into this life on July 24th, 1933 in Baxter, TN. She went home to be with our Lord and Savior on August 2, 2014. In heaven she joins her parents, Versa and Bus, and Charlie and Ophia, and her in laws Causby and Addie, James, Jewell, Geraldine, and Mattie.



After becoming pen pals with Finis Bowman during his military service overseas in the Korean War, they met personally and realized they were each other's love of life and were married. Almost 61 years together resulted in lots of love, laughter, happiness and three children, Debbie Morris (Skip), Donna Baumgartner (Rick), and Randy (Denise). Charlie Mai's greatest joy was her grandchildren, Matt, Bethany, Nate, Emilee and Logan and her great grandchildren, Maxwell, Emerson, Addison, Harper, Hudson and Carthage.

She retired from Castner-Knott where she was personally responsible for numerous women's Christmas presents from their husbands. She also enjoyed working part time at The Grand Ole Opry House as a hostess. Charlie Mai will be best remembered for her passionate spirit of love,

hospitality benevolence and strong recommendations of the way she thought things should be done. To know Charlie Mai was to love Charlie Mai. She was everything a Godly mother should be: strong, loving, compassionate, fun and very energetic. She was a true character in every sense of the word. Aunt Charlie Mai will be missed by her many nieces and nephews and by her many aunts and uncles that survive her.

She is survived by her brothers Kenneth and Carmel and her sisters Anna Ruth and Rhonda. Her family and dear friends will always remember her tenacious spirit.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at The Donelson Fellowship, 3210 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN on Tuesday, the 5th of August at 11:00am with Pastor Rob Morgan officiating. The family will receive friends at the Donelson Fellowship Chapel for a time of visitation on Monday, the 4th of August between the hours of 4:00pm and 7:00pm and again on Tuesday, the 5th of August at 10:00am. Interment to be at West Cemetery, John West Road, Cookeville, TN on Wednesday, the 6th of August at 11:00am. WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE, 615-794-2289. www.williamsonmemorial.com

**Gordon Andrew Hall Jr. Obt.**

b. 23 May 1942, Barre, VT – d. 7 December 2014, Algood, TN, s/o **Gordon Andrew Hall Sr. & Lillian “Pat” (Bailey) Hall Gentry** (1922-1988). Step-father: **John Vance Gentry** (1918-2002). Lillian “Pat” (Bailey) Hall Gentry (1922-1988) & John Vance Gentry, both buried in Maxwell Cemetery, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

Gordon Andrew Hall, Jr., age 72, passed away December 7, 2014, at Signature Health Care (formerly Master's) in Algood, TN. Mr. Hall was born May 23, 1942, in Barre, Vermont. **He grew up in Baxter, TN and attended Baxter Seminary.** After his service in the Army he worked as a carpenter in various areas spending considerable years in Memphis, TN and Denver, CO. Mr. Hall returned home to Putnam County in 2004. He loved working with his hands and was proud to have attained the classification as Master carpenter. Dancing, movies and all types of music were enjoyed by him during the years and he was a member of the Masonic Lodge as well as the Cookeville Senior Citizens group.



Mr. Hall was preceded in death by father, Gordon Hall, Sr., mother, Lillian "Pat" Hall Gentry, step-father, John Vance Gentry, Sr. and brother-in-law, Doyle Lafever.

He is survived by sisters Carol Hall Gatton (Jim) of Cookeville, TN; Una Gentry Lafever of Baxter, TN; and Marie Gentry Hargis (Eddie) of Crossville, TN as well as brother, John V. Gentry, Jr. (Eulah) of Cookeville, TN.

Lois Wilson of Arvada, CO, her family, and Mr. Hall's niece, Mary Gatton Davis of Cookeville, TN held a special place in his life and heart.

A special thanks is given from the family to the staff of Signature Health Care, Mr. Hall's roommate, Joe Britt, and the faithful visitors and friends from Holladay Church of Christ and other local churches.

A private celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 13, from 2pm to 5pm at the home of John Gentry, Jr. for family and friends. Mr. Hall requested cremation and there will be no public visitation or service.

Share your thoughts or questions with Una Lafever at 931-858-4133.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 9 December 2014

**Hazel Marie (Austin) Swallows Obt.**

b. 5 August 1922, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 February 2015, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1941, Putnam Co., TN to **James Carl Swallows**, b. 17 August 1918, Overton Co., TN – d. 9 August 2009, TN, (US Army WWII), s/o **William Stanton Swallows** (1861-1945) & **Ida Sophia Freeman** (1872-1935). Hazel Marie (Austin) Swallows, d/o **Franklin Pierce Austin** (1892-1964) & **Anna Vera Judd** (1893-1981).

\*See Anna Vera (Judd) Austin Obt.

\*See Franklin Pierce Austin Obt.

\*See James Carl Swallows Obt.

**BAXTER** — Funeral services for Marie Austin Swallows, 92, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.



The family will receive friends Monday from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Baxter chapel.

Marie Austin Swallows was born Aug. 3, 1922, in Baxter and died Feb. 14, 2015, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and received bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee Technological University.

Her distinguished teaching career of 43 years yielded many accolades, but none so profound as the continued contact with past students who visited her regularly until her death, expressing appreciation and affection for her investments in their lives.

A teacher and counselor to the core, Marie celebrated the vocational and community achievements her students made over the years and felt enriched by their contact with her. As a teacher, she wore dozens of hats, directing dozens of plays, leading student groups, and helping countless students find their way into advanced education. Well spoken, Marie enjoyed helping others discover treasures in learning and clearly believed in the potential she saw in her students.



(Picture: Baxter Seminary, Senior, Class of 1940)

She viewed the community of Baxter as an extension of her home, and she helped shape it with daily care. **From her student days at Baxter Seminary to her time working with Dr. Harry Upperman at Baxter Seminary to her time with other leaders at Upperman High School**, Marie recorded the best school memories through facilitation and sponsorship of the yearly school annual until her retirement in 1994. Lending her leadership to countless school and community events over the years, she was surprised and pleased to be asked to be the Grand Marshall of the 2012 Christmas parade. She loved her church and those in it and served at Baxter United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher and church leader for several decades until her health prohibited regular attendance.

It is likely that all who knew her had many opportunities to taste her cooking, as she was rarely seen without tasty dishes in hand, prepared for some special person or occasion. After retiring from teaching, she published Company's Coming Cookbook, a collection of recipes that she enjoyed sharing with friends and family. Her dishes were as attractive as they were delicious, and she read cookbooks like novels, seeking new ideas and inspiration.

Marie and her husband, Carl, met when she invited him to a dance at her Baxter home in 1941, and, as she wrote, they danced through the years until they could no longer walk. From those early dancing days to school dances in their home during their children's teenage years, to square dancing associations to regular participation at the veteran's building and senior citizen's dancing events, the two never tired of the magic they found in dancing together.

A sports enthusiast, she and Carl were regular supporters of the Baxter Bees in basketball and baseball and enjoyed many seasons of TTU basketball as well.

She loved with strength and seemed to inspire all in her company to sit a little straighter and walk a little taller. As a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, she planted her strong work ethic, extraordinary resilience and deep love. Even when health limited her movement, she was determined to contribute and found ways to facilitate and do for others in some positive way.

In one of her many written thoughts, she wrote that she wanted to keep lovely memories safe forever and used the following poem by Sara Teasdale to express her “heart’s treasury.”

Into my heart’s treasury I slipped a coin that time cannot take nor thief purloin —

Oh, better than the minting of a gold-crowned king — Is the safe-kept memory of a lovely thing.

History and memory were important to Marie, and she took time to document the connections and contributions of others. And it is clear that her own historical mark is a powerful one: she made a difference in her world and inspired others to do the same. A true matriarch of family and community, the ripples of her influence will surely continue to make this world better for generations to come.

Her family includes her son, Jerry, and daughter-in-law, Linda Swallows, also of Baxter; granddaughter Lisa with husband Dave Uhrik and their extended families in Tennessee and Pennsylvania; granddaughter Karen and husband Shane Allen with great-grandchildren Evan, Claire, Paul and Samuel Allen; nephew Terry McReynolds and wife Shirley and their families; niece Ernestine Allen with daughter Susan Fitzpatrick and her children and families; Brenda Waller and husband Bill Waller and their families; nephew Steve Austin with wife Sandy and their families; niece Judy McReynolds Brown with husband Jim Brown and their families; and niece June Swallows Lewis and her family.

Marie’s extended family included special friends Gale Taylor and Linda Burns, many Swallows, Austin, Judd, Jernigan and Anderson relatives, numerous lifelong friends in the Baxter community, the Baxter United Methodist Church, and colleagues and students through her long career as an educator.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, James Carl Swallows, who died in 2009; daughter Janice Swallows Hutchings, who died in 2013; and Jan’s husband, Gene Hutchings, who died in 2009. Marie was the daughter of Franklin Pierce and Anna Vera Austin, who were from Baxter.

Pallbearers will be Shane Allen, Dave Uhrik, Steve Austin, Ron Whitaker, Bill Waller and Michael Brown.

Rev. T. J. Bennett will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to the women’s outreach group at Baxter United Methodist Church at 102 Main St., Baxter, TN 38544.

The Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner is in charge of arrangements, 931-858-2134. Share your thoughts and memories at [hhhfunerals.com](http://hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 14 February 2015

### **Christine (Nash) Clifford Obt.**

b. 24 December 1922, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 18 March 2015, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **David Anthony Clifford**, b. 26 September 1924, Boston, Suffolk, MA – d. 28 May 1994, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (PFC US Marine Corps WWII, Guam, Iwo Jima. Christine (Nash) Clifford, d/o **Newton Whitley Nash** (1889-1965) & **Sarah Elizabeth Dalton** (1893-1982).

\*See Newton Whitley Nash buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

**COOKEVILLE** — Christine Clifford, 92 of Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away early in the morning Wednesday, March 18, 2015, after a very brief stay in Cookeville Regional Medical Center. A private



Born Dec. 24, 1922, in Baxter, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Newton Whitley Nash and Sarah Elizabeth Dalton Nash.

Christine was a graduate of the Baxter Methodist Seminary High School and of Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts, where she studied speech and drama.

(Pictured: Christine (Nash) Clifford, Class of 1941, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN: ‘*Vain is the help of man*’. Dramatic Club, 1,2,3,4, Sec. 2, 3; YWCA, 1.2.3.4;

NFL, 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Alpha Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. Junior Class).

Courageous, compassionate, loving, intelligent, generous and witty, she was an active and vibrant lady prior to her sudden passing. She was a passionate lover of great conversation, laughter, letter writing, beautiful music, walking, nature and animals. She enjoyed her vegetable and flower gardens. Her colorful, large Maple trees and her many rescue pets all held a special place in her heart.

She had a deep love for her family and was a dedicated wife, mother grandmother, friend and homemaker. Her adoring family and friends will miss her dearly...especially her beautiful eyes that twinkled when she giggled or laughed her lovely laugh.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 46 years, David A. Clifford; brothers, Earl and Kenneth Nash; and by sisters, Lorraine Walthall, Nell Campbell and Cleo Dennis.

Her legacy includes her daughter, Nell Clifford and husband Peter Grima; sons, Dr. Joseph Clifford and wife Antoinette (Tony), all of Cookeville, and Mark Clifford and wife Elizabeth (Betty) of Huntington Beach, California; grandchildren, Megan, Mark, David, and Maria Clifford; and cousins, Charlie Mae Dalton Marshall, James and Lillian Dalton, Jack and Jeanette Dalton and third cousin and dear friend, Kay Hensley.

Memorial contributions may be made to All About Rescue and Fixin' (AARF-TN.com) Attn: Ariel, P.O. Box 4074, Cookeville, TN 38502 and/or Genesis House, Attn: Deana PO Box 1180, Cookeville, TN 38503.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (931)526-6111. Please share your condolences and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald -Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 6 June 2015

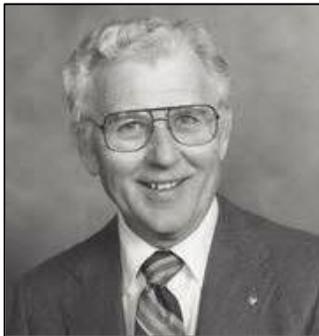
#### **Cecil Ray Presley Obt.**

b. 29 October 1923, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 June 2015, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md 14 October 1949, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to **Dona Grace (Thomas) Presley**, b. 29 October 1930. Ray Presley, s/o **Robert Denton Presley** (1892-1951) & **Jeanie Mae Gentry** (1897-1933).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 451 – Cecil Ray Presley married 14 October 1949, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 29 October 1923, Putnam Co., TN, address: Baxter, TN to Dona Grace Thomas, age 18, b. 29 October 1930, address: Bloomfield Springs, TN. name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Simon Thomas, Bloomfield Springs, TN).

Funeral services for Mr. Cecil Ray Presley, 91, of Baxter, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home with Bro. John Pippin officiating.

Interment with military honors will follow at Crest Lawn Cemetery.



The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 – 8 p.m. and again Thursday from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Ray died Monday evening, June 15, 2015 at Heritage Pointe Senior Living in Cookeville.

He was born October 29, 1923 in Putnam County to the late Robert Denton and Jeanie Gentry Presley.

As a young man, Ray was proud to be a part of the Civilian Conservation Corp. A US Army Veteran of World War II, he served in General Patton's Army, marching through France and Germany. At the end of WWII, he continued to serve with the occupying forces in Germany for another year.

**After fulfilling his military service, he returned to Baxter and taught carpentry at Baxter Seminary.** Later, Ray began a career in insurance, first with Life of Georgia, and eventually with Woodman of the World, where he retired as an area manager.

Ray was a member of Baxter Church of Christ. He was a skilled woodworker who enjoyed making furniture and especially crafting toys for his grandchildren. He and his wife, Grace loved to travel. He was known for making friends and it was often said that "he never met a stranger."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Houston Presley; two brothers, Charles Presley and Willard (Hootie) Presley; sister-in-law, Vivian Presley; and nephew, Robert Presley. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Grace Thomas Presley (whom he married October 14, 1949 in Baxter, TN); daughter and son-in-law, Sherrie and Chase Evans of Nashville; special daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hamby and her husband Terry of Cadiz, KY; sister, Jean Watts of Baxter; four grandchildren, Martha Presley (husband, Danny Tran), Michael Presley (wife, Lauren), Cody and Hunter Evans; two great-grandchildren, Michael (Tripp) Houston Presley III, and Oliver Tran; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chase, Cody, and Hunter Evans, Michael Presley, Steve Watts, and Glen Thomas will serve as pallbearers. Ray's family wishes to extend a special "THANK-YOU" Heritage Point Assisted Living and Avalone Hospice for their excellent care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1459 Interstate Drive Suite 211, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 16 June 2015

**Dorothy "Mama Dot" Jean Mahoney Obt.**

b. 20 May 1931, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 July 2015, Clarksville, TN, md **Euel Randall Mahoney**, b. 8 May 1930, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN – d. 4 May 2009, Clarksville, Montgomery Co., TN, s/o **James Oscar Mahnoey** (1883-1957). Dorothy "Mama Dot" Jean (LaFever) Mahoney, d/o **Marshall Otto "Toy" LaFever** (1899-1967) & **Tearessa Wallace** (1897-1979).

Dorothy "Mama Dot" Jean Mahoney, age 84 of Clarksville, passed away Monday, July 13, 2015 at Clarksville Nursing and Rehabilitation.



Dorothy was born May 20, 1931 in Silver Point, TN to the late Marshall Otto LaFever and Tearessa Wallace LaFever. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Euel Randall Mahoney, and two brothers, Kelton LaFever and Ken LaFever.

Mrs. Mahoney was retired from the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

Funeral service will be held Monday, July 20th at 12 Noon, at the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, with Rev. Ron Edmondson officiating. Burial will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery - West in Hopkinsville. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 19th from 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, July 20th, 10 a.m. until the hour of service, at the funeral home.

Dorothy is survived by four sons, Dana Mahoney and Scott (Cheryl) Mahoney, both of Clarksville, Tony (Alisa) Mahoney of Dandridge, TN and Gary Baker of Clarksville; two daughters, Terry (Jim Dunn) Baker and Chris Sherman Mahoney, both of Clarksville; brother, Bill LaFever of Dunedin, FL; sister, Syble Mitchell of Nashville; eight grandchildren, Ricky Mandello, Jeremy Mahoney, Tyler Mahoney, Kellie Mahoney, Brittney Gupton, Gareth Baker, Cody Baker, and Reese-Anna Baker; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob Reed, Elijah Reed, and Daniel Baker.



(Pictured: Class of 1948 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Pallbearers will be Dana Mahoney, Scott Mahoney, Tony Mahoney, Jim Dunn, Gary Baker, Matthew Cummings, Cody Baker, Ricky Mandello, Jeremy Mahoney, Tyler Mahoney, and Gareth Baker. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dave Owen and Wayne Long.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association , 4825 Trousdale Drive, Suite 220, Nashville, TN 37220.

Arrangements entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040; (931) 645-6488. Online condolences may be made at [www.neal-tarpley.com](http://www.neal-tarpley.com).

**Euel Randall Mahoney Obt.**

b. 8 May 1930, Chattanooga, TN – d. 4 May 2009, md **Dorothy (LaFever) Mahoney**. Euel Randall Mahoney, s/o **Oscar Mahoney & Delia Daughtery**.

\*See Dorothy "Mama Dot" Jean Mahoney Obt.

Funeral services for Euel Randall Mahoney, 78, or Clarksville, were held Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Ed Steiner officiating. Burial followed at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West with full military honors.

Mr. Mahoney died Monday, May 4, 2009, at Gateway Medical Center.

He was born May 8, 1930, in Chattanooga, to the late Oscar Mahoney and Delia Daughtery Mahoney. He was retired from the U.S. Army and he served a tour in the U.S. Air Force. He was Director-Administrator of Drug and Alcoholic Abuse Programs.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy LaFever Mahoney; three sons, Anthony Mahoney (Alisa), West Point, N.Y., Dana Mahoney (Chris) and Scott Mahoney (Cheryl) both of Clarksville; a daughter, Terry Baker of Clarksville; two brothers, Phillip Mahoney of North Carolina and Paul Mahoney of Dunlap; a sister, Ruby Duggan of Chattanooga; eight grandchildren: Ricky, Jeremy, Tyler, Gareth, Cody, Reese-Anna, Kellie and Brittney; and two great-grandchildren: Jacob and Elijah.

The grandchildren served as honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Room At The Inn, c/o Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 709 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040.

Arrangements entrusted to Neal-Tarpley Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Online condolences can be made at [www.neal-tarpley.com](http://www.neal-tarpley.com)

**Polly Ann (Ferrell) Worth**

b. 13 December 1939, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 April 1995, Overton Co., TN, (A2C US Air Force), md on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1961, McGuire AFB, Burlington, NJ, to **John F. "Jack" Worth**, b. 7 July 1925 – d. 31 August 2007, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN (div). Polly Ann (Ferrell) Worth, d/o **Walter Ray Ferrell** (1907-1956) & **Corinne Kuykendall** (1909-2005), both buried in Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.



Polly Ann (Ferrell) Worth: Military – Lackland AFB, TX; Amarillo AFB, TX; USA: McGuire AFB, NJ. Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Regular Air Force AA 8317466.



“A busy, charming, helpful lass,  
A bright and shining light in  
class.”

Polly Ann (Ferrell) Worth attended Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN (Class of 1958).

**Eugene Denton Leftwich Obt.**

b. 11 April 1930, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 September 2015, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 1957, Carthage, Smith Co., TN to **Gerline (Wallace) Leftwich**. Eugene Denton Leftwich, s/o **Joe Lewis Leftwich** (1935-2001) & **Velma Fern Ward** (1912-2002).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 315, #620 – Eugene Leftwich married 2 August 1957, Smith Co., TN, age 27, address: Rt. 1, Baxter, TN to Gerline Wallace, age 23, address: Rt. 1, Silver Point, TN).

**BAXTER**-Funeral services for Eugene Denton Leftwich, 85 of Baxter, will be Wednesday, September 30 at 11 a.m. from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 4 to 8 and after 9 AM Wednesday.



Mr. Leftwich died Monday morning, September 28, 2015 at his home.

He was born April 11, 1930 in Putnam County to the late Joe and Velma Ward Leftwich.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister Barbara Leftwich Gower, brother James Leftwich and nephew Waylon Eugene Leftwich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving from 1951 to 1953.

Mr. Leftwich was a retired supervisor with Cherokee Furniture of Cookeville. He was a member of Baxter First Church of God. He loved to play guitar and sing; also loved to hunt.

Survivors include wife of 58 years, Gerline Wallace Leftwich (Married August 2, 1957 in Carthage, TN) of Baxter, brother and sister-in-law Delano and Jean Leftwich of LaGrange, GA, sisters and brothers-in-law Linda Burgess, Janet and Jack Maxwell all of Silver Point, Karen and Stanley Klein of Cookeville, Dennis Wallace of St. Petersburg, FL, Virginia Ruth Carr of Baxter, several nieces and nephews. Bro. Phillip Marsh will officiate.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 29 September 2015

**Billy James Stanton Obt.**

b. 28 October 1932, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 October 2015, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1958, Putnam Co., TN to **Betty Jean (Bain) Flynn Stanton**, b. 12 July 1935, d/o **James Nunally Bain** (1914-2005) & **Reba M. Maddux** (1915-2014). Billy James Stanton, s/o **Haskell H. Stanton** (1883-1936) & **Dewie J. Crawford** (1898-1995).

\*See James Nunally Bain Obt.

\*See Reba M. (Maddux) Bain Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 415 – Billy James Stanton married 4 October 1958, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 28 October 1932, address: Baxter, TN to Betty Jean Flynn, age 23, b. 12 July 1935, address; Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Reba Dell Bain, Baxter, TN).



**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Sgt. Maj. Billy J. Stanton, 82, of Baxter, will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, at Crest Lawn Funeral Home in Cookeville. Burial will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Sgt. Maj. Stanton passed from this life on Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, at his home.

Billy was born on Friday, Oct. 28, 1932, in Baxter to the late Dewie (Crawford) and HH Stanton.

Sgt. Maj. Stanton had 32 years of service in the Army and Tennessee National Guard, and proudly served during the Korea War.

He loved his family, friends, fishing, gardening, the Atlanta Braves and The Tennessee Vols. He was also a lifetime member of the Church of Christ.

His family includes his wife, Betty Flynn Stanton (whom he married Oct. 4, 1958); two daughters, Billie Jean and Jeff Barnes and Brenda Jo Stanton; a son, Bobby James Stanton; a granddaughter, Christie George (Jason); a grandson, Matthew Stanton Barnes; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Isla George.

Bro. Larry Locke will officiate at the services.

To sign the online guest book and to send the family a message please visit [www.crestlawnmemorial.com](http://www.crestlawnmemorial.com).

Crest Lawn Funeral Home-Cremation Center in Cookeville is in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-6384.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 28 October 2015

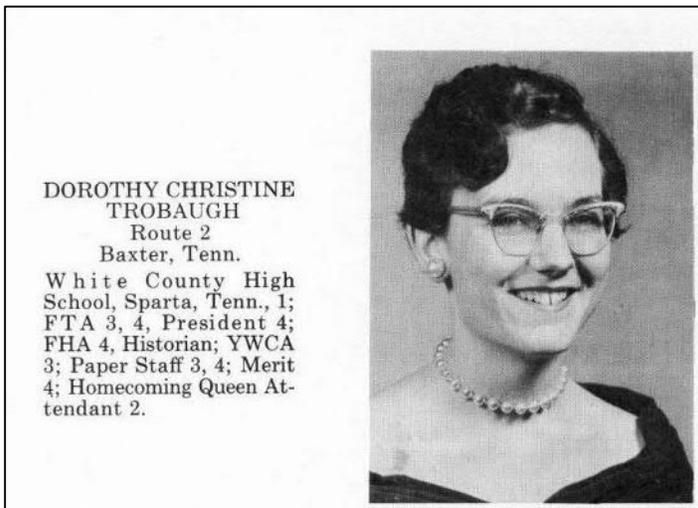
**Dorothy Christine (Trobaugh) Neill Obt.**

b. 25 October 1939, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 7 November 2015, TN, md on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1958 to **Thurman “Red” Neill**. Dorothy Christine (Trobaugh) Neill, d/o **Clarence Henry Trobaugh & Mary Ida Maynard**.

**COOKEVILLE** — Mrs. Dorothy Christine (Trobaugh) Neill, 76, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Oct. 25, 1939, in DeKalb County to the late Clarence Henry Trobaugh and Mary Ida (Maynard) Trobaugh.

She married Thurman “Red” Neill Nov. 29, 1958, at her parents’ house. As the wife of an airman, she spent 20 years traveling the world and raising five children.



(Pictured: Class of 1957 Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN Dorothy Christine (Trobaugh) Neill)

Her family includes her husband, Thurman “Red” Neill; three children and their spouses, Pam and Allen Gentry, Barbara and Jeff Wilhite and Mike and Andrea Neill; a former daughter-in-law Lori Bennett; grandchildren and their spouses, Josh and Melissa Gentry, Tara Neill, Jake Gentry, Erich Gentry, Jade Wilhite, Dillon and Cayce Gentry, Erin and Chase Smagala, Jarrod and Cayla

Gentry, Mariah, Liam and Brody Neill; great-grandchildren Braxton and Owen Wilhite, Colton Hayes, Caleb and Travis Gentry, Cash Gentry and Wyatt Neill. She was looking forward to the birth of another great-grandson in March. Her family also includes a sister-in-law, Lorene Trobaugh; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Tim and Rocky Neill; brothers, Toye, Hubert, Clarence Jr., Bill "Webb," Howard, George "Feei," and Clifford Harlan Trobaugh; sisters, Lillian Domanski, Pauline Pharris, Ravenelle Goines, and Neva Jo Trobaugh.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

Whitson Funeral Home in Cookeville in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-2151.

Herald -Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 9 November 2015

**Joseph "Joe" Lynell Elmore Obt.**

b. 27 April 1933, Putnam Co., TN – d. 17 November 2015, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1979, Donelson, TN to **Dianne (Chalupa) Elmore**. Joseph "Joe" Lynell Elmore, s/o **William "Bill" Robert Elmore (1888-1965) & Amanda Fern Gentry (1900-1976)**.

**BAXTER-** Funeral services for Joseph "Joe" Lynell Elmore, 82 of Baxter, will be Friday, November 20 at 12 Noon from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment with military honors will be at Samuel Maxwell Cemetery.



Mr. Elmore died Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at his home.

He was born April 27, 1933 In Putnam County to the late William "Bill" Robert and Amanda Fern Gentry Elmore.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters.

**He was a 1951 graduate of Baxter Seminary**, a 1958 Tennessee Tech University graduate with a degree in Agronomy. He graduated from University of Tennessee-Knoxville with a Master's degree in Agriculture/Business.



(Pictured: Joseph Joe Lynell Elmore Class of 1951, Baxter Seminary. T&I Club 1; FFA 4; Business Club 4; B-Letter Club 4).

He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He served a total of thirty-four years in the military in the Army Reserves and National Guard retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He retired in 1986 as a Management Analyst with USDA/Soil Conservation Service.

He attended Baxter First United Methodist and Baxter First Church of God.

He was a former Shriner and Mason. His interests include livestock trading, genealogy, astronomy and dancing at the Cookeville/Baxter and Sparta Senior Citizens Centers. His main loves were his children, grandchildren and great-grandson.

Survivors include wife of thirty-five years Dianne Chalupa Elmore (Married December 8, 1979 in Donelson, TN) of Baxter, daughter and son-in-law Jo Ann and Mike Deckard of Cookeville, son and daughter-in-law Lynell and Christie Elmore of Baxter, grandchildren: Jason Robert (Jennifer) Gentry of East Palatka, FL, Charles William Gentry of Cookeville, Ashley LeAnn Elmore of Homestead, FL, Alyssa Lynn Elmore of Cookeville, Elaini Ruth Elmore and William Andrew Elmore both of Baxter, great-grandson Jason Samuel Gentry of East Palatka, FL.

Rev. T. J. Bennett and Rev. Philip Marsh will officiate.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baxter First United Methodist Church %Shirley Holmes 115 Highland Avenue, Baxter, TN 38544, or Baxter First Church of God% Eric Brown 231 Elmore Town Road, Baxter, TN 38544.

Mr. Elmore's family will receive friends at Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home Thursday from 4 to 8 pm and after 10 am Friday.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home (931)858-2134 is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

Herald -Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 18 November 2015

**James Leland "Jim" Holland Obt.**

b. 8 July 1926, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 December 2015, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (Veteran Sgt. WWII), md **Lorene (Gaw) Holland** in Ringgold, GA. James Leland "Jim" Holland, s/o **James Roscoe Holland & Carrie Evans.**

**COOKEVILLE** — James Leland Holland "Jim", 89, passed away at his home in Cookeville on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2015.



He was born on July 8, 1926, to the late James Roscoe and Carrie Evans Holland in Buffalo Valley, Tenn.

He graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1943. In 1945, he attended the Army University in Austria where he studied Veterinary Science. Also, he attended LaSalle University from 1948-1949. In the 1950s, he studied Contract Law and Insurance at the old UT campus in Nashville.

He was a World War II Veteran who proudly served in the European Theater with the 42nd Rainbow Division and reached the rank of sergeant. He was awarded the European Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, a Bronze Star, a Victory Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation.

He was a member of Stevens Street Baptist Church in Cookeville where he served in many positions including Sunday school teacher and director, usher, chairman of the growth task force committee, and worked with the Keenagers Group in their early formation. He made the statement that of all his



accomplishments in life, he wanted to be remembered as a faithful Christian and servant to the Lord.

He retired from Prudential Insurance Company in Nashville in 1980, after 20 years, where he was vice president of sales. Also, he had worked for the DuPont Company for 13 years prior.

(Pictured: James Leland 'The Highlander Yearbook' 1943 Senior Class, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN)

His family includes his wife, Lorene Gaw Holland of Cookeville (whom he married in Ringgold, Ga., Aug. 28, 1976); his children, Janice Holland Coleman and husband Barry of Sarasota, Fla., Janet Wade Ensor and husband John of Baxter and Aubrey Wade of Muskogee, Okla.; his grandchildren, John Frye Jr. and wife Lisa of Hilo, Hawaii, Angie Bailey of Lenoir City, Tenn., Elana Ensor Brandenburg and husband Corey of Baxter, Hailey Ensor and Thomas Ensor of Baxter, Amber Wade of Muskogee, Okla., and Justin Decker of Grapevine, Texas; and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Reba Holland Porter and her husband, Clarence; a brother, Carl Holland and his wife, Delores; two daughters, Patricia Holland McDuffie and Anita Wade McCanless; and a granddaughter, Kelly Coleman.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Ensor, Corey Brandenburg, Jere Michael Gentry, Jackie Rector, Dennis Gaw, Brett Darrell Masters and Smiley Ledford.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Keenagers Adult Sunday School Teachers at Stevens Street Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held at Whitson Funeral Home in Cookeville today, Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 5-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at Stevens Street Baptist Church on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m., with visitation from noon until 2 p.m.

Bros. Jimmy Arms and Tim Frank will be presiding over the service.

Whitson Funeral Home in Cookeville is in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-2151.

Herald -Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 16 December 2015

**Betty Ruth (Dyer) Elmore Roberts Obt.**

b. 10 April 1936, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 December 2014, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1984, Putnam Co., TN to **Kenneth Ray Roberts**, b. 1 June 1933, s/o **William Mansfield “Pencil” Roberts** (1886-1948) & **Eulah Solona Lindsey** (1892-1960). Betty Ruth (Dyer) Roberts, d/o **Charlie Edward Dyer** (1910-1970) & **Mattie Lou Allen** (1913-2001). Betty Ruth (Dyer) Roberts md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1953, Putnam Co., TN to **Joseph “Joe” Lynell Elmore**, b. 27 April 1933. **Kenneth Ray Roberts** was md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1951, Putnam Co., TN to **Mildred Ladell (Saylor) Roberts**, b. 26 September 1930 – d. 9 April 1983, d/o **Joseph Bethel Saylor** & **Allie Enid Maxwell** (1906-2001).

\*See Charlie Edward Dyer Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Mattie Lou (Allen) Dyer Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 500 – Joe Lynell Elmore married 22 May 1953, Putnam Co., TN, age 20, b. 27 April 1933, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to Betty Ruth Dyer, age 17, b. 10 April 1936, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Charlie Dyer, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: Bill Elmore, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 233 – Kenneth Ray Roberts married 10 February 1984, Putnam Co., TN, age 50, b. 1 June 1933, address: Rt. 2, Box 44, Cookeville, TN to Betty Ruth Elmore, age 47, b. 10 April 1936, address: Rt. 3, Box 170-B, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: William Lynell Elmore, son, Rt. 3, Box 170-B, Baxter, TN ).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 439 - Kenneth Ray Roberts married 16 June 1951, Putnam Co., TN, age 18, b. 1 June 1923, address: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN to Mildred Ladell Saylor, age 20, b. 26 September 1930, address: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Bethel Saylor, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: Lona Roberts, mother).

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Ruth Roberts, age 79 of Baxter, will be held Tuesday, December 22 at 11 am from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home with Rev. Philip Marsh officiating. Interment will follow at Crest Lawn Cemetery.

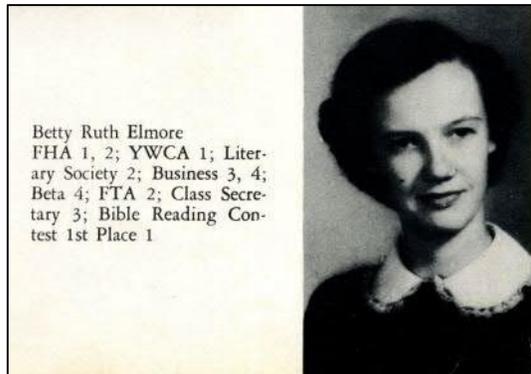


The family will receive friends Monday from 4 to 8 pm and after 9 am Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Roberts died Saturday, December 19, 2015 at her home.

She was born April 10, 1936 in Baxter, TN to the late Charlie Edward and Mattie Lou Allen Dyer.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a sister Linda Dyer Lafever and a brother Ralph Dyer.



**She was a 1954 graduate of Baxter Seminary.** She attended Baxter First Church of God.

She was a retired Dispatcher with the Tennessee Highway Patrol with twenty-three years of service, she worked the midnight shift and was known as “Miss Betty”.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth Ray Roberts of Baxter, -daughter and son-in-law Jo Ann and Mike Deckard of Cookeville, son and daughter-in-law Lynell and Christie Elmore of Baxter, step-son Danny Roberts

of Cookeville, brother and sister-in-law Ed and Shirley Dyer of Baxter, grandchildren: Jason Robert (Jennifer) Gentry of East Palatka, FL., Charles William Gentry of Cookeville, Ashley LeAnn Elmore of Homestead, FL, Alyssa Lynn Elmore of Cookeville, Elaini Ruth Elmore and William Andrew Elmore both of Baxter, step-grandchildren: Dustin (Amy) Roberts, Deann and Clayton Peek all of Cookeville, great-grandson: Jason Samuel Gentry, step-great-grandchildren: Ali Beth Roberts, Parker Roberts and Thomas Peek.

Active Pallbearers will be Jason and Charles Gentry, Andrew and Alyssa Elmore, Kim Dyer Montgomery, Jake Wade and Brandon Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Tennessee Highway Patrol (Active and Retired) and Putnam EMS Personnel. Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (931)858-2134 You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

#### **Louise Medley Obt.**

b. 3 July 1924, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 21 January 2015, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Ernest Medley** (1885-1967) & **Micheal Martellia “Telia” Anderson** (1891-1952), both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Funeral Services for Louise Medley, 90 of Cookeville will be Saturday, January 24 at 11:30 A.M. from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper – Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.



Miss Medley died Wednesday Night, January 21, 2015 at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born July 3, 1924 in Baxter to the late Ernest and Martelia “Telia” Anderson Medley. She grew up on the family farm, helping with all the chores and crops. She attended Baxter schools, **graduating from Baxter Seminary as the valedictorian of her class.** In support of the war effort during World War II, she took a job with the War Department and worked several years in New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

She found her true calling though by working for her cousin, Luke Medley, at his radio station, WHUB in Cookeville. She worked forty years at WHUB, only missing one day’s work during that time.

Louise was an avid walker and for years could be seen around town walking to work at WHUB, to the Spring Street Market, or to local shops in search of a special dish or figurine which she loved to collect.

The last surviving member of her immediate family, Louise was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Arnold, Morris, Lamar and Roy Medley and , just recently, her sister Ruth Neal.



Survivors include nieces Pat Prentice and husband Carl of Madison, TN, Deane Kay and husband Sutton, and by nephews James Ernest Medley and wife Sarah, Mark Lamar Medley and wife Donna all of Clinton, TN., and Donald M. Medley and wife Shirley of Harrisburg, IL. Her cousins Mike Medley and wife Carolyn, and Martin Medley and wife Laura, all of Cookeville were so dear to her and always provided loving care for her. An independent, determined woman is how we shall remember Louise Medley.

(Louise Medley Class of 1942, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. *“All great women are dead and I don’t feel so good myself”* Freshman Literary Society; Zeta Society 2-3-4; Young Women’s Christina Association 1-2-3-4; Home Ec. Club 1-2-3-4 & Vice President 3).

Family will receive friends Saturday at Cookeville Chapel of Hooper – Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home from 10 A.M. until service time.

Family members will officiate.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

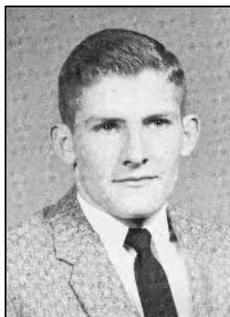
"In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Luke and Pauline Medley Scholarship Fund at Tennessee Tech."

#### **Earl Glen Stout Obt.**

b. 30 September 1939 – d. 24 January 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1961, Putnam Co., TN to **Wanda (Maxwell) Stout**, b. 3 August 1942, d/o **Everett V. Maxwell** (1918-1943) & **Lillian "Lill" Beatrice Chaffin** (1920-2010). Earl Glen Stout, s/o **Hargis Fred Stout** (1902-1974) & **Velma Jewel Brown** (1907-2009), both buried in Brown Cemetery, Nameless Community, Jackson Co., TN

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 197- Earl Glen Stout married 30 June 1961, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, b. 30 September 1939, address: Rt. 1, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN to Wanda Sue Maxwell, age 18, b. 3 August 1942, address: Rt. 2, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mrs. Lillian Maxwell, Rt. 2, Cookeville, TN).

Funeral services for Earl Glen Stout, age 76, of Baxter will be held Friday, January 29 at 1 PM in the chapel of Presley Funeral Home with Bros. David Flatt and John Birdwell officiating. Interment will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

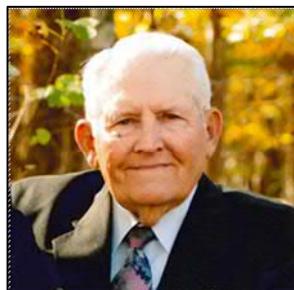


The family will receive friends Thursday 4 PM to 8 PM and Friday 11 AM until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Stout passed away Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

(Pictured: Senior, Class of 1958, Baxter Seminary. *“Every man has his devilish moments.”* Best All Around Boy).

He was born September 30, 1939 to the late F. Hargis Stout and Velma Jewel Brown Stout.



Mr. Stout was a member of Locus Grove Church. He served five years in the National Guard and had worked at McCords and the Department of Transportation.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Walter Warren Shanks, mother-in-law, Lillian Maxwell Morris and a nephew, Stanley Shanks.

Earl is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Wanda Maxwell Stout of Baxter; daughter, Kim (Perry) Nash of Cookeville; son, Kenny (Angie) Stout of Cookeville; four grandchildren, Emily (Casey) Dill, Daniel (Erin) Nash, Mason and Parker Stout; six great grandchildren, Jordan, Caleb and Madison Brooke Dill, and Allie, Lily and Haley Nash; sisters and brothers, Wanda Shanks of Buffalo Valley, Elton (Dorothy) Stout of Silver Point, Treba (Eldon) Carter of Hermitage, Tony (Linda) Stout of Gentry, TN, Sarah (Chuck) Johnson, and Donnita (Ron) Williams of Cookeville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Johnson, David Johnson, Larry Carter, Mike Carter, Patrick Stout, Bunker Stout, Mark Stout, Monty Hill, Andy Hill, Wayne Shanks and Walter Hargis Shanks.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 26 January 2016

**Margaret Rose (Stamps) Craft Greer Obt.**

b. 24 February 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 3 March 2016, md on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1968, Putnam Co., TN to **Bruce Fairfax Greer**, b. 23 August 1930. Margaret Rose (Stamps) Craft Greer, d/o **Thomas Franklin “Frank” Stamps** (1888-1980) & **Vina Lou Bohannon** (1895-1971), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Thomas Frank Stamps Obt. buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 214 – Bruce Fairfax Greer married 28 September 1968, Putnam Co., TN, age 38, b. 23 August 1930, address: Rt. 1, Kingston Springs, TN to Margaret Rose Craft, age 35, b. 24 February 1933, address: Rt. 1, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mr. T. F. Stamps, Rt. 1, Baxter, TN).



Margaret Rose Stamps Greer, Age 83, was born February 24, 1933 in Baxter, TN to the late Vina Lou & Frank Stamps. She passed away on March 3, 2016.

She went to Baxter Grammar, Baxter Seminary, and Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN. She was a member of Bellevue Church of Christ for 50 years.

Mrs. Greer is survived by her daughter, Ruth Ann (Friday) Blackwood; grandson, Charlie (Katrina) Blackwood; granddaughter, Christy Blackwood, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Greer; parents, Vina Lou and Frank Stamps; four sisters and six brothers.



In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to World Bible School or Alive Hospice.

(Pictured: Margaret Rose (Stamps) Greer, Class of 1951, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016 and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home, 9090 Hwy 100, Nashville.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens.

**Robert “Bobby” Graley Elrod, Jr. Obt.**

b. 25 June 1946, Columbia, SC – d. 6 April 2016, Overton Co., TN, (US Army Vietnam), s/o **Robert Graley Elrod Sr.** (1916-1970) & **Ann Sinkavich**.

\*See Robert Graley Elrod Sr. buried in Palmer Cemetery.

**BAXTER**-Funeral services for Robert "Bobby" Graley Elrod, Jr., 69 of Cookeville will be Saturday, April 9 at 1 P.M. from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors will be in Palmer Cemetery in Silver Point, Tennessee.



Mr. Elrod died Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Overton County Health & Rehab Center in Livingston, TN.

He was born June 25, 1946 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Robert Graley Elrod, Sr. and Ann Sinkavich Elrod.

**He lived at Baxter Seminary Boys Dormitory for three years and attended Upperman High School.**

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include sister and brother-in-law Bonnie and Charles Herren of Cookeville, nieces and nephews: G.V. (Kathy) Herren of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mary Ann (Doug) Stallings of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Charles "CHUCK" Alan Herren and Marcia Lee Herren Lorance both of Cookeville, great nephews: Dylan Herren, Charlie Herren, Sawyer Lorance and Bryce Herren. Special friends Raymond, Amanda and Sue Randolph of Cookeville.

Bro. Phillip Loftis will officiate.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Bobby's family will receive friends Saturday after 11 A.M. until service time at the funeral home.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134.

You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 7 April 2016

**Ada Faye (Alcorn) Tucker Obt.**

b. 30 May 1925, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 July 2009, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Albert Lewis Tucker**, b. 5 December 1923 – d. 30 June 1987, (US Army WWII). Ada Faye (Alcorn) Tucker, d/o **Thurman Denton Alcorn** (1903-1964) & **Mabel Ruth Medley** (1905-2000). (Ada Faye (Alcorn) Tucker Class of 1943 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

\*See Thurman Denton Alcorn Obt.

**GAINESBORO** -- Funeral services for Ada Faye Tucker, 84, of Gainesboro, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at Anderson-Upper Cumberland Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m. today, Friday, July 17, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Tucker died Thursday, July 16, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 30, 1925, in Putnam County to the late Thurman and Mabel Medley Alcorn.

Mrs. Tucker was a retired school teacher and a member of the Jackson County Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of Gainesboro First United Methodist Church.

Her family includes a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Wanda Tucker of Gainesboro; two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret Tucker of Nashville and Susan and Johnny Law of Carthage; a sister and

brother-in-law, Peggy and Dow Allison Burton of Clinton; four grandchildren, Seth Tucker and wife Melissa of Cookeville, Jessica Hardy and husband Jason of Shelbyville and Joseph and Maggie Beth Law, both of Carthage; three great-grandchildren, Kyleigh Brooke and Jacob Hardy and Elijah Charles Tucker; a special friend, Brenda Cherry of Gainesboro; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert L. Tucker, who died June 30, 1987 (they were married May 30, 1946), and a brother, Neil D. Alcorn.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association by contacting the funeral home.

Rev. Kathie Bowles will officiate at the services.

Friday, Jul 17, 2009 : Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

**Note:** Children of Albert L. Tucker & Ada Faye Alcorn are: David Lewis Tucker, b. 30 May 1947 md Wanda Hopkins, b. 18 September 1953, d/o Charles & Reba Hopkins; Margaret Ruth Tucker, b. 1 December 1952; & Susan Fay Tucker, b. 9 September 1960 md Johnny Law, b. 17 January 1959, s/o Joe & Betty Law.

**Claiborne Whitley Maxwell Obt.**

b. 26 January 1918 – d. 18 April 2016, Sparta, TN, md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 1977, White Co., TN to **Mary Lucille (Saylor) Maxwell**, b. 10 June 1915 – d. 14 December 1996 Claiborne Whitley Maxwell also md **Ruby K. (unknown) Maxwell**.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 5 – Claiborne Maxwell married 2 January 1977, White Co., TN, age 58, b. 26 January 1918, address: Rt. 9, Cookeville, TN to Mary Lucille Saylor, age 61, b. 10 June 1915, address: Rt. 8, Sparta, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Herbert Smith, Rt. 6, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: A. W. Maxwell, deceased).

Mr. Claiborne Whitley Maxwell, age 98 of Sparta, passed away on Monday, April 18, 2016, at Life Care Center of Sparta. Born Saturday, January 26, 1918 in Baxter, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Alfred Maxwell and the late Avo Worley Maxwell.



Funeral Services for Mr. Maxwell will be held at 11am, Thursday, April 21, 2016, in the chapel of Oak Lawn Funeral Home with Tommy Benson officiating. Burial will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Cookeville. The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 5:30 -8pm at Oak Lawn Funeral Home.

Surviving family members include:

wife - Ruby K. Maxwell of Sparta  
daughter - Linda Bush and husband Robert of Michigan  
step-daughter -- Connie Blankenship and husband Mark of Crossville

step-daughter -- Paula Stanfill and husband Craig of Sparta

step-son -- Zack Bohannon and wife Marsha of Crossville

sister - Effie Lou Ray of South Carolina

sister - Mae Burgess of Cookeville

brother - Tom Maxwell of Cookeville

brother - Hooper Maxwell and wife Ruby of Crossville

Six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two great-great- grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews survive.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Maxwell was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Troupe; brothers, Ernest, J.T., Lloyd and Lillard Maxwell;

sisters, Girtharie Knapp, O'dell Grider, Maude Purvis, Myrtle Fliss Young and Mable Buskirk.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Maxwell's honor to the Cookeville Rescue Mission



Online condolences may be made to the family at [oaklawnmemorial.com](http://oaklawnmemorial.com)

#### 90th Birthday for Claiborne Maxwell

Claiborne Maxwell celebrated his 90th birthday on January 26 with a celebration at Nick's Restaurant hosted by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bob Bush of Grand Rapids, MI. There were 54 family members in attendance. Claiborne is the oldest living child of the late A. W. "Alf" and America Maxwell, parents of 14 children. He was born in 1918 in Baxter and now resides in Sparta. While a student at Baxter Seminary in 1935, he was co-captain of the football team. He was also a member of the National Guard, Troop A., 109th Calvary. He has

six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

(Pictured: Senior picture of Claiborne Whitley Maxwell "Class of 1936 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

**Source:** Herald-Citizen newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Sunday 3 February, 2008, pg. C-3

#### **Barbara Ann (Leftwich) "Nana B" Pullum Obt.**

b. 14 August 1942, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 May 2013, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1961, Putnam Co., TN to **Jack Pullum**, b. 17 October 1940, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI – d. 2 July 2016, Celina, TN, s/o **Kenneth Scott Pullum** (1914-2007) & **Norma Blanche Welsh** (1914-2004). Barbara Ann (Leftwich) "Nana B" Pullum, d/o **Fred Martin Leftwich** (1910-1989) & **Willie Kate McDonald** (1909-1969).

\*See Fred Martin Leftwich Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 170 : Jack Pullum married 3 June 1961, Putnam Co., TN, age 22, b. 17 October 1939, address: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN to Barbara Ann Leftwich, age 19, b. 14 August 1941 (*sic*), address: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Fred Leftwich, father, Willie Kate Leftwich, mother, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Barbara Ann Leftwich "Nana B" Pullum, 70, of the Buffalo Valley community, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday May 29, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Pullum died Saturday morning, May 25, 2013, at her home; in almost the exact location she was born, with her loving family surrounding her.

She was born Aug. 14, 1942, in Putnam County to the late Fred Martin and Willie Kate McDonald Leftwich.

She attended Vaden School, which was a one-room schoolhouse in the Gentry Community. In high school, she was a member of the Honor Society, Beta Club, Future Home Makers of America, and a **1960 graduate of Baxter Seminary**. She and her graduating class continued to meet monthly and she always played a pivotal role in organizing group gatherings. She was a dedicated volunteer at Northeast Elementary School, where her grandson, C.J., is a student, as well as a lifelong member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Gentry. "Nana B" was dearly loved by her family and was always taking care of those

around her. She was an avid gardener, and enjoyed sharing her bountiful vegetables and flowers with friends and neighbors. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.



(Pictured: Barbara Ann ((Leftwich) Pullum **Class of 1960 Baxter Seminary, Baxter**, Putnam Co., TN).

Survivors include her daughter, Jackaline Pullum of Berea, Ky; her son, Kevin Pullum of Buffalo Valley; her grandchildren, Carl Jackson Pullum of Buffalo Valley and Garrin Michael Martin of Michigan; a sister and brother-in-law, Bettye and Clarence Huddleston of Maryville; a niece, Debby Francis and family of Cookeville, a nephew, Don Huddleston of Maryville; other nephews and nieces include; Mark Pullum and family of Cookeville, Melissa Pullum and family of Sparta, Shannon DosSantos and family of Orlando, Fla., Jeff Macon and family of Orlando, Fla., Brian Macon and family of Orlando, Fla., CJ Pullum and family of Atlanta, Ga., Patrick Pullum and family of Smiths Grove, Ky., David Pullum and family of Florida, too many cousins to mention, and a whole host of great-nieces and nephews, as well as many loving friends.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Memorial donations can be made to An Infinite Mind, an organization serving survivors of trauma and their families, at [www.aninfinitemind.com](http://www.aninfinitemind.com), or to Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, where Barbara was a lifelong member, at [www.pleasantgroveumc.com](http://www.pleasantgroveumc.com), Gentry, TN.

Rev. Bill Cowan will officiate at the services.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931) 526-6111.

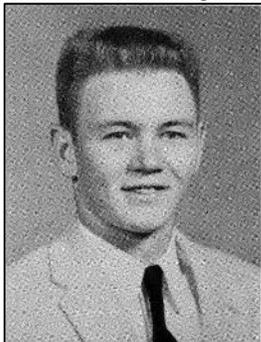
You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 27 May 2013

### **Jack Pullum**

b. 17 October 1940, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI – d. 2 July 2016, Celina, TN, md on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1961, Putnam Co., TN to **Barbara Ann Leftwich**, b. 14 August 1942, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 May 2013, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Fred Martin Leftwich** (1910-1989) & **Willie Kate McDonald** (1909-1969). Jack Pullum, s/o **Kenneth Scott Pullum** (1914-2007) & **Norma Jean Welsh** (1914-2004). Jack Pullum Class of 1959 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, “The fellow who thinks himself to be a wit is usually half right” – T & I 4, President; YMCA 1, 2; Pep Squad 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1; Allied Youth 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 2, Secretary 4; B- Letter Club 2, 3,4; Football 1, 2, 3,4. Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 170 - Jack Pullum married 3 June 1961, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, b. 17 October 1939, address: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN to Barbara Ann Leftwich, age 19, b. 14 August 1941, address: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., tN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Fred Leftwich, father, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN).



A visitation for Jack Pullum, age 75, of Buffalo Valley will be held Friday, July 8 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Presley Funeral Home.

Mr. Pullum passed away Saturday, July 2, 2016 at Cumberland River Hospital in Celina.

He was born October 17, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Kenneth Scott Pullum and Norma Welsh Pullum.

Mr. Pullum worked in construction.

Jack had request that donations be made to the Disabled Veterans Fund at [disabledveteransfund.org](http://disabledveteransfund.org)

A full obituary will be posted later.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 7 July 2016

**Windell E. Maynard**

b. 24 May 1932, Putnam Co., TN – d. 8 July 2016, Hendersonville, TN, (US Army Korea), s/o **Millard Edward “Edd” Maynard** (1880-1950) & **Adie Cleo Phillips** (1888-1977). Windell E. Maynard, Class of 1950, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Future Farmers of America 1, 3; T and I Club 2, 3; YMCA 4, Secretary and Treasurer; Junior American Citizen 4.

**BAXTER**-Funeral services for Windell E. Maynard, 84 of Springfield, TN, formerly of Baxter, will be Friday, July 15 at 1 PM from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, will be at Allison Cemetery.



Mr. Maynard passed away Friday, July 8, 2016 at Hendersonville Medical Center.

He was born May 24, 1932 in Putnam County to the late Millard Edward and Addie Cleo Phillips Maynard.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sisters: Adele Holman, Opal Ruble, Margaret Phillips and Harriet Maddux, brothers: Haston, Clural, Dewey, Oral, Cleston and Tom “Claude” Maynard.



He was an Army veteran of the Korean Era.

(Pictured: Windell E. Maynard, Class of 1950, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and Draughton’s Business College in Nashville.

He was an avid sports fan, watching sports on TV, keeping up with the Titans and Alabama. He wore and collected hats. He kept up with the news and current events and did extensive travel with his work, even overseas.

Survivors include brother and sister-in-law Clifton and Joyce Maynard of Salinas, California, special friend Linda Moulton of Springfield and a host of nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Windell’s family will receive friends Thursday from 4 to 7 PM and after 11 AM Friday at the funeral home.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931-858-2134). You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 9 July 2016

**Mildred “Monell” Lack Obt.**

b. 22 May 1927, Monterey, TN – d. 6 July 2016, Alameda, CA.

Resident of Alameda, CA.

Mrs. Lack was born May 22nd, 1927 in Monterey, TN and passed away July 6th, 2016 in Alameda, CA. where she has lived for over 60 years.

She is survived by her children Susan Lack, Sarah Rapolas, Robert (Bev) Lack and daughter-in law Donna Lack. Grandchildren Pete (Katie) Rapolas, Kelly (Joe Pearse) Lack, Brian (Mayra) Lack, Benjamin (Veronika) Fish, and Hayley Fish; Great-Grandchildren Josie, Simon, Benjamin, and Lucy Rapolas, Cohen and Savannah Pearse, Violet Fish, and Sonny Lack.



Monell worked at Owens Illinois Bottling Factory in Oakland, CA for 36 years and retired in 1992. She was an avid lover of her family, including dogs, cats and any other animal that needed attention. She enjoyed doing crosswords, puzzles and trips to Reno to play the slot machines and always had a witty response for everyone she spoke with.

Interment will be held later this month at St. Mary's Cemetery. Greer Family Mortuary & Cremation Services, 2694 Blanding Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501 (510) 865-3755.

**Etty "Etta" Dean (Whitehead) O'Connor Obt.**

b. 12 October 1924, Boma, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 January 2015, Anderson, Madison Co., IN, md **Gerald Wendell O'Connor**, b. 21 October 1921, Anderson, Madison Co., IN – d. 7 October 2001, Anderson, Madison Co., IN, (EM2 US Navy WWII), s/o **Herbert and Hazel O'Connor**. Etty "Etta" Dean (Whitehead) O'Connor, d/o **John Matthew Whitehead (1890-1961) & Iona Mae Fisher (1889-1963)**.

**ANDERSON** — Etty "Etta" Dean (Whitehead) O'Connor, 90, of Anderson, died Jan. 10, 2015, at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital.

Etty was born Oct. 12, 1924, in Boma, Tenn., to John M. and Iona F. Whitehead; and traveled to Detroit and worked at Briggs Mfg. to 1942. She returned to Boma until June 1946, then came to Anderson and was employed with Delco Remy Division of General Motors 43 years and was a member of UAW Local 662.



(Pictured: Etty "Etta" Dean (Whitehead) O'Connor, "As neutral as a swinging door" Baxter Seminary Class of 1942).

She attended the South Meridian Church of God and was a life member of the Women of the Church of God. She attended the weekly meeting of the Agape Bible Study and Church Women United serving as Secretary for several years and received the Valiant Woman Award in 2006.

Being an avid bowler, she was inducted in the Bowling Hall of Fame on April 18, 2010. She traveled to all 50 state capitals and all of the continents.

She moved to Primrose Retirement Center in March of 2010.

She is survived by her children, Nancy (Mike) Hadley of Indianapolis and Gary (Sue) O'Connor of Brownsburg; granddaughter, Kacie (Michael) Weldy; great-grandchildren, Katherine, Meaghan and Alex Weldy; sister, Bonnie Alma Fike of Florida; and brother, Johnnie Alva Whitehead of Baxter, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Wendell O'Connor, whom she married on June 12, 1948, in Anderson; half brothers, Ralph and Pierce Fisher; sister, Mary Fern Alexander; and brothers, Maxwell and Mark Whitehead.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service with the Rev. Dale Landis officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service on Wednesday at the funeral home with burial in East Maplewood Cemetery.

**Robert Patrick Fields Obt.**

b. 18 September 1931, Toledo, OH – d. 30 August 2016, Hopkinsville, KY, md **JoAnn (unknown) Fields**. Robert Patrick Fields, s/o **Edgar Fields & Mary Johanna Smale**.

Pat Fields, 84, of Hopkinsville died at 10:08 a.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at his residence following a brief illness.



Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 2, 2016 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville, KY with Father Al Bremer officiating. Interment will follow **in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West**. There will be no visitation. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home in Hopkinsville is in charge of the arrangements.

A native of Toledo, OH he was born September 18, 1931, the son of the late Edgar Fields and the late Mary Johanna Smale Fields. He was a teacher and a coach at University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville, KY and had also taught in high schools in Michigan prior to moving to Kentucky. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1982. He had previously served as Athletic Director at a high school in Flint, Michigan. He was of the catholic faith and was a

veteran of the Korean War having served in the United States Army.



Survivors include his wife: JoAnn Fields of Hopkinsville; sons: Mike Fields (Debbie), Chris Fields (Lorrie), Tim Fields (Christy), and Steve Fields, all of Hopkinsville; and daughter: Lisa Switzer (Lloyd) of Hopkinsville, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

(Pictured: Robert Patrick “Pat” Fields, Baxter Seminary Class of 1952. “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may marry).

Memorial contributions are suggested to University Heights Academy Athletic Department, 1300 Academy Dr., Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

**Elton Burton McBroom Obt.**

b. 31 December 1928, Sawyerwood, Summit Co., OH – d. 22 September 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1958, Smithville, TN to **Vola Arie (Goodwin) McBroom**, b. 28 November 1931, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 3 September 2014, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Willis E. Goodwin** (1897-1983) & **Martha Jane Dyer** (1896-1978). Elton B. McBroom, s/o **Thomas Sebrun McBroom** (1898-1993) & **Cora Rodgers** (1901-1976).

Cora (Rodgers) McBroom buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

\*See Thomas Sebrun McBroom buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Vola Arie (Goodwin) McBroom Obt.

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Elton B. McBroom, 87, of Cookeville, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home, with Bro. Johnny Fox and Bro. Paul Wilmoth officiating. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery.



The family will receive friends Friday from 5-8 p.m and again Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McBroom passed away Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, at NHC of Cookeville.

He was born Dec. 31, 1928, in Sawyerwood, Ohio, to the late Thomas Seburn McBroom and Cora Rodgers McBroom. He was raised in the Martin's Creek community of Putnam County **and graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1948**. He was a member of Northeast Church of Christ and a former member and deacon at Sycamore Church of Christ. Mr. McBroom was retired from Geneco Stamping and Manufacturing. He is fondly remembered as a kind and humble man and a talented woodworker.

(Elton B. McBroom – Class of 1948 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. *“There is no question unless it is argued.”* T. & I. Club 1; Literary Society 4; F.F.A. 2, 3).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife 56 years, Vola Goodwin McBroom.



He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Dianne and William Pearson of Cookeville; nieces and nephews, Garry (Carla) Loftis, Darlene Hatcher and Steve Hatcher, Betty (Paul) Braswell, Nell (Jim) Smelcer; and several great nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express much love and many thanks to the staff and caregivers at NHC of Cookeville for the care given to the McBroom family.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to TN Bible College, 1616 McCulley Rd, Cookeville, TN 38506.

Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (931)526-6111 You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 23 September 2016

**Harry L. Maxwell Obt.**

b. 29 September 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1956, Putnam Co., TN to **Patsy Ruth (Judd) Maxwell**, b. 15 June 1936, d/o **John William Judd** (1897-1962) & **Arlie Bunolah Huddleston** (1898-1987). Harry L. Maxwell, s/o **William Robert Maxwell** (1885-1965) & **Pheobe Kansas Neal** (1888-1965).

\*See William Robert Maxwell Obt.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 19 March 1956

**JUDD-MAXWELL WEDDING:** A wedding of interest to a wide circle of their friends is that of Miss Patsy Judd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Judd to Harry Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Maxwell of Baxter.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 295 – Harry L. Maxwell married 10 March 1956, Putnam Co., TN, age 22, b. 29 September 1933, address: Baxter, TN to Patsy Ruth Judd, age 19, b. 15 June 1936, address: Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: John W. Judd. Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** - Funeral services for Harry L. Maxwell, 83, of Cookeville, will be Friday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment with military honors will follow in Samuel Maxwell Cemetery in Baxter.



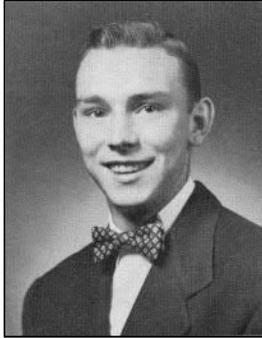
Mr. Maxwell passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 29, 1933, in Baxter to the late William Robert and Phoebe Kansas Neill Maxwell. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by eleven siblings.

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.** He was also a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (now Tennessee Tech University) with a Bachelor's Degree in industrial management.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Cookeville First United Methodist Church and the Backsliders Class. He was a member of the Cookeville Masonic Lodge F&AM #266. **He was very interested in family genealogy and authored a book, "Descendants of Samuel Maxwell of Putnam and Jackson County, TN."**

He retired from Fleetguard as a senior engineer with 20 years of service.



(Pictured: Harry L. Maxwell, Baxter Seminary Class of 1952. *Absence makes the heart grow fonder that's why I'm so fond of school.* T& I Club 1; Science Club 2; International Club, 3, 4; B-Letter Club, 3 4; Business Club, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2).

Survivors include wife of 60 years, Patsy Ruth Judd Maxwell of Cookeville (Married March 10, 1956 in Putnam County); daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Ken Schmitt-Matzen, Sandi and Jim Cannon all of Cookeville; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Leslie Maxwell of Garner, N.C.; brother and sister-in-law, Robert Ken and Betty Maxwell of Baxter; grandchildren, Stephanie (Bryan) Morgan of Nashville, Charlotte and (Brian) Hollingsworth of Knoxville, Aaron (Ashley) Schmitt-Matzen of Smyrna, Joshua Schmitt-Matzen of Cookeville, Macey (Josh) Crouch of Mt. Juliet, Taylor (Davis) Warner of Murfreesboro, Winston Cannon of Cookeville, Scott Maxwell and Morgan Maxwell both of Garner, N.C.; six great-great-grandchildren.

Rev. Whitney Mitchell will officiate.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Family will receive friends Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. until service time .

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)526-6111. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 19 October 2016

**Lois Jean (Maynard) Welch Obt.**

b. 2 July 1927, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 20 October 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Welch**. Lois Jean (Maynard) Welch, d/o **Dillard E. Maynard** (1905-1986) & **Myrtle O. Denny** (1911-1981).

\*See Dillard E. Maynard buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

\*See William Dillard "Bill" Maynard Obt.

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Lois Jean Welch, 89, of Cookeville will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24, 2016 in the chapel of Presley Funeral Home with Danny Hall officiating.

Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery.



The family will receive friends Monday, Oct. 24, from 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. at Presley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Welch passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016, at Bethesda Health Care in Cookeville, following an extended illness.

Lois Jean Welch was born Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Dekalb County, to the late Dillard Maynard and Myrtle Denny Maynard.

**She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.**



(Lois Jean (Maynard) Welch Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN Class of 1945. *"Always laugh when you can, it's cheap medicine."* Pleasant Hill Academy-1; YMCA, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club, 2, 3; Victory Corps, 2, 3, 4; Science Club, 2; French Club, 3; Literary Society, 3, 4).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, William Maynard.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Lawrence Welch; a son, Capt. Michael Maynard Welch (U.S. Navy Medical Service) and his wife, Amy of Chandler, Ariz.; a grandson, Christopher Lawrence Welch, of Chandler, Ariz.

Pallbearers will be Barry Clouse, John Magura, Dale Scott, Sid Gilbreath, Dennis Maynard, and Donald Maynard.

You may share your thoughts or send condolences to the family by visiting [www.presleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.presleyfuneralhome.com).

Professional services provided by Presley Funeral Home (931)528-1044.

Herald -Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 23 October 2016

**Hilda (Cooper) Anderson Obt.**

b. 20 September 1928, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1 November 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1945, Putnam Co., TN to **James Terrel Anderson**, b. 16 March 1919, Putnam Co., TN - d. 1 August 1993, TN, s/o **William Thomas Anderson** (1874-1926) & **Nota "Notie" Florence Kinnard** (1883-1973), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Hilda (Cooper) Anderson, d/o **Willie Smith Cooper** (1903-1986) & **Vera Leftwich** (1901-1991), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See James Terrel Anderson Obt.

**BAXTER**-Funeral services for Hilda Cooper Anderson, 88 of the Boma Community, will be Friday, November 4 at 1 PM at New Home Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the New Home Baptist Cemetery in the Boma Community of Putnam County.



Mrs. Anderson entered into Heaven, on November 1, 2016 at NHC of Cookeville. She left her earthly body and was surrounded by family when she took her last breath.

She was born September 20, 1928 in Putnam County to the late Willie S. and Vera Leftwich Cooper.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, James Terrel Anderson, whom she married October 7, 1945, a daughter Greta Anderson Flatt, daughter-in-law Candy Anderson, son-in-law Billy Joe Mollohan and her siblings: Kenton Cooper, Glenna Cooper Brown, Myra Faye Cooper Anderson, Doris Cooper and Wanda Sue Cooper.

**She was a 1945 graduate of Baxter Seminary** and served as a substitute teacher at Baxter Elementary School for 28 years.



(Pictured: *Hilda (Cooper) Anderson Class ob 1945 Baxter Seminary. "Seldom she speaks, but well she listens"*: Beta Club 4; Literary Society 2,3,4; Sec. 4; YMCA 2,3,4; Pres. 4; Victory Corps 3, 4).

She was an active member of New Home Baptist Church for 74 years, serving as church secretary and providing the altar flowers for many years.

She was known for her love of flowers and for her cooking. She won many ribbons at the Putnam County Fair for her flower arrangements, canning, handiwork and quilts. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma.

She will be greatly missed by her sons: Michael (Teri) Anderson of Cookeville, Tim (Jodi) Anderson of Belleville, IL, Tracy James Anderson of Lutz, FL and daughters, Patricia Howard, Teresa (Rick) Stratton all of Tampa, FL and Rachel (Lem) Hickey of Baxter. She was the proud grandma of 16 grandchildren: Casey (Joe) Norrod of Cookeville, Clint (Jenny) Anderson of Brandon, MS, Valerie (Rick) Pelham of Tampa, Adam (Krystal) Howard of Cookeville, Kevin (Faydra) Stratton of Port St. Lucie, FL, Matthew (Marissa) Stratton of Tampa, Jaime (Scott) James of Birmingham, AL, Bradley (Shanice) Mollohan of Baxter, Tara Flatt and Shannon Flatt both of Bossier City, LA, Jaelyn (Jonathan) Wilson of Marble Falls, TX, James Anderson and Zeke Anderson both of Lutz, FL, Danielle (Ben) Datsko of PA, Andrew Anderson and Zack Anderson both of Lutz, FL., 27 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Mae Anderson of Warren, MI, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bro. Charles Anderson, Bro. Herb Leftwich and Bro. Charlie Wills will officiate.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Family will receive friends at Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home Thursday from 4 to 8 PM and at church after 11 AM Friday.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 1 November 2016

**Clarence Wilson Jared Obt.**

b. 12 March 12 1909, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 1994, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army WWII), md 1940, **Edith (Wyrick) Jared**, b. 1 February 1920, Megis Co., TN – d. 12 February 2012, TN, d/o **Samuel Francis Wyrick & Kalva Ann Jiles**. Clarence W. Jared, s/o **Isaac Claiborn Jared** (1882-1974) & **Alta Elizabeth Stanton** (1882-1944). Clarence Wilson & Edith (Wyrick) Jared two children: Donna Jean Jared, b. 21 Nov. 1944 md 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Dennon – md 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Austin and they had one son named Jared Wilson Austin. Ann Wilson Jared, b. 3 Dec. 1949 md Ernest M. Lewald (div.). She lived in Knoxville, TN.

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Wilson Jared, 85, of Cookeville will be held Friday, October 21, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Jared died Wednesday, October 19, 1994, in Cookeville General Hospital.

Born March 12, 1909, in Putnam County, he was the son of the late Isaac Claiborn and Alta Stanton Jared.

**A graduate of Baxter Seminary**, Mr. Jared was an Army veteran of World War II and serviced in 512<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion in General George Patton's Third Army. He saw action in England, Luxembourg, Germany, France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia.

**In 1929 he began delivery in his father's partnership of Jared Monumental Works.** By 1931 he had become a salesman and traveled throughout the Upper Cumberland. He opened his own monument company and serviced Frankin and Tompkinsville, KY. **Mr. Jared was owner/operator of Jared Monument Works in Cookeville.**

His family includes his wife, Edith Wyrick Jared of Cookeville; two daughters, Donna Jared Austin of Louisville, KY, and Ann Jared Lewald of Cookeville; and one grandson, Jared Wilson Austin.

Active pallbearers will be Preston Waites, Lonnie Finley, Charlie Eldridge, Robert Waites, Charles Vaughn, Mike and Preston Presley and Morgan Young.

Former employee will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Rev. David Campbell will officiate at the services.

**James Hunter Banks Obt.**

b.29 March 1920, Dowelltown, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 28 November 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (Master Sergeant, US Army WWII), md **Martha Lieselotte (Edelmann) Banks**, b. ? – d. 24 August 2014, Putnam Co., TN. James Hunter Banks, s/o **James Farler Banks** (1898-1979) & **Eula Mae Hunter** (1902-1994).

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for James Hunter Banks, 96, of Cookeville, will be Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m., from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.



The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Banks passed away Monday morning, Nov.28, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on March 29, 1920, in Dowelltown, DeKalb County, Tenn., to the late Joseph F. and Lula Mae Hunter Banks.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Martha Lieselotte Edelmann Banks on Aug. 24, 2014.

**He was a 1937 graduate of Baxter Seminary.** He was an Army veteran of WW2 and served 30 years with the Army retiring as a Master Sergeant. He was a Purple Heart recipient and awarded four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medals and the National Defense Medal.

After his military retirement, he served as a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service- Cookeville office from 1967 to 1979.

He loved to fly fish and work in his garden.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jeff Sibley of Cookeville, son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ginnie Banks of Millington, Tenn.; grandchildren, Misty Hitchcock and husband Chris Salaniuk, Jeffrey Sibley and wife Jami; 2 step-grandchildren: Stephanie and husband David Lambert and Peggy Sissom; 2 great-grandchildren, Alexander Salaniuk and Gunner Lee Sibley; 2 step-great-grandchildren, Haleigh Sissom and Stephen Lambert.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Pastor Jim McAfee will officiate.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 29 November 2016

**Dona Grace (Thomas) Presley Obt.**

b. 29 October 1930, Putnam Co., TN – d. 9 January 2017, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md 14 October 1949, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to **Cecil Ray Presley**, b. 29 October 1923, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 June 2015, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Robert Denton Presley** (1892-1951) & **Jeanie Mae Gentry** (1897-1933). Dona Grace (Thomas) Presley, d/o **Simon Elihu Thomas** (1905-1977) & **Beulah Lee Burgess** (1906-1983).

\*See Cecil Ray Presley Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 451 – Cecil Ray Presley married 14 October 1949, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 29 October 1923, Putnam Co., TN, address: Baxter, TN to Dona Grace Thomas, age 18, b. 29 October 1930, address: Bloomfield Springs, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Simon Thomas, Bloomfield Springs, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Dona Grace Presley, 86, of Baxter, will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m. in the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home with Bro. John Pippin officiating. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery.



The family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 4-7 p.m. and again Thursday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Presley died Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville.

She was born Oct. 29, 1930, in Putnam County to the late Simon and Beulah Burgess Thomas. **She was a 1949 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

Grace was an instructor at the former DeBerry Academy before joining her husband Ray working as a secretary for Woodmen of the World Insurance. Kind, sweet, loving, elegant, and classy, Grace's demeanor matched her name. She enjoyed painting, traveling and was a talented seamstress. She was a member of Baxter Church of Christ and enjoyed teaching the Ladies' Bible Study.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sherrie and Chase Evans of Nashville; special daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hamby and her husband Terry of Cadiz, Ky.; four grandchildren, Martha Presley (husband, Danny Tran), Michael Presley, Jr. (wife, Lauren), Cody and Hunter Evans; two great-grandchildren, Michael Houston Presley III and Oliver James Tran; sisters-in-law, Jean Watts and Dorothy Thomas; and by a host of beloved nieces and nephews.



**GRACE THOMAS**

*"Little Grace"*

F. H. A. 2, 4, President 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; 4-H Club 3, Treasurer; N. F. L. 3, 4, Secretary 4; Business Club 4; National Honor Society 4; Cheerleader 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Debate Club 3; Dramatic Club 3; B-Letter Club 2, 3, 4; High School Register 4; International Club 3; Paper Staff 3, Reporter Journalism Club 3, Treasurer; Miss Baxter Seminary 4.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband 65 years, Cecil Ray Presley; son, Michael Presley; brothers and sister-in-law, Carmel and Dean Thomas and Carl Thomas; and by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Charles and Charlcie Presley and Willard and Vivian Presley.

Chase Evans, Cody Evans, Hunter Evans, Michael Presley, Jr., Terry Hamby and Danny Tran will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Tennessee,

209 10th Avenue South, Suite 123, Nashville, TN 37203.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-6111. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 11 January 2017

**Martha Katherine Sadler Obt.**

b. 24 May 1911, Putnam Co., TN – d. 22 December 1994, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, d/o **Phillip Edley Sadler** (1875-1951) & **Frances Jane Williams** (1880-1950).

**MADISON** - Funeral services for Martha Katherine Sadler, 83, of Madison, formerly of Silver Point, will be Monday, December 26, at 11 a.m. in the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Miss Sadler died Thursday, December 22, 1994, at Nashville Memorial Hospital.

Born May 24, 1911, in Putnam County, she was the daughter of Phillip Edley and Frances Jane Williams Sadler.

Miss Sadler was a retired school teacher in Putnam County School System with almost 50 years service. She taught at Boma, Silver Point, Cherry Hill, Buffalo Valley and Baxter Schools.

Miss Sadler was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary** and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Silver Point Presbyterian Church.

Her family includes one sister, Mary Sue Sadler of Madison; one brother and sister-in-law, James C. and Nancy Harding Sadler of Honolulu, Hawaii; a sister-in-law, Anne Sadler of Charlottesville, Virginia, and a brother-in-law, Richard L. Coe of Washington, D. C.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until time of service on Monday.

Dr. Wesley Henry will officiate at the services.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Sunday, 25 December 1994.

**Nancy Priscilla Grace Obt.**

b. 14 June 1922 – d. 11 January 1956, d/o **Lawrence Grace** (1883-1962) & **Vinnie Gentry** (1888-1942).

\*See Lawrence Grace Obt.

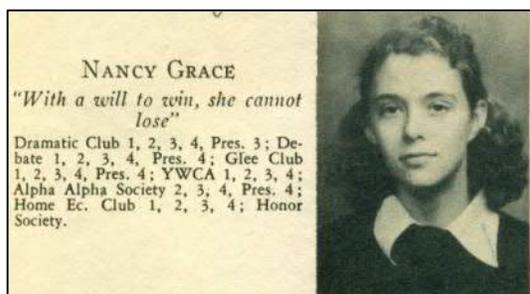
\*See Vinnie (Gentry) Grace Obt.

Funeral services for Nancy Priscilla Grace, 33, daughter of Lawrence Grace and the late Vinnie Gentry Grace of Baxter died in Louisville, KY, Wednesday after a brief illness.

Prayer services were held in Louisville this morning and the body was to be brought to Whitson Funeral Home late this afternoon or tonight. Other funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Miss Grace was a member of the Presbyterian church and taught in the Sunday School.

For more than 10 years, she had been a member of the editorial staff of The Louisville Courier-Journal and Times.



**She graduated from Baxter Seminary** and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Tech where she was an honor student. She received her Master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

(Pictured: Nancy Priscilla Grace, Baxter Seminary yearbook, Senior 1940. "With a will to win, she cannot lose.")

Besides her father, Miss Grace is survived by a sister, Miss Ruth Grace, teacher at DePaul University, Greencastle, IN; 2 brothers, Dr. Frank Grace, Ann Arbor, MI and Bob Grace of Nashville, and her step-mother, Mrs. Vada Grace of Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 12 January 1956, front page.

**Ruth Lee (Wade) Scarlett Obt.**

b. 18 July 1938, TN – d. 12 February 2017, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1957, Putnam Co., TN to **James Wilson Scarlett**, b. 28 November 1931. Ruth Lee (Wade) Scarlett, d/o **Floyd Lee Wade** (1900-1992) & **Bertha Douglas Jared** (1909-1979), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 104 – James Wilson Scarlett married 23 June 1957, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 28 November 1931, address: Rt. 2, Baxter, TN to Ruth Lee Wade, age 18, b. 18 July 1938, address: Rt. 2, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Floyd Wade, Rt. 2, Cookeville, TN).



Ruth Lee Scarlett of Nashville, TN, passed away on February 12, 2017.

Survived by her husband, James Scarlett; son, Myron Scarlett; and daughter, Juana Lee Scarlett.

Visitation will be held at Woodlawn Roesch-Patton Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from eleven o'clock to one o'clock in the afternoon, with funeral service to follow at one o'clock. Interment to take place

at Woodlawn Memorial Park.



(Pictured: Ruth Lee (Wade) Scarlett: Class of 1956, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN: "There is no wisdom like frankness.: FHA 2,3,4; Sr. Science 3; YWCA 4; Basketball 3).

(1940 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 159 – **Floyd Wade** is head of household, 39 yrs. Old, TN, (occupation: Laborer, Construction Work), md to **Bertha**, 30 yrs. old, TN. Children: Lester, 12 yrs. Old; Gerald, 10 yrs. Old; Nell Dean, 8 yrs. Old; James Henry, 5 yrs. Old; Betty Sue, 4 yrs. Old & **Ruth Lee Wade**, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

**Payton Vesta "PV" Whitefield Obt.**

**BAXTER**-Funeral services for Payton Vesta "PV" Whitefield, 83 of Buffalo Valley will be Thursday, May 25 at 11 AM from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, will follow in Maynard Cemetery in the Cherry Hill Community of DeKalb County, TN. Mr. Whitefield died Saturday night, May 20, 2017 at NHC of Cookeville.



He was born May 30, 1933 in Silver Point to the late Virgil Melvin and Annie Steele Whitefield.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carla

Jean Wable; brother, Melvin Whitefield, sisters Ruth Tallant and Sadie Sue Dobbs.



**He attended Baxter Seminary and was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.** He worked in maintenance with Harter House Assisted Living in Anderson, IN and Cedar Hill Assisted Living in Cookeville.

(Pictured Payton Vesta "PV" Whitefield: Sophomore 1951 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN).

He served as an Elder at Baxter Church of Christ and ministered by visiting the sick and shut-ins. He loved working in his garden.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years (Married April 2, 1955 in New Albany, IN) Anna Owens Whitefield of Buffalo Valley, daughter and son-in-law Nila and Steven Michalski of Wisconsin, son and daughter-in-law Lester and Karen Whitefield of Pendleton, IN, brother David Loftis of Austin, TX, grandchildren: Ashley (Wayne) Stephens, Justin Wable and fiancée Jennifer, Karol (Zack) Hewson, Joshua Whitefield, Jonathan (Bridgett) Whitefield, Jessica (Jeremiah) Olson, Brandon (Jennifer) Chatman, Kyle Chatman, Brooke Michalski and Grace Michalski, 18 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Bro. John Pippin will officiate.

The family will receive friends Wednesday 4 to 8 PM from and after 9 AM Thursday at the funeral home.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home (931) 858-2134 is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

### **QM2 Edgar Blanham Atkinson**

b. 1916, TN – d. 27 January 1942, lost at sea, killed in action. Parents: **John Wesley Atkinson**, b. 23 February 1892, Jamestown, Fentress Co., TN – d. 3 June 1974, Kingsport, Sullivan, TN md on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1915, Fentress Co., TN to **Bertha Pearl (Stowers) Atkinson**, b. 16 January 1898, TN – d. 3 August 1970, both buried in Springs Chapel Cemetery, Banner Springs, Fentress Co., TN.



(Pictured: Class of 1935 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN: Chaplain, YMCA, '35 Chaplain, Polyhymnian Literary Society '35, National Forensic League '35, Debate Club '35, Vice President, Wesley Club '34).

World War II West Coast Memorial, San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA, Plot: Tablets of the Missing.

**Note:** QM2 Edgar B. Atkinson entered the service from Tennessee: Service Number 295 30 31. Date of Enrollment: 17 February 1940: Place of Enrollment: San Diego, CA.

He served as a Quartermaster 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in the US Navy and served primarily aboard the USS Cummings. He was present at Pearl Harbor and survived, only to be washed overboard in a high sea while on a convoy from San Francisco to Honolulu. Deceased: Lost overboard in heavy sea at 0655, this date (1/27/42). Body not recovered: U.S.S. Cummings (DD365).

This memorial is in memory of the soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, and airmen who met their deaths in the American coastal waters of the Pacific Ocean during World War II.

On the wall are inscribed the name, rank, organization and State of each of the 412 American Missing whose remains were never recovered or identified.

**Mabel Geraldine “Gerry” (Roberts) Herren Obt.**

**BAXTER** — Funeral services for Geraldine “Gerry” Roberts Herren, 77, of Silver Point, will be Saturday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. from Herren’s Chapel Church of Christ. **Interment will follow in the G.V. Herren Family Cemetery.**



Family will receive friends at Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Horner Funeral Home on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and after 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Mrs. Herren passed away Thursday morning, Aug. 25, 2016, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 3, 1939, in Silver Point to the late Clavis K. and Etta Frances Phillips Roberts.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Ezra “Bud” Benjamin Herren on Dec. 29, 1990.

She was a homemaker and member of Herren’s Chapel Church of Christ. She loved to cook for family and friends. **She attended Baxter Seminary.**

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Steve Watts of Baxter, and Karen and Jimmy Watts of Silver Point; sons and a daughter-in-law, Bill and Ben Herren and Ricky Herren, all of Silver Point; sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Neal Fisher of Silver Point, Brenda and Jim Logsdon of Owensboro, Ky.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Avery and Terry Roberts, Tommy and Gracie Roberts, all of Silver Point; grandchildren and spouses, Kellie and John Fitzpatrick of Baxter, Brent and Jamie Watts of Baxter, Lindsey and Brandon Bruce of Silver Point, Morgan and Ty Fields of Baxter, and Dan Herren of Silver Point; and great-grandchildren, Stevie, Brady and Jude Fitzpatrick, Maggie and Piper Watts, Bodhi and Cru Bruce, Sawyer and Lottie Fields.

Bro. Phil Loftis will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Brent Watts, Dan Herren, John Fitzpatrick, Brandon Bruce, Ty Fields and Kenny Fisher.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com) Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 26 August 2016

**William Grover Anderson Obt.**

William Grover Anderson, 81, died Thursday at Master’s Nursing Home on the Algood Road, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the chapel of Hooper – Huddleston Funeral Home with Rev. Andrew Albert officiating. Burial was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was a native of Putnam County, the son of the late Lewis and Matilda Wallace Anderson and was reared in the Silver Point – Baxter area.

His wife whose death occurred several years ago was the former Lillian Lee also from Putnam County.

**Mr. Anderson was once a merchant of Baxter, was a chairman of the Putnam County School Board and for a number of years served as a trustee of Baxter Seminary.**

He served as representative at large in the Tennessee Legislature for some years, and was instrumental in getting various appropriations for Tennessee Tech during its initial year. He also held the position as secretary of the Putnam Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Anderson was a Mason. The Excelsior Lodge of Baxter conducted a service in his memory Friday night at the funeral home.

Survivors are a son Joe Anderson, Washington D.C.; 4 sisters, Mrs. Addie Gill, Cookeville, Mrs. Audra Denny of Silver Point, Mrs. Floyd Shanks of Silver Point, and Mrs. Ollie Julian, Baxter, and a grandson, and 2 grandchildren.

Herald – Citizen, Cookeville, TN: March 30, 1970



William Grover Anderson, born in Boma, Tennessee, March 24, 1889. Married Miss Lillian Lee, July 21, 1915. Engaged in wholesale and retail hardware. He has built several large business houses at Baxter. Has been mayor of Baxter. He is a member of the County Board of Education, a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Anderson is one of Baxter's most valuable citizens. Taken from *A History of Putnam County, TN* by Walter S. McClain

**Billie Joe "Bill" Bain Obt.**

b. 29 October 1923 – d. 4 June 1991, (1<sup>st</sup> Lt. U. S. Army Air Corps WWII), s/o **James Anderson Bain** (1878-1946) & **Bonnie Lassie Nunally** (1891-1984). Billie Joe Bain is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

A memorial service for Billy Joe "Bill" Bain, 67, of Nashville will be held Friday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at Baxter United Methodist Church.



A native of Baxter and the son of the late James A. and Bonnie Nunally Bain, he was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and an Air Force bombardier in the Pacific area during World War II.

(Pictured: Bill Bain – Class of 1941 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. 'A workman that needeth not be ashamed.' Senior Class President; Junior Class Vice Pres.; Football, 1,2,3,4; B Letter Club, 1,2,3,4; Dramatic Club, 3,4; F.F.A., 1,2,3,4; Alpha Alpha Society, 2,3,4; Glee Club, 2,3,4; Vice-Pres., 4; National Honor Society).

Mr. Bain graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1951 with a degree in engineering. Most of his professional career was spent at N.A.S.A. in Hunstville, Alabama. He was a member of the team that made it possible

to send the first American in space and the Apollo engineering team. For the past ten years, he has resided in Nashville.

His family includes two daughters, Rebecca Hewgley and Cynthia Mercante; four sisters, Nell Bain of Baxter, Ruth Wooten and Phyllis Hawkins, both of Gainesboro, and Elizabeth Feak of Sagola, Michigan; two brothers, James N. Bain of Baxter and Frank E. Bain of Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baxter Seminary Alumni Scholarship Fund, c/o Sue Neal, P.O. Box 222, Baxter, TN 38544 or other charities.

Information provided by Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 1991

\*Read more about Baxter Seminary at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>



Herald-Citizen Photo/Carnille Fliess

## 90th birthday

Claiborne Maxwell (seated left) celebrated his 90th birthday on Jan. 26 with a celebration at Nick's Restaurant hosted by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bob Bush of Grand Rapids, Mich. There were 54 family members in attendance. Claiborne is the oldest living child of the late A.W. (Alf) and America Aud Maxwell, parents of 14 children. He was born in 1918 in Baxter and now resides in Sparta. While a student at Baxter Seminary in 1935, he was co-captain of the football team. He was also a member of the National Guard, Troop A, 109th Calvary. He has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Seated from left are Claiborne Maxwell and his wife, Ruby Maxwell, and standing are Tom Maxwell, Claiborne's brother; Willene Maxwell, Claiborne's sister-in-law; Linda and Bob Bush; and Lillard Maxwell, Claiborne's brother.

### Claiborne Whitley Maxwell Obt.

b. 26 January 1918 – d. 18 April 2016, Sparta, White Co., TN, md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 1977, White Co., TN to **Mary Lucille Saylor Maxwell**, b. 10 June 1915 – d. 14 December 1996 Claiborne Whitley Maxwell also md **Ruby K. (unknown) Maxwell**. Claiborne Whitley Maxwell, s/o **Alfred Whitney "Big Alf" Maxwell** (1886-1968) & **America Avo Worley** (1889-1979). Claiborne W. Maxwell is buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.



Claiborne Whitley Maxwell:

Class of 1936  
Baxter Seminary,  
Baxter, Putnam  
Co., TN.

**Kenneth Dow Brown Obt.**

b. 20 August 1941, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 August 2017, Algood, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1962, Putnam Co., TN to **Rebecca Esther (Cole) Brown**, b. 25 June 1942. Kenneth Dow Brown, s/o **Willie Dow Brown** (1902-1975) & **Lucille Gentry** (1914-2006).

\*See Lucille (Gentry) Brown Obt.

\*See Willie Dow Brown Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 339 - Kenneth Dow Brown married 12 January 1962, Putnam Co., TN, age 20, b. 20 August 1941, address: 3029 Louise Dr., Nashville, TN to Rebecca Esther Cole, age 19, b. 25 June 1942, address: Rt. 1, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: William P. Cole, father, Rt. 1, Baxter, TN).

Funeral services for Kenneth Dow Brown, 76 of Baxter will be Saturday, September 2 at 2 PM from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home.



Interment will follow in the Samuel Maxwell Cemetery in Baxter. Rev. Sheila Lancaster will officiate.

(Pictured: Kenneth Dow Brown – Class of 1959 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. *“A real man is he whose goodness is a part of himself”* FFA 1,2,4; T&I 3, Treasurer 3; T&I Alumin4; Allied youth 3,4).

Mr. Brown died Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Signature Healthcare-Putnam County in Algood.

He was born August 20, 1941 in Putnam County to the late Willie Dow and Lucille Gentry Brown.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sons Kenneth “Kenny” William Brown and Danny Dow Brown, sister and brother-in-law Wanda and O. J. Helms, niece Vicky Annette Helms.

He was a **graduate of Baxter Seminary** and member of Bethany Methodist Church.

He was a retired conductor and brakeman with CSX Railroad.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and golfing.

Survivors include wife of 55 years (Married January 12, 1962 by Dr. Harry L. Upperman) Rebecca Cole Brown of Baxter, sister and brother-in-law Glenda Margaret and Donnie Webb of Lebanon, nieces and nephews: Donnie (Heather) Webb, Anita Walters, Sheila Landers, Donna (Gary) Simpson, Alfred Cooper and Mary Cooper, great nieces and nephews: Nicholas, Sam and Margaret Walters, Mark Maxwell and Alicia Phy, great-great niece Ellie Phy.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Family will receive friends Friday 5 to 8 PM and after 12 Noon Saturday.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931) 858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

**Col James W. “Jimmy” Higdon Obt.**

b. 24 June 1932, Hamlet, Richmond Co., NC – d. 7 March 2017, Bowling Green, Warren Co., KY, (Col US Army), s/o **William N. & Mary Louise Higdon**.

James W. Higdon, 84, of Rineyville, died March 7, 2017, at the Hospice House in Bowling Green. He was a native of Hamlet, NC, was a member of House of Prayer Lutheran Church and was a retired Colonel from the U.S. Army.

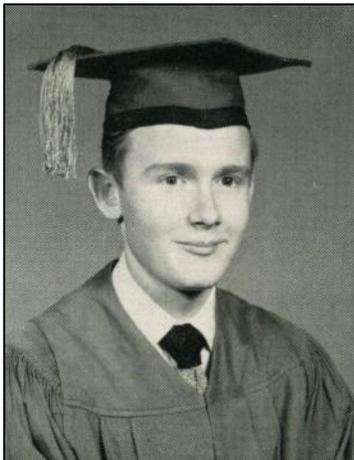
He was preceded in death by his parents, William N. and Mary Louise Higdon and a sister, Evelyn Loyce Graff.

He is survived by one sister, Joyce Barrow and a nephew, James N. Barrow both of Bloomington, IN. Also by all his cats that he loved so dearly.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church with Rev. Pam Thorson officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.brownfuneral.com](http://www.brownfuneral.com).

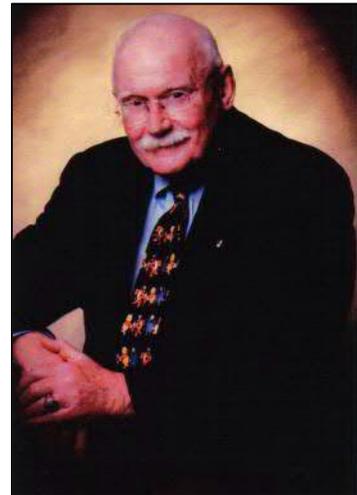
(Pictured: **Col. James W. "Jim" Higdon- Class of 1950 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.** Also pictured Col. James W. "Jim" Higdon later in life).



#### JIMMY HIGDON

Service Club No. 2, Fort Knox,  
Kentucky:

Science Club 2,3,4, President 4;  
Beta Club 4; National Honor  
Society 4; High School Register 4;  
Dramatic Club 1,2; Upperman  
Literary Society 1, 4; Allied Youth  
3,4, Treasurer 4; Latin Club 1,2;  
YMCA 1,2,3,4, President 4; Paper  
Staff 4; Photographer; Annual Staff  
4, Associate Editor 4; Quill and  
Scroll 4.



#### **Willie Howard "Burr" Thomas Obt.**

b. 10 February 1916 – d. 12 March 1998, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Navy WWII), md on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1940, Putnam Co., TN to **Glenna Nadine (Fields) Thomas**, b. 30 May 1923, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 February 2004, d/o **James Dallas Fields & Pinkney Mattie Dyer**. Willie Howard Thomas, s/o **Greene & Cleo Thomas**.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 353 – Willie Howard Thomas married 30 June 1940, Putnam Co., TN, age 24, address: Baxter, TN to Glenna Nadine Fields, age 17, address: Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mrs. Mattie Fields, Baxter, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Willie Howard Thomas, 82, of Cookeville will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, at Stevens Street Baptist Church. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday at Dyer Funeral Home. Mr. Thomas will lie in state at the church from 1 p.m. until time of services Sunday.

(Pictured: Class of 1936 Baxter Seminary, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Willie Howard "Burr" Thomas: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4. Y.M.C.A, 1,2,3,4.)

Mr. Thomas died on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1916, in Cleveland to the late Greene and Cleo Thomas. Mr. Thomas was retired from Cookeville Water Dept. after 47 years as a plant operator and laboratory technician. **He served in the Navy during World War II** and also served four years as a Putnam County commissioner. **He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and a member of Stevens Street Baptist Church.**

His family includes his wife, Glenna Fields Thomas of Cookeville; a son, Ronald D. Thomas of Chattanooga; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenny (Carolyn Clouse) Thomas of Yorktown, VA; six grandchildren, Kenny Jr. and James Thomas, Rachel Thomas Wren and Paula Thomas Roberson, all of Yorktown; Randy Thomas of Tullahoma and Matthew Thomas of Lewisburg; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Kenny Gorman and Harry Allen Thomas.

Pallbearers will be Randy, Matt, and Ken Thomas Jr., Mark Roberson, James and Robert Fields, Dewey Lewis and Tom Graham. Honorary pallbearers will be John Tollett's Sunday school class at Stevens Street Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethel Bible Village Childrens Home, 3001 Hamill Rd., Hixon, TN 37343.

Bros. Jimmy Arms and Charlie Hutchinson will officiate at the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN

#### **Anna Frances (Leftwich) Johnson Obt.**

**BAXTER** - Funeral services for Anna Frances Leftwich Johnson, 85, of Somerville, TN and formerly of Baxter, TN will be held at the Somerville Church of Christ on Tuesday, January 9 with visitation from 4:00-6:00 pm and the funeral service to follow. A second service will be held at the Baxter Church of Christ on Thursday, January 11 with visitation from 12:00-2:00 pm and the funeral service at the church to follow. Interment will be at Smellage Cemetery immediately after the service.



She passed into the arms of her Lord January 5, 2018.

She was born April 12, 1932 in Buffalo Valley, TN to the late Burch and Maurine Bartlett Leftwich.

She was a faithful member of Somerville Church of Christ and previously of Gragg Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis, TN. She taught for 30 years in the Memphis City School system and impacted many lives.



She is survived by her loving husband of 65 and a half years, Bernes Johnson, sons Robert and wife Tricia Marie Johnson, Thomas Burch and wife Debbie Johnson, daughter Patricia Johnson Gilbert and husband Van, grandchildren: Jacob Robert Johnson, Beth Anne Johnson, Kensey and Kelly Johnson, Deanna Keierleber, Katie Current, Laura Gilbert and Emily Nason, great-grandson Moses Keierleber.

(Pictured Anna Frances (Leftwich) Johnson, Class of 1950 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Memorial gifts are requested to be given to St Jude Children's Research Hospital and Hope Springs International.

Dyer Funeral Home in Cookeville, TN is in charge of arrangements. Thoughts and memories can be shared at [www.dyerfh.com](http://www.dyerfh.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 7 January 2018

21 April 2010: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN

**Norma Lillian (Mahan) Bush Obt.**

b. 25 August 1931, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 January 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 1949, Putnam Co., TN to **Lehman Denton Bush**, b. 13 February 1927, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 December 1999, Putnam Co., TN, (PFC US Army WWII), s/o **Lonzo Denton Bush** (1893-1932) & **Annie Nichols** (1900-1988). Norma Lillian (Mahan) Bush, d/o **William Tilmann Mahan** (1901-1991) & **Floy D. Crawford** (1905-1992), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 394 – Lehman D. Bush married 2 July 1949, Putnam Co., TN, age 22, b. 13 February 1927 to Norma Mahan, age 18, b. 25 August 1930, address: Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: W. T. Mahan, Baxter, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Mrs. Norma Lillian Mahan Bush, 86, of Cookeville, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. in the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Rev. John Davis will officiate.

Mrs. Bush's family will receive friends today, Tuesday Jan. 16, from 4-7 p.m., and after 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the funeral home.



She died Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 in NHC of Cookeville.

She was born Aug. 25, 1931, in Baxter, to the late William Tilman and Floy D. Crawford Mahan.

She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary. She attended Baxter Church of Christ and Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bush worked several years at the former CM Clothing in Cookeville and later retired from South Willow Auto Clinic. She enjoyed time with family, especially the grandchildren, gardening, and the pleasures of a simple life.



Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Denny Britten of Hobe Sound, Florida, Cyndi and Danny Lee, and Lisa and Wade Ledford, all of Cookeville; sons and daughters-in-law, Eddie Bush and Frances of Baxter, Danny and Arlene Bush of Bloomington Springs, and Mark and Terry Bush of Cookeville; sisters, Helen Sparks of Lillburn, Georgia, and Janis Taylor of Baxter; grandchildren, Leann (Phil) Martin, Brent (Samantha) Bush, Liz (Robert) Shanks, David (Tammy) Bush, Derrick (Amanda) Bush, Dustin Bush, Kellie (Jason) Trent, Chris (Melissa) McCaleb, Ashley (Robert) Swann, Marcus (Jill) Bush, Clint (Crystal) Bush, Danielle Lee (Jason) Rich, Matt Lee, Jim Ledford, John (Allie) Ledford; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

(Pictured: Norma Lillian (Mahan) Bush – Class of 1948, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Lehman Denton Bush in 1999; sister Bobbie Ford, and brother Billy Mahan.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's of Tennessee 1459 Interstate Drive Suite 211, Cookeville, TN 38501 or Food to the Rescue 370 South Lowe Avenue Suite A391, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Cookeville chapel of Hooper Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-6111. You may share your thoughts and memories at [hhhfunerals.com](http://hhhfunerals.com)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 16 January 2018

**Anna Faye (Haller) Beckers Obt.**

b. 30 April 1942, Herren's Chapel, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 2011, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md Victor Beckers. Anna Faye (Haller) Beckers, d/o **Fritz "Fred" Haller** (1900-1979) & **Effie Mae Roberts** (1913-1973), both buried in Roberts Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN

**SILVER POINT** – Private graveside services for Anna Haller Becker, 69, of the Herren's Chapel community of Putnam County, near Silver Point, were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, in the Herren's Chapel community.

Mrs. Beckers died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born in Herren's Chapel on April 30, 1942, to the late Fritz "Fred" Haller of Switzerland and Effie Mae Roberts Haller.

Mrs. Beckers was a homemaker and attended St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church in Cookeville. She was a former resident of New York City and Long Island. **She was a 1961 graduate of Baxter Seminary.** For a time, Mrs. Beckers raised Pomeranian dogs that she loved a great deal.

The family would like to thank the employees of NHC Healthcare of Cookeville and the nurses at Cookeville Regional Medical Center for their patient and compassionate care of Mrs. Beckers.

Her family includes a brother and sister-in-law, Charlie and Michele J. Taggart Haller of Sparta; a niece, Isable Erin Haller of Pullman, WA; three great-nieces, Sarah, Katherine and Abigail Hulst, all of Pullman; and several cousins, including special cousins Floretta Haller Anderson of Old Hickory and Geneva Brown Haller of Silver Point.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Beckers; her maternal grandparents, Jessie Fate Roberts and Martha Hancock Roberts of Herren's Chapel; and her paternal grandparents, Rudolph Haller and Bertha (Haller) Haller of Switzerland.

Pallbearers were Patrick Haller, Roy Hemphill, Michael Oyston, Carl Tucker and Danny Smith.

Father Chad Puthoff officiated at the services.

Dyer Funeral Home in Cookeville was in charge of the arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 24 October 2011

**Hugh Randall Williams Obt.**

b. 23 June 1940, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 22 January 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1961 to **Lilly Merirl (Lafever) Williams**. Hugh Randall Williams, s/o **Lawson Williams Jr.** (1910-1989) & **Adele Miranda Maxwell** (1910-2002), both buried in Goff Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN.

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Mr. Hugh Randall Williams, 77, of the Austin Bottom community, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Dyer Funeral Home with Bro. Johnny Fox officiating. Interment will follow in Spears Cemetery in Putnam County.

The family will receive friends Thursday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Hugh passed away Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at NHC of Cookeville.

He was born June 23, 1940, in Silver Point, to the late Lawson H. and Adele Maxwell Williams.

He served in the TN National Guard from 1957 to 1965. Hugh was an avid golfer and sports fan. He especially enjoyed watching his grandson play basketball and baseball for Upperman High School and Maryville College.

He retired from public service in 1995 after working for the U.S. Postal Service, Putnam County Tax Assessor's and Trustee's office. He was a lifelong farmer.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lilly Meirl Lafever Williams, whom he married April 21, 1961; daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Joey Jones of Baxter; grandchildren, Alaina Jones and Joe Jones; great-granddaughter, Georgia Quinn Jones; sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Robert (Andy) Anderson of Sparta, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Lillie Lafever of Baxter; and several nieces, nephews, and golfing buddies.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff at NHC of Cookeville for the care rendered to Hugh and his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Larry Dale Williams, Roger (Podge) Williams, and Douglas Lanier Williams.

Pallbearers will be friends and family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Spears Cemetery Fund, 9120 Goff Ridge Road, Baxter, TN 38544.

Dyer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-7158. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.dyerfh.com](http://www.dyerfh.com)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 24 January 2018

**James Brown Millis M.D. Obt**

b. 28 October 1930, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 January 2018, Rockville, MD, md **Mary Vonda (Carr) Millis**, b. 24 May 1932, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 August 2017, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, d/o **Virgle Carr & Gladys C. Lee** (1909-2002). James Brown Millis M.D, s/o **Dr. Roscoe Henry Millis** (1882-1963) & **Maymie Effie Brown**.

**COOKEVILLE** — Graveside services and interment for James Brown Millis M.D., 87, of Nashville, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Crest Lawn Cemetery with Bro. Buddy Reeder officiating.

Dr. Millis passed away Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at The Village at Rockville in Rockville, Maryland.

He was born Oct. 28, 1930, in Baxter, to the late Dr. Roscoe Henry Millis and Maymie Effie Brown Millis.

**Following graduation from Baxter Seminary**, Dr. Millis matriculated to Vanderbilt University. He earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree from UT Memphis in 1955. Dr. Millis completed his residency at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville and practiced for many years in Nashville as an obstetrician and gynecologist, delivering more than 5000 babies. He was a clinical pioneer in the field of obstetrical ultrasound, bringing the first machine to Nashville and training physicians and technicians in its use. Following retirement from active practice, he worked in the Social Security disability field for a number of years.

Dr. Millis was a member of the Tennessee Medical Association and Nashville Academy of Medicine.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, James Michael Millis M.D. and Janet C. Millis of Chicago, Illinois; daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Millis Faust and Thomas W. Faust M.D. of Potomac, Maryland; and four grandchildren, Thomas W. Faust Jr., Elizabeth Millis Faust, Michael Andrew Millis (wife, Cala O'Connor Millis), and Mary Katherine Millis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Vonda Lee Millis.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, UTHSC Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, Attn: Jada Williams, 62 South Dunlap Street, Suite 500, Memphis, TN 38163, or on the website: [giving.uthsc.edu/give](http://giving.uthsc.edu/give).

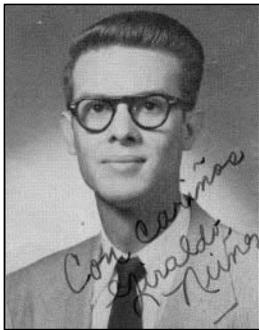
Dyer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-7158. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.dyerfh.com](http://www.dyerfh.com)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TNB: 29 January 2018

**Giraldo Nunez Obt.**

b. 5 December 1931, Cuba – d. 29 March 2004, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Juan Manuel Nunez & Clara Casalas**.

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral Mass for Giraldo Nunez, 72, will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, in the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Entombment will follow in Crest Lawn's Peace Mausoleum. The wake service will be held at 5 p.m. today, March 31, and visitation will follow until 7 p.m.



Mr. Nunez died Monday, March 29, 2004, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

Born on Dec. 5, 1931, in Cuba, he was the son of **Clara Casalas Nunez** and the late **Juan Manuel Nunez**.

(Pictured: Giraldo Nunez: Class of 1953, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Con Carinos "With Affection").

Mr. Nunez was employed by the US Government with the postal service and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

In addition to his mother, his family includes two sisters and brother-in-law, **Yolanda Wheaton** and **Onelia and Bob Maxwell**, all of Cookeville; three nephews and spouses, John and Jole Wheaton and Anthony Wheaton, all of Cookeville, and Bobby and Kim Maxwell of Atlanta, Ga.; three great-nephews, Max Wheaton of Cookeville and Chad and Brett Maxwell of Atlanta; and great-niece Celia Rea Wheaton of Cookeville.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 421 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville, TN 38501.

Father Peter Coffey SDS will serve as celebrant.

Published March 31, 2004 10:27 AM CST: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN.

**Yolanda Antonia Wheaton**, age 84, of Knoxville, formerly of Cookeville went to be with the Lord early Friday morning, January 26, 2018. Yolanda was born in Cuba and moved to the United States in 1960. She



was a member of All Saints Catholic Church. She retired from Red Kap Industries after 30 years of service. Yolanda loved to sew, flower gardening and cooking the authentic Cuban food that she learned from her mother. She is preceded in death by her parents, Juan Nunez and Clara Casalas Nunez; brother, **Giraldo Nunez**. She is survived by her sons, John Wheaton and wife Jolie of Cookeville, Anthony Wheaton of Knoxville; grandchildren, Emmie, Max, Jack and Celia Rae; sister, **Onelia Maxwell**; several nieces and nephews. A Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 2nd at All Saints Catholic Church with Father Miguel Velez celebrant. The family will receive friends following the Mass in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers,

memorials may be made to Alzheimers's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Click Funeral Home and Cremations, 9020 Middlebrook Pike is serving the family of Yolanda Wheaton. [www.clickfh.com](http://www.clickfh.com).

**Frank Medley**

b. 1934 – d. 2 February 2018, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, (US S Sgt Air Force), md **Reba Jo (Thomas)**. Frank Medley, s/o **Willie Howard Medley** (1898-1974) & **Bertha Delma Watts** (1902-1992).

\*See Willie Howard Medley buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

Posted Sunday, February 4, 2018: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN  
BY JIM HERRIN

A longtime educator and coach in Putnam County died Friday night after being hit by a truck while standing near a mailbox at his home on Buffalo Valley Road.

According to the report of Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Matilda Mahaney, Frank Medley, 84, of Baxter, was in the roadway of the eastbound lanes of Buffalo Valley Road near the intersection of Deer Creek Road at about 6:40 p.m.

when he was struck by a Chevy S-10 pickup being driven eastbound by Ricky Lewis, 53, of Cookeville. The speed limit on that section of the road is 45 mph.

The THP said Lewis was not injured, but Medley was seriously hurt. He was transported by air ambulance to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he died a short time later.

Lt. Jimmy Neal, THP public information officer, said because one headlight on his vehicle was inoperable, Lewis was cited for violation of the light law.

As news of Medley's death spread through the community, hundreds offered their tributes and prayers on social media.

"Frank Medley was a great man and true education leader consistently demonstrating Truth, Honor, Loyalty, and Service," the Baxter Seminary-Upperman High School Alumni Association posted on its Facebook page.

Linda Moss Mines added, "He was a special man, a selfless mentor and a wonderful friend to my father. Coach always cared."

"His friendly smile, kind heart for all people, and his strong presence of love, character and purpose throughout the Baxter and Putnam County community will be missed," said Director of Schools Jerry Boyd.



Former school board member Eric Brown echoed those comments.

"God places some lighthouses in our lives to provide direction and support," he said. "Frank Medley provided that guidance and accountability for me, especially during my school board years, through his giant heart and teaching stories. He will always be a huge part of the Upperman Legacy."

**Medley was a 1953 graduate of Baxter Seminary** who later worked in the White County school system and at Monterey High School before becoming the basketball coach at Upperman High School in 1962.

(Pictured: Frank Medley Class of 1953 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

During his 33-year career at the school, Medley also coached football, taught classes, served as assistant principal and was principal from 1986 to 1995.

Hooper, Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements.

**Frank Medley Obt.**

b. 28 July 1933, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 2 February 2018, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, (US S Sgt Air Force), md on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1954, Dalton, GA to **Reba Jo (Thomas) Medley**, d/o **Emanuel Joseph Thomas** (1896-1974) & **Maudie Viola Herren** (1899-1987). Frank Medley, s/o **Willie Howard Medley** (1898-1974) & **Bertha Delma Watts** (1902-1992).

\*See Willie Howard Medley buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

\*See Emanuel Joseph Thomas buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

**COOKEVILLE-** Funeral services for Frank Medley, 84 of Cookeville, will be Monday, February 5 at 8 PM at Willow Avenue Church of Christ in Cookeville. Interment with military honors will be Tuesday, February 6 at 10 AM at Crest Lawn Cemetery. Bro. Johnny Fox will officiate.



Frank died Friday night, February 2, 2018 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

He was born July 28, 1933 in DeKalb County, TN to the Late Willie Howard and Bertha Delma Watts Medley.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by 2 brothers and sisters-in-law William David "J.C." and Kerrin Medley, Wilfred and Doris Medley.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran, serving from 1953 to 1957 and was discharged as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the Strategic Air Command stationed in South Korea, Japan, Philippines and Little Rock, Arkansas. He was the longest active member of the Cookeville American Legion Post 46, a member since 1953 (65 years). He was a member of Baxter Church of Christ.

**Frank was a 1953 graduate of Baxter Seminary.** He attended Tennessee Tech University, where he earned a BS in Education and a Master's Degree and an EDS in supervision and administration. He began his teaching career at Jere Whitson Elementary School in the fall of 1961, teaching 8th grade. He transferred to Upperman High School in the spring of 1962, teaching Health, Physical Education, Driver's Education and coaching basketball. He restarted the football program in the fall of 1962 that had ceased many years earlier. He was appointed Assistant Principal in 1973, appointed Principal in 1986 and retired in 1995.

He was appointed to the Cookeville Housing Authority Board in 1996, chairman in 2009 and retired in 2012. After his retirement from school he worked part-time at the funeral home in Baxter. He enjoyed talking with everyone he met and many times had some member of their family in school.

He had a passion for wood working. Over the years he built many pieces of furniture and in his later years built many small baskets, picture frames, walking canes, clocks and various other items.

He served as Grand Marshall of the City of Baxter Veterans Parade and Upperman High School homecoming parade.

Survivors include wife of 63 years, Reba Jo Thomas Medley (whom he married April 3, 1954 in Dalton, GA), two sons and a daughter-in-law Gary and Amy Medley, Roger Medley all of Cookeville, grandchildren: Kristin (Jeremy) Tomes of Huntsville, AL, Jonathan (Jenna) Medley, Cynthia (Travis) Tate, Jackson Medley and Ashlyn Medley all of Cookeville, great-grandchildren: Addie, Camryn and Deyahn Tomes, Avery, Tucker and Ellie Medley; and sister-in-law, Gail Tucker of Silver Point, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends at the church from 4 PM until service time at 8PM.

Pallbearers will be Jackson Medley, Jonathan Medley, Jeremy Tomes, Travis Tate, Tucker Medley, David

Medley, Earl Thomas, Neal Thomas, Stan Thomas, Clark Thomas, Ted Thomas, Tim Thomas, Melvin Anderson and Jimmy Tucker.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baxter Seminary/Upperman High School Alumni Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 222, Baxter, TN 38544.

When asked, Dad always said "I had two children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and 1000's of extended children".

Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements (931)526-6111. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 5 February 2018

**Earl Jackson Marlow**

b. 10 August 1933 – d. 14 July 1972, (PFC US Army Korea) s/o **Hobson McKinley Marlow** (1905-1992) & **Bertha Bryant** (1908-1997). He shares tombstone with his parents in Marlow Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.



Earl Marlow, 1951 Highlander  
Yearbook, Baxter Seminary, senior.

**Eva Anne (Jones) Ligon Obt.**

b. 15 July 1935, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 24 February 2018, Putnam Co., TN, md 1953 to **Ronnie Howard Ligon**, b. 17 March 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 September 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army, Korea), s/o **Charles M. Ligon** (1908-1985) & **Hester E. Campbell** (1908-1997). Eva Anne (Jones) Ligon, d/o **Henry Glendon Jones** (1910-1956) & **Nell Medley**. Henry Glendon Jones is buried in Mount Holly Cemetery, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN. Eva and Ronnie Ligon both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 267 – Ronnie H. Ligon married 3 June 1988, Putnam Co., TN, age 55, address: Rt. 4, Baxter, TN to Eva Anne Ligon, age 52, address; South Elms Ave, Cookeville, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Graveside services for Eva Anne Jones Ligon, 82, will be announced at a later date.



Eva Ann entered Heaven's gates Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, after a long illness, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born July 15, 1935, in DeKalb County, Tennessee, to the late Glendon Jones and Nell Medley Jones.

(Pictured: Eva Anne (Jones) Ligon Junior Baxter Seminary 1953).

**She attended Baxter Seminary in Baxter, Tennessee**, where she met Ronnie Ligon. They married in 1953, and she moved to Massachusetts and South Carolina to join him while he was stationed in the Army.

She lived above Center Hill Lake at the entrance to Hurricane/Floating Mill in Silver Point, where her father built the first cabins, general store, boat dock and restaurant. She worked in several areas at Floating Mill, but her favorite was being a lake guide to all who would come for a holiday visit.

She was the first hostess for the Holiday Inn in Cookeville back in the early sixties. Anne also worked as an agent for Woodmen of the World in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Eva Ann retired as site supervisor for UCHRA Meals on Wheels in Cookeville.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Ligon; two daughters, Sherry Ligon (Marciano Roberts) and Terry Ligon; two grandchildren, Clay Sherrell and Dusty Sherrell Clark; and three great-grandchildren, Alexis Clark, Kaylee Clark and Chloe Clark.

You may share your thoughts or send condolences to the family by visiting [www.presleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.presleyfuneralhome.com).

Professional services provided by Presley Funeral Home in Cookeville, 528-1044.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 4 March 2018

**Ronnie Howard Ligon Obt.**

b. 17 March 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 September 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army, Korea), md 1953 to **Eva Anne (Jones) Ligon**, b. 15 July 1935, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 24 February 2018, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Henry Glendon Jones** (1910-1956) & **Nell Medley**. Henry Glendon Jones is buried in Mount Holly Cemetery, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN. Ronnie Howard Ligon, **Charles M. Ligon** (1908-1985) & **Hester E. Campbell** (1908-1997).

\*See Hester (Campbell) Ligon Obt.

**BAXTER** — Graveside services for Ronnie Howard Ligon, 85, of Cookeville, Tennessee, will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at 1:30 p.m., at Odd Fellows Cemetery with Walter Phillips officiating.



His family will receive friends at Presley Funeral Home, Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to service time.

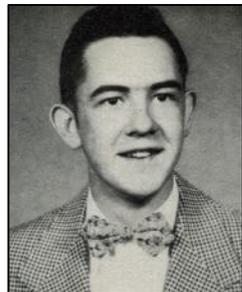
Mr. Ligon passed away Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 17, 1933, in Baxter, Tennessee, to the late Charles M. Ligon and Hester Campbell Ligon.

He graduated from Upperman High School in 1951 and attended Tennessee Technological University.

Mr. Ligon served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After his military service, he joined the Tennessee Highway Patrol in Cookeville, and remained until his retirement.

After retiring from the THP, he accepted a position with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. While there, he worked at the Criminal Justice Center as security for the courtrooms.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of more than 65 years, Eva Ann Jones Ligon; infant sister, Charlyn Ligon and brother, Bobby James "Mickey" Ligon.

(Pictured: Baxter Seminary Class of 1951. T&I Club 1, 2; Science Club 2; FFA 4 & Business Club 4).

Mr. Ligon is survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Sherry Ligon (Marciano Roberts) and Terry Gail Ligon; one grandson, Clay Brandon Sherrell; one granddaughter, Dusty Sherrell Clark; and three great-grandchildren, Alexis, Kaylee and Chloe Clark.

You may share your thoughts or send condolences to the family by visiting [www.presleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.presleyfuneralhome.com).

Professional services provided by Presley Funeral Home, 528-1044.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 20 September 2018

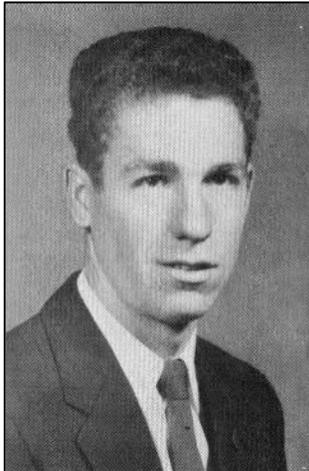
**Avery Philip Roberts Obt.**

b. 31 May 1937, Roberts Switch, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 March 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1957, Rossville, GA to **Carolyn “Terry” (Burgess) Roberts**, b. 27 September 1942, Sparta, White Co., TN – d. 16 September 2017, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William “Bill” Richard Burgess** (1916-1946) & **Jessie Rhea Phifer** (1917-2010). Avery Philip Roberts, s/o **Clavis Kinnard Roberts** (1911-1991) & **Etta Frances Phillips** (1917-1963), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**BAXTER-** Graveside service and interment, with military honors, for Avery Philip Roberts, 80 of Silver Point, will be held Thursday, March 15th at 11:00 a.m. at Smellage Memory Gardens in the Boma Community of Putnam County. Pastor Ted Kocher will officiate.

Family will receive friends today, Wednesday, March 14, from 5-8 p.m. at the Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Family and friends will gather Thursday, March 15, at the cemetery for the graveside service.

Mr. Roberts died Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.



He was born May 31, 1937 in the Silver Point, TN to the late Clavis and Etta Frances Phillips Roberts.

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.** He faithfully and dutifully served his country as a member of the **US Air Force, retiring after 23 years of service.**

(Pictured: Avery Philip Roberts Class of 1956 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. “A gentleman, a faithful friend, one whom this school can recommend”).

Mr. Roberts was an active attendee of antique car shows, showing off his restored 1957 Ford Rancho and taking 1st place in several car shows around the Upper Cumberland Area and Middle Tennessee.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Carolyn Terry Roberts; and sister, Geraldine Herren.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Melissa Roberts of Cookeville; grandchildren, Merisa Roberts and Patton Hite; brother, Tommy (Gracie) Roberts of Silver Point; sisters, Barbara (Neal) Fisher of Silver Point and Brenda (Jim) Logsdon of Owensboro, KY.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Family and friends will gather Thursday at the cemetery for the graveside service.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 13 March 2018

**Frances Elene (Smellage) Neal Obt.**

b. 18 October 1926, Boma, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 April 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 1953, Anderson Co., TN to **Robert Bruce Neal**, b. 30 October 1923, Alberta, Canada – d. 12 June 2004, Oak Ridge, Anderson Co., TN, s/o **James Blackwell Neal & Laura Baker**. Frances Elene (Smellage) Neal, d/o **John Barlow Smellage** (1900-1989) & **Ota Theresa Anderson** (1904-1947).

**Frances Elene (Smellage) Neal Obt.**

b. 18 October 1926, Boma, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 April 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 1953, Anderson Co., TN to **Robert Bruce Neal**, b. 30 October 1923, Alberta, Canada – d. 12 June 2004, Oak Ridge, Anderson Co., TN, s/o **James Blackwell Neal & Laura Baker**. Frances Elene (Smellage) Neal, d/o **John Barlow Smellage** (1900-1989) & **Ota Theresa Anderson** (1904-1947).

**OAKRIDGE** — Frances Elene (Smellage) Neal, 91, of Oak Ridge, passed away, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at NHC Health Care Center.



She was born in Boma, in Putnam County, Oct. 18, 1926. **Frances graduated from Baxter Seminary High School in Baxter**. After working her way through college, alternating between Tennessee Tech and Union Carbide in Oak Ridge, Frances commented that it took her six years to graduate but she was most appreciative of the opportunity to finish college. She and her husband, Bob, were the first couple married at First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, which they attended for more than 50 years. In later years, she attended Grace Covenant Church. She loved her church family and taking part in church activities.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, John B. and Ota T. (Anderson) Smellage of Boma. She was also preceded by her husband, Robert B. Neal in 2004; sisters, Reba Smellage of Oak Ridge, Evelyn (Smellage) Holmes of Memphis, and Wanda (Smellage) Stewart of

Fortville, Indiana; brother, Alvin (Billy) Smellage, who died in infancy; and brothers-in-law, Joe Koerber of Attica, Michigan, and Ken Holmes of Memphis.



She is survived by sons, Bruce Neal and wife Nina of Winter Springs, Florida, and Douglas B. Neal and wife Keena of Waynesboro, Virginia; grandchildren, Larry, David, Blake, and Alexandra; and great-grandchild, Kaley, who are the joys of her life. She is also survived by one sister, Bettie Sue (Smellage) Koerber of Attica; and brother-in-law, Albert Stewart of Fortville, Indiana.

(Pictured: Class of 1944 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. “She’s little, she’s gay; she’s a terror, I’ll say.” Freshman Lit. Society-1; Y.W.C.A. - 1-2-3-4. Pres.-4; Home Ec. – 1-2-4; Upperman Lit. Society-3-4, Pres.-4; Science Club-3; Victory Corps-3-4; Beta Clum-4; D.A.R. Representative; National Honor Society; Annual Staff).

Frances and her sons shared a great enthusiasm for sports. She was an avid UT Vol sports fan, enjoyed bird-watching, flowers, loved to entertain, reading and playing bridge.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 14, from 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at Weatherford Mortuary, Oak Ridge.

The funeral will begin at 12:30 p.m. with Dr. Larry Dipboye officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

The family request that any memorials be given in her name to the Arthritis Foundation, PO Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077, or to Grace Covenant Church, 320 Robertsville Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

An online guest book may be signed at [www.weatherfordmortuary.com](http://www.weatherfordmortuary.com).

Weatherford Mortuary is in charge of arrangements, 865-482-2464.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 12 April 2018

**Betty (Leftwich) Huddleston Obt.**

b. 23 February 1936, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN - d. 25 April 2018, Maryville, Blount Co., TN, md 18 June 1955 to **Clarence Taylor Huddleston Jr.**, b. 12 November 1935, s/o **Clarence Taylor Huddleston Sr.** (1916-2001) & **Eleanor Ensor** (1918-2009). Bettye Joe (Leftwich) Huddleston, d/o **Fred Martin Leftwich** (1910-1989) & **Willie Kate McDonald** (1909-1969). Bettye (Leftwich) Huddleston is buried in Carpenters Campground Cemetery, Maryville, Blount Co., TN, also known as Carpenters United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Bettye Leftwich Huddleston passed away peacefully on April 25, 2018, at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville, TN.



Bettye was born on February 23, 1936, in Buffalo Valley, TN, to Fred and Willie Kate Leftwich.

**She attended Baxter Seminary where she graduated in 1954.** She married her husband of 62 years, Clarence Taylor Huddleston, Jr., on June 18, 1955.

Bettye was heavily involved at Carpenters Campground United Methodist Church. She enjoyed teaching the preschool class for many years. "Mrs.

Bettye's Class" was always full of love and passion for the Lord. She was also involved in several other programs at church, including the Backpack Ministries, Family Promise, and the Emmaus Walk.

Bettye and her husband loved to travel and had many friends with US Travel.

Bettye is survived by her husband, Clarence; her children Don Huddleston and Debby Francis and her husband Doug; her grandchildren, Emily Maxwell, LeAnne Humphrey and her husband Cody, William Francis and his wife, Sabrina; her great-grandchildren, Lana, Jake, Raeleigh, Beau and Boone; niece, Jackaline Pullum; nephew, Kevin Pullum. She is preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Leftwich Pullum and her parents, Fred and Willie Kate Leftwich.



(Pictured: Class of 1954 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Bettye Leftwich: FHA 1,2,3,4, Reporter 3; Business 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4; Allied Youth 2; YWCA 2; International 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4; FTA 2; Beta 4; County Day 3; National Honor Society 4).

Pall Bearers will be Doug Francis, William Francis, Alan Tuck, Cody Daugherty, Pat Knight, and Pete James. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Carpenters Campground United Methodist Church (3538 Best Road, Maryville, TN 37803).

Celebration of Life services will be held 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2018, at Carpenters Campground United Methodist Church (Maryville, TN). Graveside service and interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3:00PM to 5:00PM at Carpenters Campground United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home, Maryville (865) 982-6041, [www.millerfuneralhome.org](http://www.millerfuneralhome.org)

#### **James Stanton Obt.**

b. 17 July 1939, Gentry community, Putnam Co., TN - d. 17 July 1939, Gentry community, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1960, Carthage, Smith Co., TN to **Sherron (Medlock) Stanton**. James Stanton, s/o **Dill Oscar Stanton** (1908-1973) & **Ruby King Bates** (1914-1993), both buried in Rodgers-Stanton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**COOKEVILLE** — Memorial prayer services for James Stanton, 78, of Cookeville, will be held Saturday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at the Cookeville chapel of Hooper- Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Bro. Derek Wilson will officiate. Interment will be in Samuel Maxwell Cemetery in Baxter at a later date.

Family will receive friends Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Stanton died Thursday morning, May 3, 2018, at Saint Thomas Highlands Hospital in Sparta.

He was born July 17, 1939, in the Gentry community of Putnam County to the late Dill Oscar and Ruby King Bates Stanton.

**He attended Baxter Seminary.** He was a retired foreman with Wilson Sporting Goods of Cookeville. He was a cutter and worked with special orders for baseball and football teams. After his retirement he enjoyed woodworking.

He was a member of Gentry Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Cookeville.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, (married March 26, 1960 in Carthage,) Sherron Medlock Stanton of Cookeville; daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Hank Guess; son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Heather Stanton, all of Cookeville; sister, Sherry Ann Jared of Nashville; grandchildren, Krisy (Roy) Livingston, Crystal (Waylon) Holt, Dustin James (Chelsey) Stanton, Chelsey (Jeremy) Light, Erica Jayne Stanton, and Joshua David Stanton; great-grandchildren, Karissa Livingston, Kat Livingston, Sissy Livingston, Kutie Livingston, Cassidy Holt, Sheyene Holt, Adeline Light, and Evie Stanton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Danny James Stanton; sisters, Janice Stanton Cowan Collie and Mary Martha Stanton Snyder.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Samuel Maxwell Cemetery Fund, Harold Brown, 1069 Elmore Town Road, Baxter, TN 38544.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-6111. Please share your thoughts and memories at [hhhfunerals.com](http://hhhfunerals.com).

**Reba Louise (Mahan) Massa Obt.**

b. 7 November 1928, TN – d. 26 May 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **James Monroe Massa**, b. 30 April 1926 – d. 5 November 1982. Reba Louise (Mahan) Massa, d/o **Clarence Garrett Mahan** (1906-1995) & **Hattie Mae Spears** (1906-1998), both buried in Judd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Reba Louise Mahan Massa, 89, of Baxter, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Walnut Avenue. Interment will follow in Boiling Springs Cemetery.



The family will receive friends at Whitson Funeral Home today, Monday, May 28, from 4-8 p.m., and at the church Tuesday, May 29, from noon until service time at 1 p.m.

(Pictured: Class of 1947 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "Her brain is like a pin cushion stuck full of things to do.")

Mrs. Massa passed away peacefully Saturday, May 26, 2018, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 7, 1928, to the late Clarence Garrett Mahan and Hattie Mae Spears Mahan.

**Mrs. Massa was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.** She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and was diligent in serving in various capacities over the years. She retired from Tutco Manufacturing. Her joy was raising her children and being surrounded by family and friends. Her hobbies included gardening, embroidery and sewing.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Goff (Hugh), Deloris Howard (Merrill) of Baxter, and Sherlene Wiseman (Craig) of Athens; sons, Gary Massa (Tina) of Old Fort, Dennis Massa (Doris), and William Massa (Kay) of Baxter; grandchildren, Angela Wilson, Lakisha Burgess, Jeremy Goff, Justin Goff, Mollie Cowan, Tracy Gentry, Stephen Johnson, Denise Gunter, Kimberly Hunter, Summer Toner, Jessie Massa, Jason Whited, Michaela Chadwick, Scott Whited, Samuel Wiseman, Austin Wisman; 25 great-grandchildren, Dylan Wilson, Hope Wilson, Danielle Burgess, Dustin Burgess, Joshua Goff, Logan Goff,

Olivia Cowan, Harlee Cowan, Cody Whitehead, Brady Whitehead, Austin Thweatt, Courtney Thweatt, Brittany Thweatt, Johathan Jensen, Ashley Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Shelby Johnson, Kaidon Hunter, Kyla Hunter, Kaizley Hunter, Evelyn Gunter, Braxton Snope, Braelyn Whited, Avett Chadwick and Caleb Chadwick; and five great-great-grandchildren, Addy Wilson, Lane Reedy, Easton Cheatham, Callie Johnson and Brentley Johnson; siblings, Jo Ashburn Lynch (Dan), Ann Steward (Bobby), Frances Netherton, Janice Cochran (Richard), Judy Tatanish (Robert), C.G. Mahan (Oleen), Keith Mahan (Anna Lou), and Robert Mahan (Ann.)

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Monroe Massa; granddaughter, Tiffany Michelle Jensen; and siblings, Lorene Ashburn, Christine Dunn, Cleamon Mahan, Ruby Dixon, and Alfred Mahan.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Whitson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements, 526-2151.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 28 May 2018

**Colonel Morris Lafever Obt.**

b. 13 January 1931, Wolf Creek community, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 2 July 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army Colonel), md in 1957 to **Katie Lee (Clemons) Lafever**. Colonel Morris Lafever, s/o **Joe J. Lafever & Kate Foster**. Colonel Morris Lafever is the twin of sister **Doris (Lafever) Nabors**.

\*See Bonnell D. Nabors buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

**COOKEVILLE** — **Colonel Morris Lafever**, U.S.A. (Ret.) passed from this life at the age of 87, Monday, July 2, 2018, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1931, to Joe J. and Kate (Foster) Lafever in the Wolf Creek community in DeKalb County.

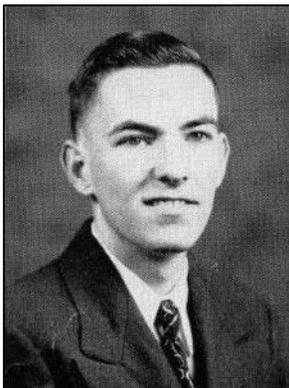


**Morris was a graduate of Baxter Seminary (1949) and Tennessee Technological University (1953).** While at Tech, he completed the Army ROTC program and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation in 1953. He served as an army officer for 23 years until his retirement in 1976 with the rank of full colonel. During his military career, he served overseas in many countries including South Korea (two tours), West Germany, South Vietnam, Thailand and Iran. He was assigned to many command and staff positions in addition to serving as a communications advisor to the armies of Vietnam, Thailand, and Iran. As a result of his service, he was decorated with the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Meritorious Service Medal (two times), Army Commendation Medal (two times), and the Joint Service Commendation. Upon retirement

from military service, he established and operated the Lafever Insurance Agency in Cookeville for more than 38 years with his sons.

Morris married the love of his life, Katie Lee Clemons, in 1957 and they shared their life together for more than 60 years. Morris and Katie had three sons, David, Steven, and Daniel.

He is survived by his wife, Katie Lafever of Cookeville; two sons, David M. Lafever of Chattanooga, and Daniel S. Lafever of Cookeville.



In addition to his parents, Morris was preceded in death by a son, Steven Lafever; and a twin sister, Doris Lafever Nabors of Cookeville.

Funeral services for Morris will be held Friday, July 6, beginning at 11 a.m. at the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home with Bro. Hillier Duke officiating.

**Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, with Full Military Honors.**

(Pictured Morris Lafever, Baxter Seminary Class of 1949: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3,4, Tennessee 4; F.F.A. Basketball 2,3,4; International Club 3; T and I club 3; Letter club 2,3,4.)

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, July 5, from 5-7 p.m., and again Friday, July 6, from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-6384.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 3 July 2018

**Keeble (Phillips) Tucker Obt.**

b. 27 April 1929, Montgomery Co., TN – d. 27 July 2018, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md Ernest Boyd “Pokey” Tucker, b. 17 May 1928, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 October 1999, TN, s/o **John Tucker & Samantha Sherrill**. Keeble (Phillips) Tucker, d/o **William Calvin “Bill” Phillips** (1885-1976) & **Vennie Webb** (1887-1979), both buried in Palmer Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Ernest Boyd “Pokey” Tucker Obt.

Funeral services for Keeble Tucker, 89 of Cookeville will be Sunday, July 29 at 1 PM from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Crest Lawn Cemetery.

Commissioned Pastor Larry Wilmoth will officiate.



Mrs. Tucker died Friday morning, July 27, 2018 at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born Saturday April 27, 1929 in Montgomery County, TN to the late William “Bill” Calvin and Alice Louvennie Austin Phillips.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Ernest “Pokey” Tucker on October 4, 1999, sisters Tennie Stewart, Beatrice Webb, Dovie Phillips, Alma Jones and Ocia Wallace, brothers Cecil Webb, Haywood Webb, Norman Webb, Mack Phillips, Calvin Phillips, Albert

Phillips, Alvin Phillips and Clifford Phillips.

**She was a 1947 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**



She was a retired cashier with the Cookeville Office of Life of Georgia. She was a member of the Double Springs Presbyterian Church since 1947, and also served as the church treasurer. She also was a fifty year plus member of the Cookeville Order of Eastern Star 152.

(Pictured: Class of 1947 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Keeble Phillips: ‘Live and Let Live’ Latin Club 1; YWCA 1,2,3,4; Allied Youth 2,3,4, Secretary; Literary Society 2,3,4; Home Ed. Club 1,2,3,4, Secretary 2,3; International Club 3; Secretary of Sophomore Class; Victory Corps 2,3).

Survivors include daughter Mary Alice Tucker, son Dennis Wayne (Claudine)Tucker, all of Cookeville, grandchildren: Kim (Dan)Hammock and Amy Allen ( James Rice), great-grandchildren: Danielle Hammock, Ethan Mee, Allison Green, Emma Allen and Ava Allen, step-grandchildren Laura Walker and Kyle Hundley, great-great-grandchildren: Wesley Meadows and Harper Hundley, sisters-in-law Linnie Webb and Pamela Phillips.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Family will receive friends Saturday from 4 to 8 PM and after 11 AM Sunday at the funeral home. Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)526-6111. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

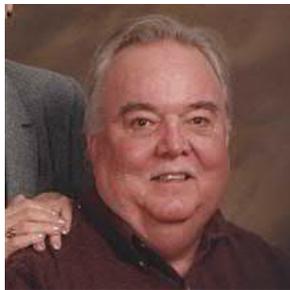
Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 27 July 2018

**David Morgan Jared Obt.**

b. 29 October 1941, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN - d. 4 August 2018, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, (US Air Force, Vietnam), md, **Margaret Ann (Smith) Jared**, b. 13 June 1947, Carthage, Smith Co., TN – d. 18 March 2017, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Howard Grady Smith** (1903-1984) & **Mary Lillian Rittenberry** (1905-1995). David Morgan Jared, s/o **Houston Campbell Jared** (1906-1984) & **Ruby Royce Maddux** (1908-1993), both buried in the Joseph Haywood Jared Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN

**BAXTER** - Funeral services for David Morgan Jared, 76 of Buffalo Valley, TN will be Wednesday, August 8 at 1 PM from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment with military honors will be in Jared Family Cemetery in Buffalo Valley. Bro. Houston Jared will officiate.

Mr. Jared died Saturday, August 4, 2018 at his home.

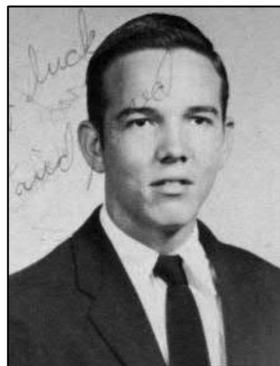


He was born Friday October 29, 1941 in Buffalo Valley to the late Houston and Ruby Maddux Jared.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Margaret Ann Smith Jared on March 18, 2017, a son Scott Kevin Jared.

**He was a 1959 graduate of Baxter Seminary** and was a four year Veteran of the U. S. Air Force during the Vietnam Era.

He retired in 2000 as a brakeman with Union Pacific Railroad with 38 years of service.



(Pictured: Class of 1960 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, David Morgan Jared).

Survivors include daughter Marlette Jared Stephens, son Houston (Lana) Jared, brother Joe (Judy) Jared all of Buffalo Valley, grandchildren: Ty Stephens, Morgan Stephens, Zach Jared, Ben Jared, Ashlan Jared, Austin Jared, Grace Margaret Jared, grandson on the way Timothy Huddleston Jared, great grandson on the way Bryson Edward Stephens.

Family will receive friends Tuesday 5 to 8 PM and Wednesday after 10 AM at the funeral home.

Active Pallbearers will be Steve Jared, Bennett Jared, Chad Jared, Ty Stephens, David Taylor and Alcides Melencez-Alvarado.

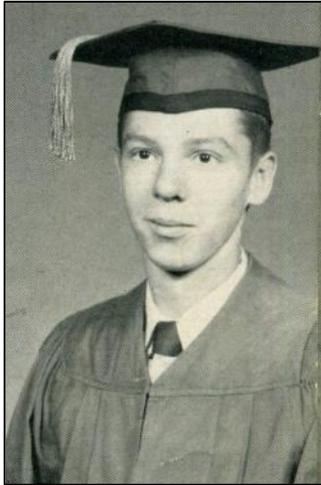
Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 8 August 2018

**Norman Wesley Parrish Obt.**

b. 4 August 1930, TN – d. 13 August 2018, Tuscaloosa, Fayette Co., AL, md **Mary Elizabeth (Stewart) Parrish**. Norman Wesley Parrish, s/o **John Claiborne Parrish** (1904-1944) & **Omah Austelle Bright** (1907-1946), both buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

Norman Wesley Parrish, age 88, of Tuscaloosa passed away August 13, 2018 at Hospice of West Alabama. Services will be Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Central Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa with Scott McCowan officiating and Norwood-Wyatt Chapel directing. Burial will follow in Hopewell Cemetery in Fayette. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.



Norwood-Wyatt Chapel Funeral Home, 707 North Temple, Fayette, AL 35555.

(Pictured Norman Wesley Parrish, Class of 1950 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Norman was captain of the Baxter Bees football team when they won the State championship, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

Information from Jackie (Parrish) Maxwell, sister of Norman Wesley Parrish.

(1940 census, Dixie Place, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN: Dwl: 2415 - **John C. Parrish** is head of household 36 yrs. old, TN, (Occupation: Meat cutter grocery store), md to **Omah**, 32 yrs. old, TN, (Occupation: Switchboard Operator). Children: **Norman**, 9 yrs, old, TN; Shirlee, 7 yrs. old, TN; Benedy Jean, 6 yrs. old, IL & Jacqueline Parrish, 3 yrs. old, TN).

**TUSCALOOSA** - Norman Wesley Parrish, age 88, of Tuscaloosa, passed away August 13, 2018, at Hospice of West Alabama. Services will be Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Central Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa with Scott McCowan officiating and Norwood-Wyatt Chapel directing. Burial will follow in Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Fayette. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Claiborne Parrish and Omah Bright Parrish; his sister, Shirlee Danley; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bruce Barnes Stewart and Willielary Shute Stewart.

Mr. Parrish is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Stewart Parrish; daughters, Mary Ann Oler and Elizabeth Ann Ray (Jonathan); sisters, Beverly Brayda (Bill) and Jackie Maxwell; and grandchildren, Elizabeth Stewart Martin Ray and Mary Farar Rawle Ray.

Pallbearers will be Reuben Frank Stewart Jr, Reuben Frank Stewart III, John Michael Stewart, Samuel Moore Shute IV, Robert Shirley, Thomas O. Trueb and Winfrey Sanderson.

Honorary pallbearers are Fayette County High School Class of 1954 and members of Central Church of Christ. *Tuscaloosa News.com*

**Junior Laley Harris Obt.**

b. 4 November 1937, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 17 August 2018, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN, (US Air Force, Vietnam), md on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 1969, Jackson Co., TN to **Janie (Shanks) Harris**, b. 23 August 1950, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 August 2011, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Solon Winell Shanks** (1927-1993) & **Eudora Dorothy “Dot” Watts** (1931-2016). Junior Laley Harris, s/o **Robert Waldo Harris** (1893-1977) & **Ethel Vickers** (1908-2005), both buried in Dobbs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 265 – Junior Laley Harris married 22 August 1969, Jackson Co., TN, age 31, address: Silver Point, TN to Janie K. Shanks, age 18, address: Rt. 1,

Silver Point, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Solon Shanks, Rt. 1, Silver Point, TN.  
Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: R. W. Harris, father, Silver Point, TN).

**BAXTER** — Memorial services and military honors for Junior Laley Harris, 80, of Silver Point, will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Harris died Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at Mabry Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Gainesboro, Tennessee.

He was born Nov. 4, 1937, in Silver Point, to the late Robert Waldo and Ethel Vickers Harris.

**He attended Baxter Seminary.** He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam Era. He was a retired janitor with Aquatech of Cookeville. He attended Silver Point Baptist Church.

Survivors include his sons, Alan Harris and Daniel Harris, both of Silver Point.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janie Shanks Harris August 24, 2011; and sisters, Hilda Hoff and Judy Gentry.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Odd Fellows Cemetery Fund by contacting the funeral home.

Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 6 September 2018

**Pamela Doris (Jernigan) Watson Obt.**

b. 15 June 1935, Boma, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 September 2018, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md Robert Carlon Watson, b. 7 September 1932, DeKalb Co., Wolf Creek, TN, s/o **Leslie Grady Watson** (1900-1975) & **Mary Sallie Nixon** (1896-1991), both buried in Gordonsville Cemetery, Gordonsville, Smith Co., TN. Pamela Doris (Jernigan) Watson, d/o **Henry Woodrow Grady Jernigan** (1890-1952) & **Nola Edna Lowe** (1895-1987), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**BAXTER**-A Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Pamela Doris Watson, 83, of Baxter will be held Tuesday, September 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Cookeville. Interment will follow in Smellage Memory Gardens in the Boma community. Father James Panackal will officiate.

Mrs. Watson's family will receive friends Monday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner and again at the church Tuesday 10 a.m. until service time.

Mrs. Watson died Friday, September 7, 2018 at her residence.

She was born Saturday June 15, 1935 in Boma, TN to the late Henry Grady and Nola Edna Lowe Jernigan. She attended Baxter Seminary.

She and her husband Robert Carlon moved to Detroit, MI in 1952 and she was employed at National Bank of Detroit for 30 years. She has been a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Cookeville returning to live in Tennessee in 1997.



Pamela Doris was loving and devoted to her family. She had a strong work ethic, was generous and thoughtful and led by example. She enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling, animals and was an excellent cook.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Essie Kremske, Ova Julian, Olive Jared, Nell Walker, five brothers, John Thurman, Jasper "Buddy", Charlie, Glenn and Henry "Jr." Jernigan.

She is survived by her adoring family, her husband of 67 years, Robert Carlon Watson; four children, Myra (Hank) DeHerder of Shelby Twp., Michigan, Roger (Laura Brown) of Lacock, England, Tim (Kathy) Watson of Green Bay, Wisconsin and Tom (Jackie) Watson of Stockbridge, Michigan; six grandchildren, Henrik DeHerder, Lindsay Kindlon, Benjamin Watson, Kathryn Ahlbrandt-Watson, Jason Watson and Crystal Watson, eight great grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Harris, Jean (Arnold) Robinson, all of Baxter and Judy Moore of San Antonio, TX; brother, Norman Jernigan of Shelby Twp., MI; and by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134. Share your thoughts and memories at [hhhfunerals.com](http://hhhfunerals.com)

**Helen Faye (Brown) Boles Obt.**

b. 15 February 1941, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 February 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **David Boles**. Helen Faye (Brown) Boles, d/o **Samuel Ethel Brown** (1900-1959) & **Ollie Avo Boyd** (1904-1986). \*See Avo (Boyd) Brown Obt.

**BAXTER** — Funeral services for Helen Faye Boles, 77, of Baxter, Tennessee, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery.



Mrs. Boles died Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born Feb. 15, 1941, in Putnam County, to the late Amel Ethel and Ollie Avo Boyd Brown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Boles; daughter, Sherrie Boles; sister, Eva McReynolds; and brothers, Junior Brown, Arnold L. Brown, Lehman Brown and Freeman Brown.

**She was a 1959 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**



She was a homemaker. She enjoyed going to the Veterans Building for dances and listening to country music.

(Pictured: Helen Faye (Brown) Boles: Senior Class of 1959 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "A quiet girl to all appearance, but who knows her thoughts").

She attended Bethany Methodist Church.

Survivors include her sister, Patricia Clark of Hermitage; brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Nancy Brown; sister-in-law, Janie Brown, all of Baxter; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Evangelist Jeff Wilson will officiate.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 5-8 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m.

Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 5 February 2019

**James E. Fields Obt.**

b. 15 June 1932, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 February 2019, md on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 1958, Dearborn, MI to Rosina “Rose” (Aragona) Fields. James E. Fields, s/o **James Monroe Fields** (1908-1996) & **Vada Estell Hutchinson** (1910-1972), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

James E. Fields, 86 of Cookeville passed away Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Bailey Manor surrounded by his family.

\*A Memorial service is being planned for March and information will be updated on this site when it becomes available.

He was born June 15, 1932 in Putnam County to the late James Monroe and Vada Estell Hutchison Fields.



In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother Jerry Fields.

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.** He was with the Navy for 21 years serving as Aviator.

(Pictured: James E. Fields, Class of 1951, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Class President 4; NFL 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Editor; B-Letter Club 2,3,4; President 4; FFA 1,2,3; President 3; Literary Society 2,3,4; Science Club 3,4; Mid-state first place Poultry Judging; Balfour Key. Bauch-Lomb Science Award; Simmons Biology Award 2).

He attended Cookeville First Baptist Church.

He enjoyed reading, playing golf, racquet ball and farming.

Survivors include wife of 60 years (Married April 26, 1958 in Dearborn, Michigan) Rosina “Rose” Aragona Fields of Cookeville, sons and daughters-in-law David and Anh-Phuong Fields of Burke, VA., Douglas and Gabriele Fields of Albuquerque, New Mexico, brother and sister-in-law Robert and Barbara Fields of Cookeville, grandchildren: Andrew Fields, George Fields, Anne Catherine “Kitty” Fields, James Monroe Fields and Lukas Samuel Fields, great-granddaughter Elysia Noel Fields.

Hooper Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (931)526-6111 You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 20 February 2019

**Donna (Trobaugh) Vradenburg Pace Obt.**

b. 28 March 1941, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 3 March 2019, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN, md on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1990 to **Roy Michael “Mike” Page**. Donna Trobaugh Vradenburg Pace, d/o **William Leo Trobaugh** (1907-1977) & Sarah Ethel Dunn (1912-1997), both buried in Neals Chapel Cemetery, Lecta, Barren Co., KY.

**LEBANON** — Donna Trobaugh Vradenburg Pace of Lebanon, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by loved ones Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Donna was born March 28, 1941, in DeKalb County, Tennessee, the 5th of 11 children born to the late William Leo and Sarah Ethel (Dunn) Trobaugh.

**Upon her graduation from Baxter Seminary**, Donna moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where she worked at a five and dime store as a sales clerk. She was later the president and chairman of Quality Takes Time Inc. which owned a number of businesses and properties in Printer's Alley. Between 1969 and 1976 they acquired six establishments including The Brass Rail Stable Restaurant, Embers Showcase, The Western

Room, The Black Poodle, Ronnie Prophet's Carousel Club and a parking garage. Donna was an astute business woman managing up to 125 employees and was a pioneer in her time and industry.



On Dec. 31, 1990, she married her love, Roy Michael Pace. Sharing a love for renovation, cooking, gardening and traveling; they were inseparable. In 1992 they purchased the Gallatin Marina. For 18 years Donna and Mike poured love, time and resources to revitalize Gallatin Marina into one of the premier marinas on Old Hickory Lake. They sold the marina in 2009 and retired to travel. They loved boating and fishing along with spending time in their Florida home. Donna also cherished time with her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Donna is remembered for her kind heart, her lively spirit, and her way with words.

In addition to her parents, Donna was preceded in death by her brother, Phillip Trobaugh; and brothers-in-law, James Lafever, Kenneth Deweese, Rhea Wilson and Paul Logan.



(Pictured: Donna (Trobaugh) Vradenburg Pace Class of 1959 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "Little, but Oh! My!!!. FHA 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3; FTA 1,2,3; Allied Youth 1,4; Merits 2,3).

She is survived by her husband, Mike; siblings, Ruby (Royce) Moore, Ruth (Charles) Maberry, James (Sue) Trobaugh, Roberta Wilson, Rose Mary Deweese, Christine Lafever, Bill (Judy) Trobaugh, and John Henry Trobaugh; sisters-in-law, Brenda Trobaugh, Bonny Logan, and Karen Nunn; stepchildren, Lesli (Gary) Claiborne and Brandon (Ashley) Pace; and grandchildren, Abbey and Zack

Claiborne and Esther, Theo, and George Pace. She is also survived by stepchildren from a previous marriage, Bunny Vradenburg and Kitty Vradenburg; and grandchildren, Adam Clark and Ty Ward; nieces and nephews, Ed (Anita) Moore, Ellen (Jeff) Herrin, Dwight (Angie) Moore, Doug Maberry, Mike (Sharon) Maberry, Terri (Mike) Haney, Tisha (Josh) Snyder, John (Phoebe) Wilson, Jennifer (Walt) Wells, Becky (Jay) Carter, Sherry (Mark) Gaw, Karen (Randy) Dunn, Carol (Steve) Harris, Greg (Melissa) Trobaugh, Dewayne (Lehra) Trobaugh, John Thomas (Melissa) Trobaugh, Joel Trobaugh, Paul (Marlene) Logan, Chris (Cindy) Logan, Bo (Janelle) Logan, Jeff (Sandy) Nunn and Will (Misty) Nunn; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank her dedicated caregivers, Kim Leftrick, Karen Allen and Wendy Schneider, along with the Kindred Hospice staff for their loving care and support.

A celebration of life service will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Sammy B's in Lebanon, Tennessee. Funeral services will be held at A. F. Crow & Son Funeral Home in Glasgow, Kentucky, Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at the funeral home Sunday, from 11 a.m. until time for the service. **Burial will be in the Neal's Chapel Cemetery.**

A.F. Crow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 270-651-2080, crowfuneralhome@glasgow-ky.com.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 6 March 2019

#### **Robert Edward DeLozier Jr. Obt.**

b. 10 September 1937 – d. 8 March 2019, Columbia, Maury Co., TN, md **Martha (Faust) DeLozier**. Robert Edward DeLozier Jr., s/o **Robert Edward DeLozier Sr.** (1909-2000) & **Voline Wright** (1911-1998), both buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson Co., TN.

Robert Edward DeLozier Jr., age 81, passed away on March 8, 2019 in Columbia, TN. Preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. DeLozier Sr. and Voline Wright DeLozier; beloved wife Martha Faust DeLozier of 55 years; son, Kenneth Wayne DeLozier; brother, Noel DeLozier. Survived by sons, Curtis (Rita) DeLozier, Michael (Kelly) DeLozier and Daniel DeLozier; siblings, Helen Brethauer, David (Shirley) DeLozier, Paul (Mari) DeLozier, Jimmy (Melba) DeLozier, Phillip (Lee) DeLozier, Maudine West and Marilyn Ligon; sister-in-law, Loretta DeLozier and Vickie (Ken) Meriwether; grandchildren, Jayde (Dan)



Carpenter, Aubree DeLozier, Hannah DeLozier, Jarrett (Camille) DeLozier, Selene DeLozier and Eva DeLozier. Bob attended Vultee Church of Christ; loved NASCAR and Ford Racing, a dedicated father, husband and grandfather. Celebration of Life Service will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at eleven thirty in the morning, Woodlawn's Dignity Hall. Gathering of family and friends this evening from four until eight o'clock, and one hour prior to the service at Woodlawn Roesch Patton Funeral Home. Visit the online obituary: [www.woodlawn-roesch-pattonfh.com](http://www.woodlawn-roesch-pattonfh.com)

(Pictured: Robert Edward DeLozier Jr.: class of 1956 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "Few his words, but wonderfully clear" Literary Society 1; Allied Youth 1; White County High School 3; YMCA 2; Chaplain 2; Vie-

President 3; Hi-y representative 3; Beta Club 4; National Forensic League 4; National Honor Society 4; Salutorian 4).

**Evelyn Ophelia (Stanton) Harding Obt.**

b. 24 October 1916, Silver Point Putnam Co., TN – d. 31 March 2019, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1940, Wilson Co., TN to **Henry Goodwin Harding**, b. 9 June 1913 – d. 4 September 1995, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Hal Saltmarsh Harding** (1883-1954) & **Julia M. Mann** (1884-1961). Evelyn Ophelia (Stanton) Harding, d/o **George Mizell Stanton** (1884-1972) & **Della Sanders** (1892-1947, both buried in Hughes Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

**LEBANON** - Evelyn Stanton Harding, 102, of Lebanon, Tennessee, and formerly of Silver Point, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, March 31, 2019.



She is preceded in death by her parents, George Mizell Stanton and Della Sanders Stanton; husband, Henry Goodwin Harding; and brother, Fowler Stanton.

Survived by daughters, Judy Dyer and Nancy Perry; grandchildren, Jeff (Gloria) Perry, Amanda Perry, Laura Dyer, Amy Carver, and Julia (Brian) McDonald; great-grandchildren, Silas McDonald, Judah McDonald, and Caleb McDonald; and special cousin, Garland Stanton.

Evelyn was a member of College Hills Church of Christ. **She attended Baxter Seminary and Tennessee Tech.** She was a homemaker and worked as a substitute teacher.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 4, at 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. in the Partlow Funeral Chapel, Lebanon. Graveside service to follow at 1 p.m. in the Cookeville City Cemetery in Cookeville Tennessee.



Family and friends to serve as active pallbearers.

(Pictured" Evelyn "Febye" (Stanton) Harding, Class of 1936 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Zetathenian Society, Home Economics Club YWCA, Vice President, Girls Glee Club).

Partlow Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements, 615-444-7007, obituary line 615-444-7700.

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**Lula B. "Lu" (Thomas) Flatt Obt.**

b. 31 December 1934, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 May 2004, md **Leamon Anderson Flatt**, b. 10 April 1932, Jackson Co., TN – d. 8 September 2012, Jackson Co., TN, s/o **Benton Madison Flatt** (1909-1997) & **Cleo Ann Way** (1910-1984). Lula B. "Lu" (Thomas) Flatt, d/o **James Arnold Thomas** (1914-1983) & **Ina**

**Phillips** (1914-2004). Leamon Anderson Flatt & Lula B. "Lu" (Thomas) Flatt are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN.



Lula Thomas Flatt, 69, wife of Leamon A. Flatt. **She was a 1952 Baxter Seminary graduate.** Mrs. Flatt was retired as Deputy Assessor Property for Rutherford County after 31 years of service. She was president of the Stones River Manor Ladies Auxiliary, president of the Ladies Exchanges, and a member of the Ladies Assoc. of Michigan Christian College. She was a member of the Church of Christ, an avid bowler, and a garden enthusiast. She leaves three daughters and their families; a brother, James Philip Thomas.

(Pictured: Lula B. "Lu" (Thomas) Flatt, Class of 1952, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Lula Thomas "A sweet nature spiced with friendliness". Allie Youth 1,3,4; Vice President 4; Literary Society 1,3; Business Club 4; Science Club 1,2; B-Letter Club 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Reporter 3; class secretary 3,4; Basketball manager 3; annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Who's Who 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Who's Who 4; Halloween Queen 4).

**Roy Alton Jared Sr. Obt.**

b. 12 February 1937, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI – d. 27 March 2019, Sparta, White Co., TN, md on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1937, Detroit, MI to **Bettye (Bowman) Jared**, b. 17 October 1938, d/o **Hal Bowman & Ruby Netherton**. Roy Alton Jared Sr., s/o **Cordell Douglas Jared** (1910-1993) & **Sallie Mae Nell Jared** (1911-20010, both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

A Celebration of Life for Roy Alton Jared, will take place, Saturday, April 20th from 1:00-5:00 pm, at White Plains Golf Course in The Doghouse.



Roy Alton Jared passed away on March 27, 2019 at Life Care in Sparta, TN.

He was born February 12, 1937 in Detroit, MI to Cordell and Mae Nell Jared.

**He graduated from Baxter Seminary** and attend 2 years at Tennessee Tech. Then moved to Michigan where he attended the University of Detroit School of

Engineering.

He began his career at US Rubber Co./Uniroyal in Detroit, MI where he worked for 13 years in the engineering department before transferring into sales. While on vacation in Cookeville, he applied at Fleetguard where he was hired on the spot. He worked for Fleetguard for 20 years in Tennessee and Texas before transferring to Baldwin Filters in Kearney, Nebraska. He retired 11 years later as VP-National Account and OEM Sales and moved back to Cookeville in 1999.



(Pictured: Roy Alton Jared Sr., Class of 1954, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Annual Staff 4; Science 1,2; Literary 2,3,4, President 4; B-Letter 2, 3,4; Football 4; NFL 2,3,4; Beta 4; Allied Youth 3,4, President 2; International 1,2,3; Commercial Merit 3; Delegate to Student Congress 1,2,3,4).

He married Bettye Bowman on February 15, 1957 in Detroit, MI.

Roy is preceded in death by his parents, Cordell and Mae Nell Jared; and son, Roy A. Jared, Jr.

He is survived by wife, Betty Jared; daughter, Cindy Jared of Florida; granddaughter, Rachel York and great granddaughter, Tatum Bubela of Texas and his brother, Gene Jared of Smithville, TN.

**Margaret Joann (Stewart) Way Obt.**

b. 17 November 1934, Elizabethton, Carter Co., TN – d. 20 May 2019, Johnson City, TN, md on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1952, Putnam Co., TN to **Layton D. Way**, b. 27 February 1933, Jackson Co., TN – d. 27 November 1963, Jackson Co., TN, s/o **Leo Anderson Way** (1909-1967) & **Mary Ina Flatt** (1911-1990). **Margaret Joann (Stewart) Way** also md on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1976, Putnam Co., TN to **James Carl Phy**, b. 15 March 1924, Putnam Co., TN – d. 3 September 1983, Putnam Co., TN, (PFC US Army WWII), s/o **Hershel Phy** & **Mrs. Nellie Gilliam Phy**. Margaret Joann (Stewart) Way, d/o **Thomas C. Stewart** (1895-1951) & **Ina Mead Shaw** (1903-1985), both buried in Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Hampton, Carter Co., TN. James Carl Phy is buried in Phillips Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 221 – Layton D. Way married 31 May 1952, Putnam Co., TN, age 19, b. 27 February 1932, address: Rt. 1, Bloomington Springs, TN to Margaret Jo Ann Stewart, age 17, b. 17 November 1932, address: Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Ina Stewart, 806 3<sup>rd</sup>, Elizabethton, TN)

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 70 – James Carl Phy married 16 April 1976, Putnam Co., TN, age 52, b. 15 March 1924, address: Dixie, Apt. A-2, Cookeville, TN to Margaret Joann Way, age 42, b. 17 November 1934, address: 1256 White Oak Dr., Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Theresa Burden, daughter, Sparta, TN).

Margaret Joann Stewart Way, age 84, of Johnson City, TN died Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Johnson City Medical Center.

Margaret was born November 17, 1934 in Elizabethton, TN to Thomas C. Stewart and Ina Mead Shaw Stewart.



**She graduated from Baxter Seminary School.** Margaret enjoyed playing basketball and bowling on her bowling league when she was younger.

Margaret was a lifelong member of Union Hill Church of Christ in Bloomington Springs, TN.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her husbands, Layton D Way and James Carl Phy; daughters, Doneitta Way Keisling and Theresa Burden; brothers, Thomas Stewart, Mack Stewart, and Jim Stewart; sisters, Nell Merritt, Martha Stewart, and Pauline Stewart

She is survived by her son, Layton D Way II; granddaughters, Melissa Willoughby and Autumn Gentry; one great-grandchild; sister, Marcella “Sue” Combs; brother, Franklin “Bud” Stewart; and many nieces and nephews.



(Pictured: Margaret Joann (Stewart) Way, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. ‘Highlander Yearbook 1952, Junior Class’)

The family of Margaret will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at Morris-Baker Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 8:00 pm, officiated by Rev. Sonny Thomas. A committal service will be held Friday, May 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm central standard time at Union Hill Flatt Cemetery in Bloomington Springs, TN (4721 Shepardsville Hwy). Casket bearers will be selected from friends and family. Memorial Contributions are preferred to Union Hill Church of Christ (4721 Shepardsville Hwy, Bloomington Springs, TN 38545).

**Robert “Buddy” Lemmert Maxwell Obt.**

b. 5 March 1941, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 22 May 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1961, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN to **Barbara (Bohannon) Maxwell**, b. 8 February 1942. Robert

“Buddy” Lemmert Maxwell, s/o **Charlie Oron Maxwell** (1905-1969) & **Annie Louise Hodges** (1906-1997).

\*See Annie Louise (Hodges) Maxwell Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 475 – Robert Lemmert Maxwell married 8 July 1961, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, b. 5 March 1941, address: Box 5, Baxter, TN to Barbara Clydean Bohannon, age 20, b. 8 February 1942, address: Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Stella Bohannon, mother, Rt. 5, Cookeville, TN).

Funeral services for Robert “Buddy” Lemmert Maxwell, 78 of Cookeville will be Saturday, May 25 at 1 PM from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Dr. Tim Frank will officiate. Family will receive friends Saturday after 11 AM until service time.

Mr. Maxwell died Wednesday evening, May 22, 2019 in Bethesda Health Care Center in Cookeville. He was born March 5, 1941 in Baxter, TN to the late Oren and Louise Hodges Maxwell.



**He was a 1959 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

(**Pictured:** Buddy Maxwell, Class of 1959, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. “*Some are bent with toil and some get crooked trying to avoid it*” – T&I Alumni 4, Secretary; Masque & Gavel 3; Basketball 1,4).

He was a retired truck driver. He enjoyed fishing and keeping in touch with his classmates. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include wife of 56 years (Married July 8, 1962 in Cookeville) Barbara Bohannon Maxwell of Cookeville, daughter and son-in-law Angie and Randy Mowell, son Blake Maxwell all of Cookeville, sister Elinor Garner of Ft. Walton, FL, grandchildren: A.J. Smith, Landon Blake Maxwell, special brother-in-law Herbert Mills, several nieces and nephews.

Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home (931)526-6111 is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at [hhhfunerals.com](http://hhhfunerals.com)

### **Larry Hugh Brown Obt.**

b. 26 September 1934, Boma, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 September 1934, Boma, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army Korea), md on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 1958, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to **Modie Marie (Phelps) Brown**, b. 18 January 1941. Larry Hugh Brown, s/o **Francis Malbert Brown** (1907-1986) & **Ora Mae Anderson** (1912-1995), both buried in Boma (now called New Home Baptist Church Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 388 – Larry Hugh Brown married 22 August 1958, Putnam Co., TN, age 23, b. 26 September 1934, address: Boma, TN to Modie Marie Phelps, age 17, b. 18 January 1941, address: Box 205, Baxter, TN. Name of parents, guardian or next of kin of female: James Phelps, Box 205, Baxter, TN)

**BAXTER** — Memorial services for Larry Hugh Brown, 84, of Baxter, will be Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church in the Boma Community of Putnam County. Bro. Charlie Wills will officiate.



The family will receive friends at the church from 11 a.m. until service time.

A private family interment will be in New Home Baptist Church Cemetery at a later time.

Mr. Brown died Thursday night, May 23, 2019, at NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

He was born Sept. 26, 1934, in Boma, to the late Francis Malbert and Ora Mae Anderson Brown.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Bert Brown; and a brother-in-law, Charles Anderson.

**He was a 1952 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**



He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict from 1954 to 1957, serving as a Sergeant.

(Pictured: Larry Hugh Brown, Class of 1953, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. *'Every inch an athlete'*. FFA 1; T&I 2,3; Science Club 1,2,3; B. Letter Club 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; International Club 4.)

He was a Tennessee Tech University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering.

He was a member of New Home Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School and served as a youth leader.

Larry was a retired supervisor with the Social Security Administration with 30 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years (married Aug. 22, 1958 in Baxter, Tennessee), Marie Phelps Brown of Baxter; daughters, Anna Brown and Glenda Medley, both of Baxter; son and daughter-in-law, Larry Dale and Claudia Brown of Maryville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Jackson Medley, Ashlyn Medley and Arianna Brown; a host of cousins; special brother-in-law and caregiver, W.O. (Rose) Phelps; and sisters and brother-in-law, Arnell Anderson and Susan (Wayne) Stamps, all of Baxter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Home Baptist Church in Larry's memory c/o Virgle Brown Jr. (Treasurer), 2420 Jared Ridge Rd., Baxter, TN 38544 or to your favorite charity.

Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

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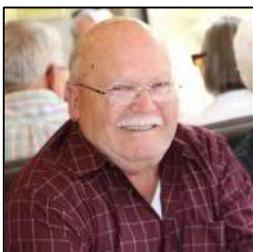
**Dow Allison Burton Obt.**

b. 14 May 1931, Ensor Hollow, Gentry, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 June 2019, Clinton, Anderson Co., TN, md on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1955, Putnam Co., TN to **Peggy Mae (Alcorn) Burton**, b. 27 August 1935. Dow Allison Burton, s/o **Alexander Monroe "Alex" Burton** (1888-1977) & **Virginia "Jennie" Ensor** (1894-1978)

\*See Virginia "Jennie" (Ensor) Burton Obt. buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 174 – Dow Allison Burton married 25 September 1955, Putnam Co., TN, age 24, b. 14 May 1931, address: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN to Peggy Mae Alcorn, age 20, b. 27 August 1935, address: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Alex Burton, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN).

Dow Allison Burton - age 88, of Clinton, passed away surrounded by his family, Saturday, June 15th, 2019.

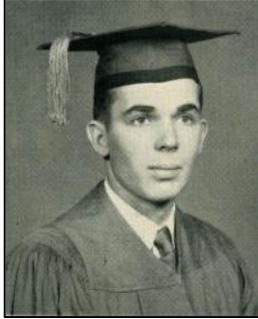


He was born on May 14, 1931 in Ensor Hollow, Gentry, Tennessee, the youngest son of Alec and Jenny Burton.

**Dow graduated from Baxter Seminary** and enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 serving as a C130 crew chief during the Korean War. After being discharged, he

came to Oak Ridge to work for South Central Bell and retired from AT&T with 40 years of service.

Dow is survived by his wife Peggy (Alcorn) of 64 years. They have three children: Laura (John) Kramer, Barry (Robin) Burton, and Scott (Tracy) Burton. They also have eight grandchildren: Allison Kramer, Travis Burton, Nick Burton, Mark Kramer, Alex Burton, Katherine Burton, Lauren Burton, and Sarah Burton. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Maxine Burton, and several nieces and nephews.



(Pictured: Dow Allison Burton Class of 1950, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Rt. 1, Buffalo Valley, TN: T and I Club 2, 4; Future Farmers of America 1,2,3,; Future Farmers of America Basketball Team 3; Football Team 2,3; B-Letter Club 2,3,4; International Club 3; business Club 3; YMCA 3).

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Sam Burton, and sisters Virginia Maggart and Ruth Petretzky.

He enjoyed gardening, Norris Lake, Sudoku puzzles, and spending time with his family.

The family will be receiving friends at Memorial United Methodist Church of Clinton from 12:00pm until 2:00pm with the funeral immediately following.

Graveside service will be at Grandview Cemetery of Clinton following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorials be given to Memorial United Methodist Church of Clinton Ida Gamble Scholarship Fund.

Graveside services will be at Grandview Memorial Garden following the funeral service.

**Emma Ruth (Huddleston) Bunn Obt.**

b. 7 January 1934, Gentry, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 June 2019, Lake City, FL, md **John Bunn II**. Emma Ruth (Huddleston) Bunn, d/o **Harwood Harvey Huddleston** (1906-1988) & **Beulah Mae Bates** (1912-1996), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Emma Ruth (Huddleston) Bunn, Class of 1953, Baxter Seminary.

**FLORIDA** - Emma Ruth Huddleston Bunn, 85, passed away in Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida, June 26, 2019.

She was born January 7, 1934, in Gentry, Tennessee, to the late Beulah Mae and Harwood Huddleston.

Ruth worked for the FBI fingerprinting department in Washington, D.C. She met her husband, John Bunn II, in D.C. They were married for 66 years.

Shortly after getting married, they moved to Illinois, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and then to Lake City, Florida in 1966. Ruth loved spending time with her family and was an active member of Parkview Baptist Church. She was a talented seamstress, loved to work on crossword puzzles and volunteer in the school system and church library.

Ruth is survived by her husband, John Bunn II; her four children, John Bunn III (Lynne) of Douglasville, Georgia, Anita Stark (Ken) of Lake City, Florida, Barry Bunn (Myra) of Lake City, Florida, and Kevin Bunn of Lake City, Florida; her 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Beulah Mae and Harwood Huddleston, as well as her siblings, Junan McCune, Barbara Herren and Joe Huddleston.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., (EDT) Friday, June 28, at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Lake City, Florida.

Pastor Mike Tatem of Parkview Baptist Church officiated at the services.

Arrangements were under the direction and care of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 S. US Hwy. 441, Lake City, FL 32025.

Please leave words of comfort for the family at [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com)

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**Ronald Lee Anderson Obt.**

b. 8 June 1932, TN – d. 8 March 2003, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, s/o **Ira Cornelius Anderson** (1905-1952) & **Creola Marie Hubbard** (1913-1993), both buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Davidson Co., TN

Ronald Lee Anderson died March 8, 2003. He was born June 8, 1932 to Ira C. Anderson and Creola Marie Hubbard Anderson.



(Pictured: 1949 Highlander Yearbook, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN). (1949 Baxter Seminary Valedictorian).

Ronald attended schools in Nashville and Putnam County, and graduated as Valedictorian from Baxter Seminary. He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Drexel University.

He was a professional engineer, and worked in various places in the U. S., including Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Louisiana, also in Puerto Rico and Ireland. He was a Mason and a Veteran, honorably discharged after service in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Ronald accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 8, at Polk Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville.

He leaves to mourn his passing a sister, Sybil Anderson Anthony; a daughter, Elizabeth McWhirt, Lusby, MD; son, Russell Lee Anderson, Houston, Texas; daughter, Diana Anderson of Point Pleasant, New Jersey and other relatives and friends. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. (today) Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at Spring Hill Cemetery, Madison, TN. Dennis Hibbard officiating. COLE & GARRETT FUNERAL HOME, Goodlettsville, TN 615-859-5231 24 Hour Obit Line, 615-859-0300.

*(Note: As a young man at Baxter, Ronald Lee Anderson won a free trip to Washington D. C. by writing a winning essay, to see the inauguration of President Harry Truman. He and his parents (and the Uppermans) received a high rate of publicity for Ronald's honor).*

*The Tennessean*, Nashville, TN - March 11, 2003

**Source:** All Roads Lead to Baxter by Anita Cunningham Mitchell, pg. 261 & 262.

**Ruth Elizabeth (Coleman) Frederick Obt.**

b. 2 July 1933, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1 September 2019, Smyrna, GA, d/o **Roy Lee Coleman** (1901-1969), he died in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI & **Fannie Roberts**, d/o **Harmon Sherman Roberts** (1866-1936) & **Mary L. Anderson** (1872-1920), both buried in Richard Lee Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. **Roy Lee Coleman**, s/o **Charles Washington Coleman** (1875-1960) & **Ada Ward**. Charles Washington Coleman is buried in Clark Memorial Cemetery, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN along side his other wife **Sallie A. Gentry** (1909-1974).

**(Source:** Delayed Birth Record State of Tennessee (#210931) for Roy Lee Coleman, b. 26 February 1901, Hamilton – Soddy – Rural TN. Father: Charles Washington Coleman. Mother: Ada Ward.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 370 – **Roy Coleman** married 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1931, Putnam Co., TN, age 30, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to **Fannie Roberts**, age 23, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian, or next of kin of female: **Sherman Roberts**, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

(1900 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Hamilton, TN: Dwl: 360 – **Charles W. Coleman** is head of household, 25 yrs. old, b. Mach 1875, TN, (Occupation: Teacher), md 2 yrs. to **Ada Coleman**, 25 yrs. old, b. December 1874, TN), (0 children born).

(1910 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN, Buffalo Valley Rd.: Dwl: 88 – **Charlie W. Coleman** is head of household, 35 yrs. old, TN, (M2) md 3 yrs. to **Lula E.**, 29 yrs. old, TN, (M1), (1 child born, 1 child living). Children: **Roy L.**, 9 yrs. old, TN & Howard Coleman, 4/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1940 census, 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.: Dwl: 2211- **Fannie Coleman** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, TN, **divorced**. Children: Mary H., 8 yrs., old, TN; **Ruth E.**, 6 yrs. old, TN & William W. Coleman, 5/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1940 census, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, King St.: Dwl: 112, #100 – **Alta Burgan** is head of household, female, 38 yrs. old, MI, divorced. Also living in the household: **Roy Coleman, ledger, 39 yrs. old, TN, divorced**: Residence in 1935: Tampa, FL. Also living in the household Dwl: 112, #101: **Howard Coleman** is head of household, 30 yrs. old, TN, Residence in 1935, Baxter, TN, md to **Loran**, 28 yrs. old, TN. Child: Betty Jean Coleman, 8 yrs. old, TN). *Howard Coleman is the brother of Roy Coleman.*

Ruth Elizabeth Frederick, 86, of Smyrna, Georgia passed away on September 1, 2019. Born in Baxter, Tennessee to the late Roy and Fannie Coleman, but Ruth was raised in the Chattanooga area.

She was a member of the Powers Ferry Church of Christ in Marietta, Georgia. Ruth retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad. She was also a past member of the Kiwanis Club.



Ruth was preceded in death by her aforementioned parents, and a sister, Helen Madaris. Left behind to cherish Ruth's memory are her daughter, Lisa Crawford and her granddaughter, Megan Alexis Crawford, both of Fayetteville, Georgia, and a brother, Bill (Kay) Coleman.

A Celebration of Ruth's Life will be held in the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home on Saturday September 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Min. Tim Smelser officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. until service time.

(Pictured: Ruth Elizabeth (Coleman) Frederick, Class of 1951, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.



Ruth Coleman, 2416 East 19<sup>th</sup> St., Chattanooga, TN; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Class secretary 2, 4; NFL 4; YWCA 1,2,3,4; Literary Society 3,4; vice President 3; Science Club 1,2; President 2; International Club 3,4; Beta Club 2, 3,4; Secretary 4; Cheerleader 4; paper Staff 2,3,4; Co-editor 4; Annual Staff 4; Associate Editor.

**She will be laid to rest in the Chattanooga Memorial Park.** In lieu of flowers memorial contributions made in Ruth's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6221 Shallowford Rd Ste 102, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

Arrangements are under the care of Chattanooga Funeral Home Crematory and Florist East Chapel, 404 South Moore Rd. East Ridge, TN 37412. Please share your thoughts and memories at [www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com](http://www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com)

### **Betty Lou (Martin) Stanton Neely Obt.**

b. 23 April 1928, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 22 November 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1946, Putnam Co., TN to **Charles S. Stanton Jr.** Betty (Martin) Stanton Neely, d/o **Kemper Martin & Florence Johnson.** Betty Lou (Martin) Stanton Neely also md **Charles "Chuck"**

**“Gus” Gooch Neely**, b. 2 October 1922, Chattanooga, TN – d. 5 August 2016, Sparta, White Co., TN, (Staff Sergeant, US Army Air Force WWII), s/o **John Gooch Neely & Lucile Lillian King**.

Funeral services for Betty Martin Stanton Neely 91, of Cookeville, TN will be conducted Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Visitation shall commence at 11 am and continue to 1 pm, at which time services will be conducted by Brother Joe Roberts. Interment will follow in Crestlawn Cemetery in Cookeville.

Serving as pallbearers are Robert Stanton, Jess Shipley, Gavin Bartlett, Dylan Shipley, John Alex Bilbrey and David Cheek.

She is survived by son, Sandy Stanton (Beverly) of Cookeville; daughter, Sally Shipley Tucker (Kevin) of Cookeville; four grandchildren, Robert Stanton (Whitney) of Winston-Salem North Carolina, Christi Cheek (Tim) of Sterrett, AL, Beth Shipley of Cookeville, and Jess Shipley ( Micheal) of Navarre Beach, FL; 11 great-grandchildren, Jackson, Bennett, and Carson Stanton; David and Cahlin Cheek; Gavin Bartlett; John Alex Bilbrey; Dylan, Sarah, Bo and Luke Shipley; and two great-great-grandchildren, Kaitiebeth Bartlett and Shipley Bartlett. The family includes a special friend, Rebecca LaPoint who was a special caregiver for many years and loved Betty as her "Lou-Lou".



Betty Neely departed for heaven Friday, November 22, 2019. She was peaceful and surrounded by her loving family, the dedicated, faithful team of Bailey Manor, and the special caregivers of Avalon Hospice. Betty was born April 23, 1928 in Baxter, TN to Kemper Martin of McMinnville and Florence Johnson Martin of Baxter, TN.

**She attended Baxter Seminary and graduated from Cookeville Central High School** where she played basketball for the legendary Eddie "Jelly" Watson.

Betty was a pioneer in the landscape industry in the 1950's and 60's, providing design-build services throughout Middle Tennessee, executing residential and commercial projects. She loved plants and had exceptional talent for their composition in landscape, while also incorporating walkways, patios, terraces and other features. Betty's landscape expertise was influenced by her grandfather, William Louis Johnson of Baxter, one of Tennessee's first commercial nurserymen, and her uncles, Willard and J.T. Johnson. Maintaining that family tradition is her first cousin, Chuck Johnson of Johnson's Garden Center, wife Sarah and sons David and Charlie. Also following in her footsteps is her great-grandson, Gavin Bartlett.

Betty and her first husband, Charles Stanton, were part of the founding members of Collegese Church of Christ in the early 1950's, where she remained a member until her death. Betty enjoyed traveling with her husband, Chuck. She put the "H" in hospitality, the "C" in charm, and was the epitome of the "beautiful, southern lady". She loved and was extremely proud of Sandy and Sally, as well as her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the two great-great grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their love and appreciation for which words are not sufficient to the entire team at Bailey Manor, who exemplified in an exception manner what love, joy, peace and caregiving are all about. Just as exceptional was the care shown by all the members of Avalon Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request donations be made to the Veterans Honor Guard, P.O. Box 67, Cookeville, TN 38503, or to Avalon Hospice, 1080 Neal St. Ste. 300, Cookeville, TN. 38501. Hooper Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (931)526-6111 Share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 24 November 2019

**James Whitley “Whit” Watts Obt.**

b. 2 January 1936, Putnam Co., TN – d. 21 November 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, **md Jimmie Ethel (Fields) Watts**, b. 16 January 1939, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 November 2009, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. James Whitley “Whit” Watts, s/o **Jimmy Hop Watts** (1910-1972) & **Dora Prill Maddux** (1915-2011), both buried in Cole-Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**BAXTER**-Memorial services for James Whitley “Whit” Watts, 83 of Cookeville will be at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 3850 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville. (Date and time will be updated when it becomes available to us). Interment will be at Montgomery Cemetery in Baxter at a later date.



Mr. Watts died Thursday, November 21, 2019 at his home.

He was born January 2, 1936 in Putnam County to the late Jimmy Hop Watts and Dora Prill Maddux Watts.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in by his wife of 52 years, Jimmie Ethel Fields Watts on November 26, 2009, brothers Lewis Claude “Mousie” Watts and Jimmy Hop Watts, Jr.

(Pictured: James Whitley “Whit” Watts Class of 1953 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. *“The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach.”*FFA 1; Science Club 2, 3;; Allied Youth 2,3,4; Beta Club 3,4, President 4; YMCA 1,2,3; paper and Annual Staff 4).

He was a 1953 graduate of Baxter Seminary. He was a 4-year veteran of the Navy (Seabees).

He was a retired crane operator. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, gardening and studying the Bible.

He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Survivors include daughters Cindy Watts Smith of Clearwater, Fl., Callie Jo Cross and husband Tony Illiano of Dunedin, FL., son Russell (Dena) Watts, sisters Sara Futrell of Baxter, Faye Watts and Jean (Keith Jr.) Kinniard, all of Silver Point, brother Roy (Shirley) Watts of Louisiana, sister-in-law Dowlene Watts of Baxter, granddaughter Molly Catherine Smith.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (931)858-2134. You may share you thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 24 November 2018

#### **Aaron Winston Dyer Obt.**

b. 21 July 1940, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 November 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1958, Putnam Co., TN to **Barbara Jean (Billings) Dyer**, b. 29 October 1942. Aaron Winston Dyer, s/o **Jennings Whitley Dyer** (1920-1999) & **Emogene Robinson** (1923-2018).

\*See Jennings Whitley Dyer Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 15 – Aaron Winston Dyer married 27 December 1958, Putnam Co., TN, age 18, b. 21 July 1940, address: Rt. 1, Baxter, TN to Barbara Jean Billings, age 16, b. 29 October 1942, address: Rt. 2, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mrs. Ella Billings, Rt. 2, Baxter, TN)

**BAXTER** — Funeral services for Aaron Winston Dyer, 79, of Cookeville, Tennessee, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. from the Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

Interment, with military honors, will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Dyer died Saturday morning, Nov. 30, 2019, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.



He was born July 21, 1940, in Putnam County, Tennessee, to the late Jennings W. and Emogene Robinson Dyer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandparents, Bert and Sallie Bettie Boyd Robinson, Willis and Pearlie Victoria Bryant Dyer and America “Merkie” Austin Dyer; and a nephew, Tim Dyer.

**He was a 1958 graduate of Baxter Seminary.**



(Pictured: Aaron Winston Dyer Class of 1958 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "The hero is not fed on sweets." F.F.A.; Allied Youth 3,4,Treasurer 4; Science Club 2; B-Letter Club 2,3,4, Secretary 4; F.T.A. 3,4; Vice President of Class 4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 4).

He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant with the Air Force with 20 years of service. He also retired from the Cookeville Post Office with 10 years of service.

**He was also a member of the Baxter Seminary/Upperman High Alumni Association.**

Survivors include wife of 60 years, Barbara Billings Dyer of Cookeville (married Dec. 27, 1958, in Baxter); daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Kurt Phillips of Hermitage, Tennessee, sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Sue Dyer of Franklin, Tennessee, Jeff and Sheila Dyer of Pensacola, Florida, Randy and Angie Dyer of Cookeville; sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Larry McNabb of Danville, California; brother and sister-in-law, JB and Betty Dyer of Deland, Florida; grandchildren, Casey (Audra) Dyer, Corey Dyer, Jacob Dyer, Hannah Dyer, Erin (Luke) Hill, Nicholas Phillips, Justin Phillips, Lyla Dyer and Kendall Dyer; and a great-granddaughter due in April.

Bro. John Pippin will officiate.

Family will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 223 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Suite 301, Nashville, TN 37203 or the Veterans Honor Guard, P.O. Box 67, Cookeville, TN 38503.

Baxter chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 858-2134. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 3 December 2019

**Olen Roosevelt Ashburn Obt.**

b. 27 November 1933, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 December 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army), md on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1956, Putnam Co., TN to Mary Lou (Ervin) Ashburn, b. 14 July 1935, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 15 November 2003, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William P. Ervin** (1896-1979) & **Jane Alene Puckett** (1908-1985), both buried in Dobbs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Olen Roosevelt Ashburn, s/o **John Calvin Ashburn** (1900-1990) & **Mary Dunn** (1905-1965), both buried in Dobbs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Mary Lou (Ervin) Ashburn Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 302 – Olen Roosevelt Ashburn married 30 March 1956, Putnam Co., TN, age 22, b. 27 November 1933, address: Rt. 2, Baxter, TN to Mary Lou

Ervin, age 20, b. 14 July 1935, address: Rt. 2, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next kin of female: Willie Ervin, Rt. 2, Baxter, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Olen Roosevelt Ashburn, 86, of Baxter, Tennessee, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 1 p.m. from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Bro. Gary West will officiate. Interment, with military honors, will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.



Mr. Ashburn died Monday morning, Dec. 30, 2019, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 27, 1933, in Putnam County, Tennessee, to the late John and Mary Dunn Ashburn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou Ervin Ashburn on Nov. 15, 2003; a grandson, Brad Madewell; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Clara Nell Thomas, Mildred and Jim Gammill, Melba and Howard Allison, Betty Sue Ashburn and Orby Goff.

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.** He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.



(Pictured: Class of 1953, Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN. *'To be or not to be is the question'*, FFA 1,2,3; T&I 2,4).

He was a retired assembler with Dana Corporation.

Survivors include daughter, June Madewell Smith of Cookeville; son and daughter-in-law, Milton and Donna Ashburn of Baxter, Tennessee; sister, Rose Lee Goff of Cookeville; brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Faye Ashburn of Cookeville; brother-in-law, Carlyn Thomas of Baxter; grandchildren, Julie Ashburn and Jamie and husband, Adam Brown; great-grandchildren, Bradi Madewell Betcher, Lillian, Olen and Geneva Brown.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday, Jan. 1, from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m.

Active pallbearers will be Mitch and Greg Thomas, Edwin Ashburn, Tanner Killian, Adam and Olen Brown and Le Grande Smith.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 31 December 2019

**Roscie Nell (Hale) Alexander Obt.**

b. 26 January 1931, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 25 November 2019, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN, md on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1952, Cannon Co., TN to **Melvin Lewis Alexander**, b. 4 March 1932, Woodbury, Cannon Co., TN – d. 1 August 2005, Milton, Rutherford, Co., TN, s/o **Sammie Lamont Alexander** (1904-1974 & **Osee "Ocie" Erline Reed** (1907-1999), both buried in Riverside Cemetery, Woodbury, Cannon Co., TN. Roscie Nell (Hale) Alexander, d/o **Elbert Roscoe Hale** (1893-1967) & **Tina Avo Shanks** (1897-1981).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 120 - Melvin L. Alexander married 20 December 1952, Cannon Co., TN, age 20, b. 4 March 1932, address: Auburntown, TN to Roscie Nell Hale, age 21, b. 26 January 1931, address: Auburntown, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Elbert Hale, Auburntown, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: Sammie Alexander, Auburntown, TN).

Roscie Nell Hale Alexander, age 88 of Milton, TN passed away on Monday, November 25, 2019 at The Rutherford Assisted Living. She was born on January 26, 1931 in DeKalb County and moved to Rutherford

County in 1947. She was the daughter of the late Elbert Roscoe Hale and Tina Shanks Hale. She is also preceded in death by her husband Melvin Alexander, who died in 2005.



Mrs. Alexander is survived by her daughter Vivian Alexander Dorris and husband John F. Dorris of Milton; grandchildren Winston Dorris and wife Mary of Bradyville, Rachel Dorris, and Houston Dorris, both of Milton. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family dearly.

**Mrs. Alexander was a 1947 graduate of Baxter Seminary High School, Baxter, TN.** In 1951, she received a Bachelor's degree and in 1952 a Master's degree in Elementary Education from MTSU. Her teaching career lasted forty years, ending in 1990. Thirty-three of those years were spent at Lascassas Elementary School. She was a member of Rutherford County Farm Bureau Women's Group,

Tennessee Education Association, and Rutherford County Retired Teachers Association.

Visitation with the family will be Friday, November 29, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Woodfin Memorial Chapel with Bro. Jason Barrett officiating. **Burial will follow in Milton Cemetery.**

Former students of Mrs. A's, Howard Arnold, Phillip Reed, Ralph McKee, Randy Knight, Ricky Duke, Eddie Jernigan, Jim Vinson, and Randy Fann, will serve as pallbearers.



(Pictured: Roscie Nell (Hale) Alexander, Class of 1947, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "One Can't be everywhere at once but I seem to manage" Y.M.C.A., 1,2,3; Science Club 2; Victory Corps 2; Allied Youth 2; Glee Club 4; Dramatics Club 4; annual Staff 4)

#### **Denton Eugene "Gene" Gentry Obt.**

b. 2 July 1939, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 February 2007, Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO, (Capt. Army Reserve), md on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1966, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN to **Faye (Neville) Gentry**, b. 25 January 1941. Denton E. "Gene" Gentry, s/o **George Thomas Gentry** (1919-1981) & **Ruby Mae Carter** (1918-1992), both buried in Maxwell Cemetery, North, I-40, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

**BAXTER-** Memorial services for Denton E. "Gene" Gentry, 67, of Belton, Mo., will be held Monday, March 5, at 1 p.m. at the Baxter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Maxwell Cemetery.

Family will receive friends Monday, March 5, from noon until time of services at the funeral home.

Mr. Gentry died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Hospice House in Kansas City.

He was born July 2, 1939, in Baxter to the late George and Ruby Gentry.

**Mr. Gentry graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1957**, received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Tennessee Tech in 1961 and his masters in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1966. He was a captain in the Army Reserve serving active duty from 1962-1964.



(Pictured: Route 2, Baxter, TN - Denton Eugene Gentry Class of 1957 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN; National Thespian Society 2,3,4, All Star 3; Beta 2,3,4; Annual Staff 3,4, Editor 4; Paper Staff 3, Business Mgr.; Basketball and Football Mgr. 2; Science Club 1,2,3; Allied Youth 2; Library Club 1,2; Camera Club 1,2; National Honor Society 4; Bausch & Lomb Science Award 4).

He worked as an electrical engineer for PanAm Aerospace in Florida for six years, followed by a 22 year career as an electrical engineer at Bendix Corporation (now Honeywell) in Kansas City. Mr. Gentry retired in 1993, devoting his time to

woodworking and doting over his granddaughter, Hailey. He was an avid Boy Scouter, starting in Troop 552 of Grandview, MO and continuing for 25 years as a volunteer in the Thunderbird district and the Heart of America council. He believed strongly in the importance of quality training for the adult leaders in Boy Scouting.

His family includes his wife, Faye; a son and daughter-in-law, Denny and Lisa; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Jean; and his beloved granddaughter, Hailey.

Baxter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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**Joe B. Bruce Obt.**

b. 21 December 1939 – d. 26 March 2020, Maryville, Blount Co., TN, md **Janice (unknown) Bruce**. Joe E. Bruce, s/o **Phylandon “Benny” Bruce** (1902-1974) & **Anna Beulah Rodgers** (1907-1994), she is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery. Phylandon “Benny” Bruce is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

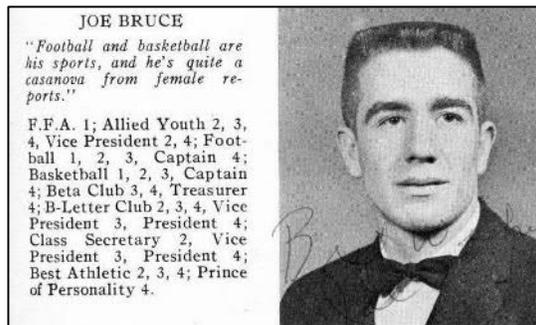


Joe B. Bruce, age 80 of Maryville, passed away March 26, 2020 at Morningview Assisted Living.

Joe was the President of CBBC (Citizens Bank of Blount County) for over 40 years. He was an avid runner, biker, hiker, loved the mountains. He was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Beulah Rodgers; three sisters and one brother.

He leaves behind his two daughters, Leann Hicks (Tim) and Mary Jo (Scott) Willocks; grandchildren, Chad (Angie) Hicks and Beth (Grayson) Wright; great-grandchildren, Jacob Cao, Peyton Wright, Harper Hicks, and Ella Kate Wright; he also leaves behind his nephew, Mike (Mary) Martin, Scott Richmond; nieces, Marisa (Stacey) Julian, Shelby Clement, Dianne Wheeler, Krista Richmond; half-sister, Betty Hundley.

(Pictured: Class of 1958 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).



At the present time, there is no services planned due to the Coronavirus. You may express your condolences online.

**Jean Marie (Greene/Green) Massa Fields Obt.**

b. 21 May 1929, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 April 2020, Collierville, Shelby Co., TN, md **William Edgar Fields**, b. 12 September 1917 – d. 17 June 1999, TN, (Lt Col US Air Force). Jean (Greene) Massa Fields also md on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1950, Putnam Co., TN to **Clarence Elmer Massa**, b. 10 May 1925 – d. 8 July 1987. Jean (Green) Massa Fields, d/o **Charles Edward Green** (1893-1983) & **Esther Henson** (1894-1983).

\*See William Edgar Fields Obt. buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

\*See Charles Edward Green Obt. buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

\*See Elmer Massa buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 163 – Clarence Elmer Massa married 23 July 1950, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 10 May 1925, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to Jean Marie

Greene, age 23, b. 21 May 1927, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Charles E. Greene, Baxter, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Jean (Greene) Massa Fields, 90, of Millington, Tennessee, passed from this life Monday, April 6, 2020, at Baptist Reynolds Hospice House in Collierville, Tennessee.

She was born Tuesday, May 21, 1929, in Baxter, Tennessee. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Esther (Henson) Greene.



Jean was named after Jean Marie Faircloth MacArthur. **She attended and taught at Baxter Seminary along with husband, Elmer Massa, later administrative assistant at Upper Cumberland.** Motivated ambition in Jean's early teens positioned her to be a private secretary to Dr. Harry L. Upperman and she continued her shorthand dictation into her later years. Jean also worked at Kemper Insurance in Chicago. Residing in Carthage, Tennessee, led to working for the Smith County Board of Education and teaching continuing education. Her drive and work ethic proved successful in her becoming the first comptroller for HCA under Dr. Frist. Jean later married W.E. Fields, Lt. Col. in the Air Force. Jean was a dedicated member of the Church of Christ.

Her gift of love was reflected by her many cherished friends, and her motto was keep on keeping on and never, never, never, give up.

"You lived your life always thinking of others. You put others first with kindness, generosity and love. You passed from this life as you lived it 'not wanting to be a burden. "For the thousandth time, you were never a burden yet you carried many burdens for others. We all have been blessed, warmed by God's Light luminating through you and permeating our souls. Thank you blessed mother," lovingly, Melanie.

Jean is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Melanie (Massa) Shoemaker and husband, Dr. O'Farrell Shoemaker of Millington; one son and daughter-in-law, Daniel Greene Massa and wife, Susanne of Cookeville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Dr. Cecile Shoemaker Churinetz of Denver, Colorado, James O'Farrell Shoemaker II, Millington and Daniel Scott Massa of Mount Juliet, Tennessee; great-grandchildren, Chloe Churinetz of Denver, Colorado, Forrest and Augusta Massa of Mount Juliet; one sister, Betty Ann Gonzales of Smyrna, Tennessee; nephews, David Hayes, retired Tennessee Appellate Court Judge of Union City, Tennessee, Dennis Hayes of Jackson, Tennessee, Gregory Gonzales, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions of Smyrna, Tennessee, and Christopher E. Greene of Franklin, Tennessee.

In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by her first husband, Elmer Massa; second husband, W.E. Fields; two sisters, Ruth Mynatt and Marguerite Hayes; and one brother, Charles Greene.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Baptist Reynolds Hospice House at 1520 W. Poplar Ave., Collierville, TN 38017.

A private family graveside service for Ms. Fields will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 8 April 2020

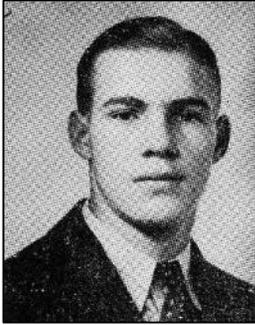
**Clarence Elmer Massa**

b. 10 May 1925, Putnam Co., TN – d. 8 July 1987, md on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1950, Putnam Co., TN to **Jean Marie (Greene/Green) Massa Fields**, b. 21 May 1929, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 April 2020,

Collierville, Shelby Co., TN, d/o **Charles Green** (1893-1983) & **Esther Henson** (1894-1983). Clarence Elmer Massa, s/o **Estel Clarence Massa** (1892-1952) & **Maranda Caroline Thomas** (1892-1978). Clarence Elmer Massa graduated in 1943 from Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Clarence is buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Jean (Greene/Green) Massa Fields Obt.

\*See Estel Clarence Massa Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.



(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 163 – Clarence Elmer Massa married 23 July 1950, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, b. 10 May 1925, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN to Jean Marie Greene, age 23, b. 21 May 1927, address: Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Charles E. Greene, Baxter, TN).

(1930 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Sparta Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 6 – **Estel Massa** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage), md to **Maranda**, 26 yrs. old TN, (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Birchie, 10 yrs. old, **Elmer**, 4 11/12 yrs. old & Kenneth Massa, 2+ yrs. old. All born in TN).

(Pictured: Class of 1943 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN: F.F.A. 1,2,3; F.F.A. Basketball, 2,3; Varsity Basketball, 4; Letter club 4; Lit. Soc; Victory Corps; Annual Staff; Sports Editor).

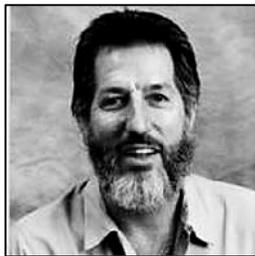
#### **William Carol Trobaugh Obt.**

b. 14 January 1946, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 5 April 2020, md on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1968 to **Judy Ann (Cole) Trobaugh**. William Carol Trobaugh, s/o **William Leo Trobaugh** (1907-1977) & **Sarah Ethel Dunn** (1912-1997), both buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

**BAXTER** — William "Bill" Carol Trobaugh, 74, of Baxter, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by loved ones Sunday, April 5, 2020.

He was born Jan. 14, 1946, to William Leo and Sarah Ethel (Dunn) Trobaugh in Dekalb County, Tennessee.

**William attended school at Baxter Seminary**, and served his country in the army in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1967. He married the love of his life, Judy Ann Cole, on March 9, 1968, and they enjoyed 52 years together. He was a member of Nash Grove Baptist Church. He worked at Thomas Industries,



Hartsville Nuclear Plant, was self-employed as a builder for many years working in and around Nashville, and retired from Tennessee Technological University where he worked as a carpenter.

He was a person that touched so many people in his life, and never needed an introduction anywhere he went, including his final resting place. He was a multi-talented jack of all trades and master of most. He enjoyed various woodworking projects including turkey calls, fishing, hunting, golfing, gardening, playing music, bee keeping, meat processing including killing several hogs yearly making country hams, souse meat, and rendering lard with cracklins, telling jokes, making molasses and the list goes on.

He was truly a servant to everyone who ever gave him the opportunity to serve them with gift giving and assistance with a huge skillset he earned through his years of knowledge of servanthood. Bill was known by many by multiple nicknames including Pa, Trobaugh, Wild Bill from Center Hill, Bull, Willy and Gov, due to him being named after a Tennessee governor. He wrote his life with his accomplishments through his love of relationships with people, and everyone who knew him knew that love.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Philip Trobaugh; sisters, Linda Lee and Donna Vradenburg Pace; and brothers-in-law, James Lafever, Kenneth Deweese and Rhea Wilson.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Greg (Malissa) Trobaugh of Rickman and Dewayne (Lehra) Trobaugh of Baxter; Daughter, Carol (Steve) Harris of Cookeville; grandchildren, Brittany (Chris) Thomas, Eli Harris, Will, Clint and Maddie Trobaugh; siblings, Ruby (Royce) Moore of Smithville, Ruth (Charles) Mayberry of Cookeville, James (Sue) Trobaugh of Baxter, Roberta Wilson of Cookeville, Rosemary Deweese of Baxter, Christine Lafever of Baxter, and John Henry Trobaugh of Smithville; brother-in-law, Mike Pace of Lebanon; sister-in-law, Brenda Trobaugh of Baxter; mother-in-law, Beatrice Cole; nieces and nephews, Ed (Anita) Moore, Ellen (Jeff) Herrin, Dwight (Angie) Moore, Doug Mayberry, Mike Mayberry, Terri (Mike) Haney, Tisha (Josh) Snyder, Josh (Phobe) Wilson, Jennifer (Walt) Wells, Becky (Jay) Carter, Sherry (Mark) Gaw, Karen (Randy) Dunn, John Thomas (Melissa) Trobaugh, Joel Trobaugh, Leslie (Gary) Claiborne and Brandon (Ashley) Pace. Judy's family was very close to Bill.

The family wishes to thank his dedicated caregivers, Kindred Hospice, Visiting Angels and Amedisys Home Health.

**Graveside services were held at Boiling Springs Cemetery** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 with Eugene Gilliam officiating the service.

Due to uncontrollable circumstances with COVID-19, the family regrets not being able to celebrate and honor Bill the way he did for so many others. A celebration service will be held at a later date. He will be forever missed by those who knew him and loved him.

Whitson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, 526-2151.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 12 April 2020

**Agnes (Yates) Johnson Obt.**

b. 28 August 1923, Robertson Co., TN – d. 16 May 2020, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 1940, Albany KY to Albany KY to **Willard Woodrow Johnson**, b. 9 June 1922, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 July 2013, Sparta, White Co., TN, (Army Air corps WWII), s/o **William Louis Johnson Sr.** (1876-1969) & **Mary Lula Johnson** (1880-1946). Agnes (Yates) Johnson, d/o **Roscoe Yates** (1893-1925) & **Novella Norman** (1896-1932), she is buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Springfield, Robertson Co., TN. Roscoe Yates is buried in Yates Cemetery, Cross Plains, Robertson Co., TN.

\*See Willard Woodrow Johnson Obt.

Graveside services and interment for 96 year old Agnes Yates Johnson (Granny "A") of Cookeville and formerly of Baxter, will be held Tuesday May 19 at 3:00 p.m. at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter with eulogies provided by her family.



Mrs. Johnson died Saturday morning, May 16, 2020 at her home in Cookeville.

Agnes Johnson was born August 28, 1923 in Robertson County to Roscoe Yates and Novell Norman Yates.

**After the death of her parents at a young age, Agnes was raised at the Masonic Home in Nashville then attended Baxter Seminary.**

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William W. Johnson (whom she married on May 28, 1940), a daughter, Frances Palk, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Chuck" and Sarah Johnson of Cookeville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Dr. Ray Troop of Rock Island and Louise and Richard Charles of Cookeville; five grandchildren, Jennifer( Dr. John) Little of Knoxville, Charlie Johnson, David (Susan) Johnson all of Cookeville, Russell ( Michelle) Palk, and Beth Palk all of Franklin, TN; 12-great grandchildren, John Grant, Matthew, and Sarah Frances Little; Conner and Cooper Palk; Callaway, and Abbey Palk; Leah and Foster Johnson; Anna, Emma, and Will Johnson.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Flora Juanita (Austin) Young Obt.**

b. 14 September 1926, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 July 2020, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN), md on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1947 to **Thomas Lee Young Sr.**, b. 19 December 1924, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 21 April 2004, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN, (PFC U. S. Marine Corps WWII, Purple Heart), s/o **William Bethel Young** (1882-1931) & **Lena Vesta Myatt** (1896-1976). Flora Juanita (Austin) Young, d/o **William Arthur Austin** (1901-1980) & **Nora Avo Sliger** (1910-1976), both buried in Allison Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Flora Juanita Young, age 93 of Baxter, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at her home.



She was born September 14, 1926 in Baxter, Putnam County, Tennessee to the late William Arthur and Nora Avo Sliger Austin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Lee Young on April 21, 2004, daughter-in-law Anita Young, brothers Johnny, Clay, Bill and William Arthur Austin, Jr.

**She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

She was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Cookeville General Hospital on the OB Wing (now Cookeville Regional) for over forty years.

Survivors include a daughter Rema Faye Billingsley, son Tommy Young both of Baxter, grandchildren Lee Billingsley, Shawn (Teresa) Billingsley, great-grandchildren: Austin (Kailee) Billingsley, Kyle Billingsley and Brett Billingsley, sister Reba Gentry of Baxter.



Funeral services were held Friday, July 31, 2020 at New Home Baptist Church with Bro. Charlie Wills officiating. Interment followed in the New Home Baptist Church Cemetery in the Boma Community.

(Pictured: Flora Juanita (Austin) Young, Class of 1945 Baxter Seminary. *“There is no wisdom like frankness”* Home Ec. Club 1,2,3’ Victory Corps 2,3,4; Basketball 3; B-letter Club 3; YMCA 2,3,4).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 30 July 2020

**Dorothy "Dot" Nell (Watts) Brown Obt.**

b. 28 January 1924, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 31 July 2020, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md **William Lee “Bill” Brown**, b. 27 June 1927 – d. 23 March 1979, he is buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Dorothy "Dot" Nell Brown, d/o **James Scott Watts** (1903-1972) & **Eva Lena Bruce** (1906-2002), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Dorothy "Dot" Nell Brown, 96 of Baxter passed away Friday, July 31, 2020 at her home.



She was born January 28, 1924 in Baxter to the late James Scott Watts and Eva Lena Bruce Watts.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Lee Brown, Sr., sister Clara Janet Stewart, brothers Bennie Hop Watts and John Byrd Watts.

**She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary.**

She was a lab technician at the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant. She also was a sales clerk at Sears and a homemaker.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting, cooking, canning and freezing vegetables and working in her flower garden.

Survivors include daughter Cynthia Jared of Baxter, son and daughter-in-law Lee and Lisa Brown of Baxter, grandchildren: Aubrey Deanna (Scott) Glover, John T. Jared, III, Autumn Lee Brown, Dakota Lee (Jesse) Johnson, great-grandchildren: Marlee Burgess-Glover, Taylor Jared, William Jared, Harper Daniels, Kyleen Daniels, Phillip "J.R." Daniels, Carter Welch, Dalton Welch, Payton Johnson, Maddux Johnson, Jessica, Josie and Alex Glover, great-great-grandchildren: Chloe Glover, Micah, Jace and Elias Shirey, several nieces and nephews and extended family.

Graveside service and interment was held Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Alvin Byrd Bruce Family Cemetery on Bruce Ridge Road in Baxter, TN.

#### **Charles Gladys Simpson Obt.**

b. 29 February 1916, TN – d. 5 July 2015, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN, d/o Robert Simpson (1888-1979) & Nettie Page (1883-1979). All buried in Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Liberty, DeKalb Co., TN

Charles Gladys Simpson, age 99, passed away Sunday morning, July 5, 2015 at Webb House Retirement Center. She was born February 29, 1916 to her parents, the late Robert and Nettie Mai Page Simpson. She will be greatly missed by her family but she left them many wonderful memories. **Ms. Gladys grew up on her family farm on Hannah's Branch and was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and Middle Tennessee State University.**



(Pictured: Charles Gladys Simpson 'Class of 1935' Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Zetathenian Literary Society, Home Economics Club, YWCA, Girls Glee Club 1934 & 1935).

She was an active member of the Order of Eastern Star where she served as Grand Representative to the State of Nevada in Tennessee, Grand Martha (2000) and Worthy Grand Matron (1956). She taught school in DeKalb County from 1936 until 1977 when she retired to take care of her aging parents. She rode on horseback to her first teaching job at Dale Ridge. During her career, she also taught at Dismal, Dowelltown, Temperance Hall, Snow Hill, Alexandria, Lower Helton, Liberty, and West schools of DeKalb County. She was active in the Retired Teachers Association, Family and Community Education (FCE), and the United Methodist Women group called the "Busy Bees" that made children's quilts for children who were sick or removed from their homes to Human Services for various reasons.

Survivors include brother, James E. Simpson of Gallatin; nephews Thomas Simpson (Brenda) of Lenoir City, Robert Simpson of Maryville; great niece Michelle (David) Scott of Oak Ridge; and great nephews Chad Simpson, Andrew Simpson, and Mark Simpson all of Maryville. The family extends deepest appreciation to the Webb House staff for their loving care for the last eight years. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. at Smithville First United Methodist Church with Bro. John Carpenter officiating. Burial to follow at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Liberty, TN. Visitation will be Wednesday 9 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

#### **Lyda Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight Obt.**

b. 14 November 1928, McMinnville, Warren Co., TN – d. 18 July 2020, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN, md on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1945 to **Samuel Porter Knight**, b. 24 April 1925, Cheatham Co., TN – d. 11 December 1998, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, he is buried in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight, d/o **Carley "Carl" Hobart Maddux**

(1898-1983) & **Ruth Evelyn Stone** (1902-2000), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Lyda Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight also md **Robert "Bob" May**.  
\*See Samuel Porter Knight

Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight, 91 of Crossville, Tennessee died on Saturday, July 18, 2020, at Life Care Center of Crossville.

Lyda Bernell Maddux was born November 14, 1928 in McMinnville, Tennessee to Ruth Evelyn Stone and Carl Hobart Maddux. "Nellie" as she was called by family, **grew up in Baxter and attended Baxter Seminary.**



She married Samuel Porter Knight on May 7, 1945. They lived in Detroit for 51 years and had one child Holly Joy. Nellie was a very intelligent and sweet person. She retired from Michigan Bell after many years of faithful service. She was an avid reader and enjoyed classical music, fine dining and travelling. She attended the Methodist Church for many years.

After Porter's death in 1996 she moved back home to Crossville to be closer to her family. She then married Robert "Bob" May and they enjoyed several happy years together. Nellie was an animal lover and their Cat Eric was very dear to her.

Nellie is survived by, Daughter, Holly and Fred Battle, 3 Grandchildren, Sammy, Beecher and Richelle, and Isaiah Knight; 2 Sisters, Wauleen Greer, and Carleen and Charles Duke; A host cousins, nieces, nephews, and special friends.

In her last years, she lived at Life Care Center in Crossville where they took very good care of her. The family would especially like to remember her main nurse, Deshay. Also, her Niece Sharon Edwards who handled all her business and always visited her auntie.

In addition to her parents, Nellie was preceded in death by, 2 Husbands, Samuel Porter Knight, and Robert May; Special Cousin, Elsie Maddux Peterson; A host of other family.

Celebration of Life Gathering for Bernell "Nellie" Knight will be held Saturday, August 22, 2020, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Private entombment was held at Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, the family would like to suggest a donation to either a disabled veteran's charity or to the Middle Tennessee Boxer Rescue.

To sign the online guestbook and to send the family a message please visit; [www.crestlawnmemorial.com](http://www.crestlawnmemorial.com)

Arrangements entrusted to Crest Lawn Funeral Home - Cremation Center.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 14 August 2020

### **Samuel Porter Knight**

b. 24 April 1925, Cheatham Co., TN – d. 11 December 1998, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, md on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1945 to **Lyda Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight**, b. 14 November 1928, McMinnville, Warren Co., TN – d. 18 July 2020, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN, d/o **Carley "Carl" Hobart Maddux** (1898-1983) & **Ruth Evelyn Stone** (1902-2000), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Lyda Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight also md **Robert "Bob" May**.

\*See Lyda Bernell "Nellie" (Maddux) Knight Obt.

Porter was born to Ephraim and Maud Biggs Knight and raised in Tennessee. He left the Baxter Seminary in 1942 and enlisted in the US Navy in November of 1942. He served as a bugler on the USS Santee until he injured his polio'd leg and spent the last months of the war in the Naval Hospital. He married Lyda

Bernell Maddux on 7 May 1945. They move to Detroit shortly after and had one child, Holly Joy Knight in 1961. Porter loved the outdoors and greatly enjoyed fishing. He died as a result of Cancer.

**Thurman Harold Johnson Obt.**

b. 31 December 1924, Putnam Co., TN – d. 17 September 1944, Germany, (Pvt. US Army), s/o **William Louis Johnson Sr.** (1876-1969) & **Mary Lula Johnson** (1880-1946). Thurman Harold Johnson was killed in action in WWII.

\*See Hurbert Vernon Johnson buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

\*See John Thomas Johnson Obt.

\*See Mary Lula (Johnson) Johnson Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Pvt. Harold Johnson, Baxter, Killed in Action in Germany:

Pvt. Harold Johnson of Baxter was killed in action in Germany, September 17, according to a telegram received from the War Department Oct. 5 by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Baxter.



(Pictured: Harold Johnson 1943 Baxter Seminary Graduate: F. F. A., Treas, Basketball, Varsity Basketball, B. Letter Club, Zeta Society, Freshman Class President, Football, Volunteer Club, Victory Corps and Annual Staff).

Private Johnson was inducted into the Army in July, 1943, and received his first training in the Coast Artillery School at Camp McQuaide, California. He was later transferred to the Field Artillery and was stationed at Camp Roberts, California, and has been overseas since April, 1944, having landed in England and went into

France during the first week of the invasion. His last letter home was written from somewhere in Belgium.

**Private Johnson was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and was a member of the football and basketball teams. During his senior year he was chosen the most popular student and was awarded the Balfour Key for outstanding student activities.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. Kemper Martin, Cookeville, and Mrs. James E. Cullen, Nashville; four brothers, Lewis Johnson, Jr., Cookeville, Major Hubert V. Johnson, and Intelligence Officer for the 100<sup>th</sup> Division, S-Sgt. J. T. Johnson, U. S. Marine Corps, now stationed in the South Pacific, and Cpl. Willard Johnson, Army Air Corps Transport Command.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 12 October 1944.

**Services Friday For Pvt. Harold Johnson:**

The body of Pvt. Harold Johnson arrived here today (Thursday) and will be at the Whitson Funeral Home until Friday morning.

Funeral services will be held April 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Baxter Church of Christ, J. B. Gaither and Ralph Kidd will officiate.

Pvt. Johnson, son of W. L. Johnson, of Baxter, was killed in action in Germany, September 17, 1944. He was inducted into the Army in July, 1943, and received his first School at Camp McQuaide, CA. He was later transferred to the Field Artillery and was stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, and had been overseas since April of 1944, having gone over on D Day.

**A graduate of Baxter Seminary, Pvt. Johnson was a member of the football and basketball teams. During his senior year he was chosen the most popular student and was awarded the Balfour Key for outstanding student activities.**

In addition to his father, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. Kemper Martin, Cookeville, and Mrs. James E. Cullen, Oak Ridge; four brothers, Louis Johnson, Jr., Cookeville, Hubert V. Johnson, J. T. and Willard Johnson, Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 31 March 1949

**Hilda Mae (Saylor) Jones Obt.**

b. 10 March 1943, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 September 2020, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Jerry Jones**. Hilda Mae (Saylor) Jones, d/o **Joseph Bethel Saylor** (1906-1966) & **Allie Enid Maxwell** (1906-2001), she is buried in Maxwell Cemetery South, Putnam Co., TN. Bethel Saylor is buried in Corning Cemetery, Corning, Clay Co., TN. Hilda Mae (Saylor) Medley Jones also md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1964, Putnam Co., TN to **J. D. Medley**, b. 17 February 1937.

\*See Allie Enid (Maxwell) Saylor Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 5 – J. d. Medley married 2 October 1964, Putnam Co., TN, age 27, b. 17 February 1937, address: Rt. 4, Cookeville, TN to Hilda Mae Saylor, age 21, b. 10 March 1943, address; Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Allie Saylor, mother, Ferguson, Cookeville, TN).

Hilda Mae Jones, age 77, died Friday evening, September 4, 2020 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

The daughter of Joseph Bethel and Allie Enid Saylor, she was born at home on March 10, 1943 in Baxter, Tennessee and named by her brother and sister who had a favorite teacher named Hilda.



**She attended Baxter Seminary before leaving school at the age of 14 to work and help support her family.**

She worked at ACME Boot where she met her first husband, J.D. They lived in Cookeville, TN and had two sons. She had a close and warm relationship with many of her nieces and nephews.

Hilda and her second husband, Jerry Jones, lived in Nashville for several years before settling back in Cookeville. He took care of her for many years as her health declined.

Her life's joy was to take care of her family and her home. She loved to iron and keep house. She was a wonderful cook. The memories of her green beans, mashed potatoes, chocolate gravy (and many other dishes) will always be cherished.

She was a member of Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church, although her health kept her from attending for the last several years. As a Christian, she spoke often of her relationship with Jesus and was ready to be united with him in Heaven in a body free of pain and limitations. She will be missed by her family and loved ones.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years: Jerry Jones; her two sons: Mark Medley of Ft. Wayne, IN and David (Betsy) Medley of Cookeville, TN; three grandchildren: Jonathan (Chelsey) Medley of Franklin, TN, Eric (Katie) Medley of Springfield, TN and Marisa Medley of Cookeville, TN; and 2 great grandchildren: Balin Medley and Ava Medley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband J.D. Medley, and her siblings: Lois Saylor, Mildred Roberts, and James Saylor.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 7, 2020 at the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Private interment followed at Maxwell South Cemetery.

**Willie Jo (Lafever) Thomas Obt.**

b. 27 October 1923, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 October 2020, Algood, Putnam Co., TN, md **Harvey Dee Thomas**, b. 14 March 1925, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 June 1984, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Robert D. Thomas** (1900-1975) & **Sarah Judd** (1900-1997). Willie Jo (Lafever) Thomas, d/o **Ode “Ozias” Lafever** (1884-1980) & **Hallie C. Butts** (1894-1979), both buried in Palmer Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Ode “Ozias” Lafever Obt.



Mrs. Willie Jo Thomas, 97 of Algood passed away Sunday morning October 4, 2020 at her home. She was born January 27, 1923 in Silver Point to the late O.Z. and Hallie Butts Lafever.

**She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary** and of the Methodist faith.

She was a homemaker, enjoyed being a wife and mother. She was a friend to all and enjoyed family get-togethers, cooking and taking care of family and friends. Christmas Eve was always special to her.

(Pictured: Willie Jo Lafever: Baxter Seminary Class of 1942. “Not how much, but how good” – Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4, YWCA, 2,3,4, Zeta Society 3,4, French Club 3,4 & Basketball 2).



Survivors include, daughters Gloria (Robert) Evans of Nashville, Charlotte Thomas of Algood, sister-in-law Virginia Steele, granddaughter robin Michelle Evans and special friend Michael Massey, nieces, nephews and special cousins: Willene Martin and Nelda Stanton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey D. Thomas, son Harvey Douglas "Doug" Thomas, sister Mary Lafever, brothers Milas, Arthur, Talmadge and James Edward "Ed" Lafever and a special cousin Ruby Holst.

A private family burial was held at Lafever Cemetery in the Cherry Hill Community of DeKalb County, TN.

**Mary Dimple (Sherrell) Martin Obt.**

b. 5 March 1936, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 31 October 2020, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Allon Terry “Big Foot” Martin**, b. 12 Decembter 1933 – d. 30 April 1997, s/o **Oba Houston Martin** (1906-1968) & **Lena McDole** (1910-1995). Mary Dimple (Sherrell) Martin, d/o **George Monroe Sherrell** (1889-1964) & **Alice Jane Thomas** (1894-1969), both buried in Boiling Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Mary Dimple Sherrell Martin, 84 of Baxter passed away Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She was born March 5, 1936 in Baxter to the late George Monroe and Alice Jane Thomas Sherrell.



Mary was known for her "Sherrell Smile." She attended Thomas Twin Oak School and **graduated from Baxter Seminary**. She was a Christian woman who attended different churches with her children.

Along with her late husband, they started Martin Lumber Company in Baxter in 1960 where she cooked meals for all the workers, kept books, managed the office and raised 4 kids while always keeping a spotless house. She loved life! **Her birthday was actually April 5, but due to a birth certificate glitch it was listed as March 5, so she insisted on celebrating with flowers on both dates.**

In the past few years she kept her devoted caregivers busy. She was always on the go, and love to travel and shop until the caregivers dropped. She and her caregivers enjoyed cooking, playing rook, and driving around town to visit her family members. Her loving and devoted caregivers were, Janie Dunn, Judy Hix, Kathy Davis, Tammy Gonzales, Alene Edgington, Lee Ann Klein, Jennifer Redmon and Helen Hensley.

Mary loved her family and spending time with them, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her daughters Brenda Martin and husband Jack Eberle of Jupiter, FL., Carolyn and husband Steve Carter of Baxter, sons Danny Martin of Cookeville and Mark Martin of Baxter, grandchildren: Matthew Martin, Kasye Caruthers, Mark Allon Martin, Katelyn (Barrett) Steakley, David Martin, Dakota (Carter) Watson, Drew Eldridge and Ava Ford, great-grandchildren: Wesli Caruthers, Jovie and Bram Steakley, Elijah and Luke Martin, Livi Watson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Allon Terry "Bigfoot" Martin on April 30, 1997, sisters Myrtie Bussell, Clara Spears and Dorothy McCaleb, brothers Estel, Edgar, Leonard, Wynne D., Oakley, Lloyd Ray, Robert and Billy Sherrell.

Graveside service and interment was held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at Martin Family Cemetery with Pastor Steve Tiebout officiating.

#### **William Thomas "Bill" Smith Obt.**

b. 28 August 1939, Silver Point, Putnam Co. TN – d. 26 November 2020, Silver Point, Putnam Co. TN, (US Navy), md on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1965, Putnam Co., TN to **Anita Jewel (Phillips) Smith**, b. 20 August 1944. William Thomas "Bill" Smith, s/o **Lionel Donald Smith** (1898-1949) & **Anna Mai (Julian) Smith** (1913-2004), both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 336 – William Thomas Smith married 20 December 1965, Putnam Co., TN, age 26, b. 31 August 1939 (*sic*): address: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN to Anita Jewel Phillips, age 21, b. 20 August 1944, address: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mr. & Mrs. W. Phillips, parents, Silver Point, TN).



William "Bill" Thomas Smith, 81 of the Silver Point Community died Thursday November 26 2020 at his home. He was born August 31, 1939 in Silver Point to the late Lionel and Anna Mai Julian Smith.

**He was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and a Navy veteran.** Bill was retired from the US Postal service as Postmaster at the Silver Point Post Office with 33 years of service.

He was an avid baseball coach for Little League and Babe Ruth. He was a member of the Cookeville Rose Society and Master Gardeners. Bill was a member of Silver Point Church of Christ.

Survivors include wife Anita Phillips Smith (Married December 20, 1965) of Silver Point, daughter and son-in-law Lorna and Shea Lee of Baxter, sons and daughters-in-law Philip and Daka Smith, Lionel Smith all of Silver Point, Forrest and Elizabeth Smith of Knoxville. sister Mary Snowden of Lebanon, brother James Smith of Silver Point, grandchildren: Elliott and Audrey Lee, Danika (Dusty) Mathis, Colton Smith and Hannah Claire Smith. Special nieces Donna Hamblin and Elaine Sears.



(Pictured: William "Bill" Thomas Smith: Baxter Seminary Class of 1958, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "Why worry, the world goes on just the same." T & I, 2, 3,4, President 4, Delegate to contest 2; boys state 3; Varsity Vist 3; F.T.A. 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Poetry Contest 3; Merit 2; Annual Staff 4; Bachelor of Ugliness 4).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by half-brothers Ashley Smith and Lee Donald Smith.

Funeral services for Bill were held Saturday, November 28, 2020 from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home with Bro. Johnny Fox, Bro. Luke Wilken and Bro. Mike Dyer officiating.

Interment followed in G.V. Herren Family Cemetery.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 27 November 2020

**Carleen (Maddux) Duke Obt.**

b. 1932 – d. 24 September 2020, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN, md on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1947, Jamestown, KY to **Charles Edward Duke**, b. 5 December 1926, Jackson Co., TN, s/o **Lester D. Duke** (1894-1956) & **Mary Jane Thomas** (1900-1997), both buried in Gene Butler Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. Carleen (Maddux) Duke, d/o **Carley "Carl" Hobert Maddux** (1898-1983) & **Ruth Evelyn Stone** (1902-2000), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Carleen (Maddux) Duke is buried in Gene Butler Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

Mrs. Carleen Duke of Pikeville, TN died at 6:50 a.m. Thursday morning September 24, 2020 at the age of 89 at the Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville suffering from dementia. She had been residing at the Life Care Center of Crossville.



11 a.m. Saturday morning September 26th funeral services were conducted from the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home with her pastor Eld. Gayle Snoddy officiating. Burial followed in the Duke family lot at the Gene Butler Cemetery in the Brooks Bend Community.

Mrs. Duke was one of three daughters of the late Carl Hobart Maddux who died June 2, 1983 at the age of 85 and Ruth Evelyn Stone who died December 13, 2000 at the age of 98 and was born Carleen Texas Maddux in Baxter on June 3, 1931.

A sister, Lyda Bernell (Nell) Maddux Knight died July 18, 2020 at the age of 91.

**Mrs. Duke was a member of the class of 1949 of the Baxter Seminary and received her General Education Degree.**

On June 5, 1947 in Jamestown, Kentucky she was united in marriage to Granville Community native Charles Edward Duke.

In 1992 Mrs. Duke retired as a clerical employee of Cigna Insurance in Nashville where she was employed for over thirty four years.

Mrs. Duke was saved at the age of 20 in 1951 and was baptized into the full fellowship of the Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church. She later transferred her membership by letter to the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Goodlettsville which was organized in 1774, two years before the founding of the State of Tennessee on June 1, 1776.

Surviving in addition to her husband of over seventy three years is their daughter, Sharon Duke Edwards of Nashville; sister, Joy Greer of Long Beach, California; two grandchildren, Rachel Edwards of Nashville and Scott Edwards of Dothan, Alabama.

**Bonnie Lee (Elrod) Herren Obt.**

b. 22 January 1945, Columbia, Lexington Co., SC – d. 5 January 2021, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN md on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1969 to **Charles Lloyd Herren**, b. 1 December 1940, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 February 2017, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **General Vester "G.V." Herren** (1900-1967) & **Mary Ava Thomas** (1898-1950). Bonnie Lee (Elrod) Herren, d/o **Robert Graley Elrod** (1916-1970) & **Ann Rosalie Sinkavich** (1919-1956), she is buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo Co., CA. Robert Graley Elrod is buried in Palmer Cemetery, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. – Charles Lloyd Herren married 7 February 1969, Putnam Co., TN, age 28, b. 1 December 1940, address: Rt. 4, Cookeville, TN to Bonnie Lee Elrod, age 24, b. 22 January 1945, address: Rt. 2, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Robert Elrod, Rt. 2, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN).

Bonnie Lee Herren, 75 of Cookeville passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2020 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She was born January 22, 1945 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Robert and Ann Sinkavich Elrod.

**She was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and Nashville Hospital School of Nursing.**



Bonnie was a very loving and supportive wife, mother and grandmother. She was a devout Christian and long time member of Herren's Chapel Church of Christ. She was a devoted registered nurse for many years in Gainesboro, Sparta and Cookeville. As everyone who knew her would confirm that Bonnie was a big talker. She enjoyed telling stories, always had a sympathetic word for others and warmed those around her with her good nature and generous spirit. She will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren and circle of family and friends.

Survivors include daughters Mary Ann (Doug) Stallings of Ft. Mill, South Carolina, Marcia Lee Lorange of Baxter, sons G.V. (Cathy) Herren of Cincinnati, Ohio, Charles "Chuck" Alan Herren of Cookeville, grandchildren: Dylan Herren, Charlie Herren, Sawyer Lorange and Bryce Herren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Lloyd Herren on February 28, 2017 and a brother Robert "Bobby" Elrod.

Private family graveside services for Bonnie were held Thursday, January 7, 2021 at G.V. Herren Family Cemetery with Bro. Phil Loftis officiating.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 7 January 2021

**Robert Graley "Bobby" (Jr) Elrod Obt.**

\*See Bonnie Lee (Elrod) Herren Obt.

Funeral services for **Robert "BOBBY" Graley Elrod, Jr.**, 69 of Cookeville will be Saturday, April 9 at 1 P.M. from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors will be in Palmer Cemetery in Silver Point, Tennessee.

Mr. Elrod died Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Overton County Health & Rehab Center in Livingston, TN.

He was born June 25, 1946 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Robert Graley Elrod, Sr. and Ann Sinkavich Elrod.



**He lived at Baxter Seminary Boys Dormitory for three years and attended Upperman High School.**

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. (SP4 US Army, Vietnam).

Bro. Phillip Loftis will officiate.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Bobby's family will receive friends Saturday after 11 A.M. until service time at the funeral home.

Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home

\*Read more about Baxter Seminary at Schoolyard Tales: <http://www.ajlambert.com>