

Beatrice Steward Loftis Obt.

GAINESBORO -- Funeral services for Beatrice Steward Loftis, 63, of Gainesboro, will be held at 1 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 16, from the chapel of Anderson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Pharris Cemetery in the McCoinsville Community of Jackson County.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. today, Wed., Sept. 15, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Thurs., Sept. 16, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Loftis died on Tues., Sept. 14, 1999, at her residence in the Center Grove Community of Jackson County.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1935, in Jackson County to the late John Wesley and Fannie Harris Steward. Mrs. Loftis was a homemaker and a member of the Center Grove Church of Christ in Jackson County. On July 4, 1961, she married Archival Loftis, who died on Jan. 19, 1998.

Her family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Garry and Lisa Loftis of Gainesboro; a daughter and son-in-law, Terrie and Bruce Smallwood of Gainesboro; four brothers, Joe Steward of Center Line, Mich., Johnny Steward of Roseville, Mich., Virgil Steward of Gainesboro, and Paul Steward of Baxter; two sisters, Margie Alfred of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Louise Johnson of Gainesboro; and three grandchildren, Ashley Smallwood, Lindsay and Brooke Loftis.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Omer Steward, and a sister, Christine Heady.

Memorial donations may be made to Lou Gehrig Disease Research in memory of Archival and Beatrice Loftis, by contacting the funeral home.

Bros. John Anderson and John Mabery will officiate at the services.

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Laban Loftis, b. 1760, MD – d. 8 November 1850, TN md 1790, SC Elizabeth Holcombe, b. 1769, MD – d. 29 December 1859, TN =

John L. Loftis, b. 7 October 1791, SC – d. April 1842/44, Jackson Co., TN. He is said to have been killed by a millstone. He md ca. 1818 enroute to Tennessee in a wagon train to Ermilla “Millie” Dill, b. 1800/1805, VA or SC – d. after 1880, Jackson Co., TN. She was the d/o Archibald Dill who according to records served in the Revolutionary War. Her brother Roland C. Dill owned considerable land together with William Loftis, brother of John L. Loftis, on Blackburn’s Fork in Jackson Co., TN. Issue. The Dill and Loftis families are known to have been living near each other in the Tyger River area of Greenville Co., SC before coming to TN.=

Archable "Archibel" Squire Loftis, b. 18 October 1825, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1899, Jackson Co., TN md ca. 1849, Jackson Co., TN to Elizabeth Jane Phillips, b. ca. 1827, Jackson Co., TN. He served as a Private, I Co., 25th Infantry, CSA during Civil War. Issue. According to research by Early Langford, Archable Loftis is buried in a family cemetery at the back of the house formerly owned by Perlina Loftis West and her husband Almon West. Perlina was the daughter of Laborn Loftis Jr. She was apparently born in an old log house near to the house now standing on Spring Creek, 9th Dist., Jackson Co., TN which was built about the turn of the century and recently sold by Dewey West. Also it is believed that John L. Loftis may be buried here or across the creek upon a hill in back of the old Harrison Loftis home in another old cemetery. Early Langford also believes that Archable Loftis lived down Spring Creek about 1 & ½ miles at a place once owned by Carlin C. Loftis and Michael Van Dorn Loftis and possible once owned by John L. Loftis. It's location is at what is known as the mouth of Hardscabble Branch on Spring Creek, 9th Dist., Jackson Co., TN. =

Francis Marion Loftis, b. 21 June 1863 (census shows him b. 1862), Jackson Co., TN – d. 17 may 1941, Overton Co., TN md 1st Lizzie Lynn, d/o Will & Emoline Mansell Lynn – md 2nd America Bentry, b. 22 march 1881 (census shows 1878), Jackson Co., TN – d. 19 June 1955, Overton Co., TN, d/o Louvernia Loftis & Henderson Brown Gentry. America Gentry Loftis md 1st Daniel Loftis =

Dallas B. Loftis, b. ca. 1897, Jackson Co., TN – d. 18 march 1969 (?), Jackson Co., TN md 10 April 1921, Jackson Co., TN to Janetta/Genetta Chaffin, b. 10 April 1902, d/o David Bratton & Ova D. Loftis Chaffin =

Claude Loftis md Grace Hicks =
Francis Archivel Loftis md Beatrice Stewart

Source: Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis by Jimmie Robert Loftis and Bobbie H. Bryant.

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