

WANDA SUE (BROWN) HELMS OBT.

b. September 07, 1938 – d. December 28, 2009

Husband: O.J. Helms

Father: Willie Dow Brown

Mother: Lucille Gentry

BAXTER -- Graveside services for Wanda Sue Helms, 71, of Baxter, were held today, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. at Maxwell Cemetery (North). Mrs. Helms died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She was born Sept. 7, 1938, in Putnam County to the late Dow and Lucille Gentry Brown. Mrs. Helms was a homemaker and member of Sycamore Church of Christ.

Her family includes her husband, O.J. Helms of Baxter; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sheila and A.D. Landers and Donna and Gary Simpson, all of Cookeville, and Vicky Helms of Baxter; a brother, Kenneth Dow Brown of Baxter; a sister, Glenda Margaret Webb of Lebanon; two grandchildren, Mark Maxwell and Alicia Phy and husband Michael; a niece, Anita Walter; and a nephew, Donnie Webb. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Helms was preceded in death by an infant son, William Jeffrey Helms; a grandson, Andrew Phy; and two nephews, Kenny and Danny Brown. Pallbearers were family and friends. Bro. Johnny Fox officiated the services. Baxter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE DOW BROWN OBT.

b. 17 October 1902 – d. 15 April 1975, Putnam Co., TN

Wife: Lucille Gentry

Father: E. D. Brown

Mother: Sarah Harris

BAXTER - Funeral services for Willie Dow Brown, 72, were to have been held today at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Baxter Funeral Home with Roy Cross officiating. Burial was to be in Maxwell Cemetery.

Brown a retired farmer of Baxter, was dead on arrival Tuesday at Cookeville General Hospital. He was a native of Putnam County and the son of E. D. and Sarah Harris Brown.

Survivors are his wife, Lucille Gentry Brown of Baxter; a son Kenneth Brown of Baxter; two daughters, Mrs. D. C. Webb, Nashville and Mrs. O. J. Helms, Baxter; six sisters, Maude Brown, Fannie Carter, Ada Harris, Alice Brown, Ginnie Mathis and Mildred Mathis; and seven grandchildren.

LUCILLE (GENTRY) BROWN OBT.

b. 4 September 1914, Smith Co., TN – d. 26 October 2006, Nashville, TN

Husband: Willie Dow Brown

Father: Willis Norman Gentry

Mother: Emma Reeder

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Lucille Gentry Brown, 92, of Baxter, will be held Sunday, Oct. 29, at 3 p.m. at the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Maxwell Cemetery in Baxter.

Family will receive friends Saturday, Oct. 28, from 5-9 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brown died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

She was born Sept. 4, 1914, in Smith County to the late Willis Norman and Emma Reeder Gentry.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a member of Bethany Methodist Church, as well as a member of Baxter Senior Citizens.

Her family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Dow and Rebecca Brown of Baxter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda Sue and O.J. Helms of Baxter and Glenda Margaret and Donnie Webb of

Lebanon; a sister, Pearl Taylor of Baxter; a brother, Charles Gentry of Michigan; a sister-in-law, Reba Gentry of Baxter; five grandchildren and their spouses, Sheila and A.D. Landers, Donna and Gary Simpson, Vicky Helms, Donnie and Heather Webb and Anita and Chas Walter; and five great-grandchildren, Mark Maxwell, Alicia Phy and Nicholas, Samuel and Margaret Walter.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her husband, Dow Brown; four brothers, Howard, Hatton, George and Ralph Gentry; a sister, Gladys Carter; and two grandchildren, Kenny and Danny Brown.

Pallbearers will be A.D. Landers, Gary Simpson, Michael Phy, Patrick McBroom, Rick Thomas and Bob Winchester.

Bro. Michael Duke will officiate the services.

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WILLIS NORMAN GENTRY OBT.

b. 22 March 1881, Putnam Co., TN – d. 18 April 1967, Putnam Co., TN

Wife: Julia Emma Reeder

Father: John Whitley Gentry (1860-1948)

Mother: Laura Josephine Maxwell (1862-1933)

Willis Norman Gentry, 86, died Tuesday at the Cookeville General Hospital following a long illness. He was a retired farmer of Baxter, Rt. 2.

Funeral services were held today in the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home and burial was in the Maxwell Cemetery in Putnam County. Rev. W. H. Teague officiated.

He was a native of Putnam County, a son of John W. and Josephine Shanks Maxwell Gentry.

Survivors are 5 sons, Howard E. Gentry, Chattanooga, Ernest Hatton Gentry, Cookeville, George T. Gentry, Baxter, Charles H. Gentry, Detroit, Ralph E. Gentry, Baxter, 3 daughters, Mrs. Eliza Taylor, Dearborn, MI, Mrs. Leamon Carter, Warren, MI, Mrs. Dow Brown, Baxter, brother, Ben Gentry, Gordonsville, 4 sisters, Mrs. Joe Hickey, Sparta, Mrs. Dow Sliger, Ada, OK, Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mrs. Bill Elmore, both of Baxter, 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

JULIA EMMA (REEDER) GENTRY OBT.

b. 23 December 1890 – d. 25 January 1965

Husband: Willis Norman Gentry

Father: L. P. Reeder (1856-1945)

Mother: Martha Green (1856-1921)

Mrs. Julia Emma Gentry died Monday (January 25). She was 74. Burial was in the Maxwell Cemetery. She was the daughter of L. P. and Martha Green Reeder.

Survivors include her husband, Willis N. Gentry of Baxter; sons, Howard of Chattanooga, Hatton of Crossville, George and Ralph of Baxter, and Charles of Detroit; 3 daughters, Mrs. Pearl Taylor and Mrs. Gladys Carter of Detroit; and Mrs. Lucille Brown of Baxter; 1 brother, Jay Reeder of Rt. 4, Cookeville; 1 sister, Mrs. Leona Wallace of Silver Point.

Baxter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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