

Obituaries

WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON II

William Henry Johnson, II, 87, died May 7, 2013, in Savannah, Ga. He was born Feb. 26, 1926, to the late William Henry Johnson and Loena Conner Johnson White.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Jackson Johnson of Athens, W. Va.

Mr. Johnson is survived by three sons and (daughters-in-law), William H., III (Jane), Lexington, Mark B. (Peggy), Savannah, Ga., and Paul D. (Angela), Marion, Ala.; and four grandchildren, Christie, Arthur, Madeline and Olivia.

Bill was born in Princeton, W.Va., where his father worked for the Railway Express Agency and his mother worked as a church secretary. Bill excelled in school, both athletically and academically. He was a star member of the 1943 Princeton High School Tigers runner-up state championship basketball team and was also the president of his 1943 Senior Class. He received athletic scholarships to West Virginia University (WVU), where he played center on the basketball team and tackle on the Mountaineers' football team while maintaining academic excellence receiving his Phi Beta Kappa key and a Bachelor of Science in business administration in January 1949. His most famous football moment came in the fall of 1944 when WVU defeated Penn State in State College, Pennsylvania. With WVU defending on its own 7 yard line late in the fourth quarter, he recovered a Penn State fumble to win the game. The victory at State College was repeated by only two other WVU teams in the long history of the rivalry, which ceased in 1992. Bill was also a member of the Alpha Theta Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. His college education was interrupted when he served the post-World War II occupational force in the Army in the 350th Infantry, 88th Div. ETO, 5 Army NATO, WVANG & ORC. He served in Italy, but also played basketball for the U.S. Army in Europe.

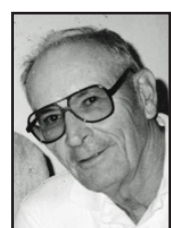
In 1947 he married Elizabeth Ann Baber in Morgantown, and was employed as an accountant for the local Ford automobile dealership. He was then offered a position with Mathieson Chemical Company in Morgantown, which would become a lifelong career. In 1955, his work transferred him to the Olin-Mathieson corporate offices in Baltimore, Md., and the family settled in Catonsville, Md. They joined the Christian Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Catonsville. In 1959, Bill was transferred to the Olin-Mathieson Chemical Plant near Brandenburg, where the family would make their home and become members of Brandenburg United Methodist Church. Bill had a passion for golf and was involved in the design of the Hillcrest Country Club's golf course. He also enjoyed volunteer coaching Little League football and serving as a Scoutmaster. In 1964, Bill became an accounting engineer, working for Olin's corporate offices in Stamford, Conn., but retained residence in Brandenburg.

Bill retired from Olin in 1985 and in retirement, split his time between Brandenburg and Sun City, Ariz., where he continued his love of golf, was a member of the United States Golf Association and worked as a PGA Marshall for the Phoenix Open. He studied Native American lifestyle, art and culture and took many sight-seeing trips in the desert southwest.

In 2000, he returned to Brandenburg to live full time until advancing Alzheimer's disease required his relocation to Marshview Retirement Community in Savannah, Ga., in late 2006. He later moved to Shadowmoss Plantation Alzheimer's Care Facility, where he resided until his death.

A memorial service will be held July 6, 2013, at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church in Princeton, W.Va. A graveside service will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 6100 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205. www.alz.org. 21tpd



PAULETTE MARIA SCOVIL

Paulette Maria Scovil, 47, Brandenburg, died May 16, 2013 at her residence.

She was a member of Glad Tidings Christian Church in Brandenburg.

Mrs. Scovil is survived by her husband, Clinton K. Scovil; and a son, Keith Clinton Scovil, both of Brandenburg. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. June 2, at Glad Tidings Christian Center in Brandenburg, with Pastor Larry Powell officiating.

Condolences may be left online at www.coffeyandchism.com.

JANE ANN "JANIE" HOFF WALTERS

Jane Ann "Janie" Hoff Walters, 62, Brandenburg, died May 17, 2013, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. She was born Jan 22, 1951 in Batesville, Ind., to the late Eugene and Virginia Benz Hoff.

She was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Brandenburg; taught elementary school in Batesville, Ind., the Meade County School system, and West Point Independent schools; was a Developmental Interventionist in the First Steps program based in Elizabethtown; loved working with children and enjoyed walking in the woods. She brought joy to many people, and was even known as the "Pooh" Lady.

Mrs. Walters is survived by her loving husband, Ron Walters; three children, Lynsey (James) O'Donnell, Gretta Walters, and Casey Walters, all of Louisville; a sister, Terry Dildy, Houston, Texas; two brothers, Gary Hoff, Middletown, Ohio, and Ron Hoff, Knoxville, Tenn.

Funeral services were held May 21, at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Brandenburg. Burial was in Louisville Memorial Gardens East. Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the WHAS Crusade for Children, 520 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

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WILLIAM C. WESTFALL

William C. Westfall, 75, Brandenburg, died May 15, 2013, at Harrison County Hospital in Corydon, Ind. He was born in Newcastle, Pa., on July 26, 1937, the son of the late Charles and Anna Dockman Westfall.

He served in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserves; worked in Pittsburgh at Buick as a mechanic as well as Radcliff Transmission.

Mr. Westfall is survived by his wife of 50 years, Laura Westfall; two children, Bridget (Buddy) Fincham, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Russell (Susan) Corbett, West Point; three grandchildren, Miranda Fincham, Pittsburgh, Roy (Jessie) Fincham, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Laura Chandler, Louisville; and two great-grandchildren, Brandon Fincham and Ayla Chandler.

Graveside funeral services were held May 20, at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff. Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the funeral home to help with final expenses.

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Minister's Corner



By FATHER BOB ABEL, St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi and St. Theresa Catholic parishes

Some call them evangelists. Some call them proselytizers. I think we should call all of them "missionaries."

Usually the term "missionary" is reserved for those who try to convert non-Christians to Christianity. But if we agree that we all share in the mission of Jesus, and, therefore, all the baptized have been sent on that mission (making them missionaries) - then all that needs to be discussed is, "What is the mission of Jesus in which we share?"

I am aware of a certain slogan used by several Christian groups: "Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ." I believe that this is how we share in the mission of Jesus. We commit ourselves to a friendship with another, then share with them how we see Jesus (or his Spirit) acting in our lives.

And here comes the hard part - that's where we're supposed to stop.

We may have many doctrines or laws that we want to make sure they are aware of. We may have certain truths that have been passed on through tradition - written or oral. We may think it's absolutely necessary that they accept these truths. That's where we would be wrong.

Oh, later on, we may want to sit down with them with a cup of coffee and discuss history and theology and Scripture. But the mission of Jesus simply asks us to make an introduction.

The real question for a missionary is this: "How much do I trust Jesus?" Do I trust Jesus enough to leave my new-found friend alone with Him? Or do I need to make sure that all the points get covered, all the questions answered my way?

For a missionary, the hard part isn't finally going on the mission. The hard part is ending the mission and trusting my friend with Jesus.

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HARDIN FAMILY THANKS

The family of Clarence R. Hardin, Guston, feels blessed by the love and support shown by our friends, neighbors and church community in our recent days of sorrow following Clarence's death. So many have given time and labor, and others have given comfort and encouragement. Together, you have proven that our community has a strength and compassion that shines through in difficult times. You cannot know how much your kind words and good deeds have meant to us. We will not be able to thank each of you personally, but our faith in this community grows. We praise God to be blessed with such friends and neighbors.

Mable Hardin, William Hardin, Cliff Hardin, John Hardin and Janet (Hardin) Stewart

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