

Obituaries

JESSE O. BANDY

Jesse O. Bandy, 88, Irvington, died Sept. 5, 2012, at his residence. He was born Sept. 20, 1923, to the late Guy Roy and Annie Mary Bandy.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II; a member of the Bewleyville United Methodist Church - where he faithfully attended without missing a Sunday for over 14 years; retired from Civil Service at Fort Knox where he was a manager at the commissary; and a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorena Madeline Dowell Bandy.

Mr. Bandy is survived by two daughters, Donna (Eugene) Paul, Irvington; and Doris (Randall) Priest, Hardinsburg; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, from the chapel of Alexander Funeral Home in Irvington. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hosparus of Central Kentucky, P.O. Box 2149, Elizabethtown, KY, 42702-9900; or to Bewleyville United Methodist Church Fund.

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

JUDY LOU BROWN

Judy Lou Brown, 68, Big Spring, died Sept. 5, 2012, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown.

She was a devoted Christian.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband, Ronald C. Brown, Big Spring; three sons, Johnnie Brown and Marc Brown, both of Big Spring, and William Brown, Valley Station; five grandchildren, Ashley Brown, Sarah Brown, Keith Brown, Alexis Brown, and Brookelin Brown; a sister, Genevieve Clark, Sarasota, Fla.; and three brothers, Dennis Wilson, and Marc Wilson, both of Old Town, Fla., and Donald Wilson, Sarasota, Fla.

Cremation was chosen by her family. Coffey & Chism Funeral Home in Vine Grove, was in charge of the arrangements.

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

ERIC L. COLLINS

Eric L. Collins, 34, Brandenburg, died Sept. 4, 2012, at his residence. He was born Aug. 24, 1978, in Waynesboro, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John "Rex" and Lela Collins; and mother-in-law, Carol Liebig.

Mr. Collins is survived by his wife, Sayra Lyn Liebig Collins, Brandenburg; a daughter, Gracee Lane Collins; a son, Michael Brice Collins; his mother, Sheila Ann Smith, Gulf Shores, Miss.; his stepfather, Joseph E. Smith; two sisters, Shanna Harris Jones and Kayla Harris; two brothers, John Owen Scogin and Kiowa Wally; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7, from the chapel of Bruington Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society.

JOHN LOWE

John Lowe, 69, Guston, died Sept. 10, 2012, at the Norton Medical Pavilion, Hosparus In-Patient Unit. He was born Dec. 11, 1942.

Mr. Lowe is survived by his dear friends, Ray and Lovell Cottrell.

Memorial services will be held Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. from the chapel of the Hager Funeral Home, with Chaplain Larry Vance officiating.

Friends and family may call at the funeral home Sept. 14, at 5 p.m.

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

Messenger Hours:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



ILA "JOE" POLLOCK

Ila "Joe" Pollock, 86, Louisville, died Sept. 6, 2012.

He was a retired chief petty officer with the U.S. Coast Guard; a retired electronics technician for Naval Ordnance; and former owner/operator of Pollocks Electronics. He was a member of Cove Baptist Church; a Kentucky Colonel; a ham radio operator with the MARS network; former president of the Greater Louisville HamFest; and a former member of the skeet and trap shooting club of Naval Ordnance.

Mr. Pollock is survived by his wife, Helen Whitworth Pollock; a daughter, Connie Ann Pollock; two sons, Richard Glenn and Joseph Dale Pollock; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, from the chapel of Heady-Hardy Funeral Home. Burial was in Raymond Baptist Church Cemetery in Raymond.

Expressions of sympathy make take the form of contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

JORDAN "J.P." CALEB PROFFITT

Jordan "J.P." Caleb Proffitt, 20, died Aug. 31, 2012, in Meadville, Pa. He was born March 31, 1992, in Miami, Fla., to John A. Proffitt Jr. and Regina L. Saviola-Tucker.

He attended Saegertown High School in Saegertown, Pa., and was enrolled at the Fortis Institute HVAC. He also worked as a chef at Valenza Restaurant in Meadville. He enjoyed spending time with his friends; University of Kentucky basketball; New York Yankees baseball; and the Pittsburgh Steelers football, as well as working at Valenza. He dedicated himself to the HVAC School and his beloved sisters, Madison Ezzell and Whitney Proffitt, Hartsburg, Ill., and Miriah and Sophie Proffitt, Meadville, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his beloved maternal grandmother ("Nana") Bette Fisher; his maternal great-grandmother ("Mamaw") Ethel Fisher; maternal great-grandfather Louis Saviola; and his Uncle Tony Saviola.

Mr. Proffitt is survived by his mother, Regina (Robert) Saviola-Tucker, Hartsburg, Ill.; his maternal grandfather, Peter (Judy) Saviola, Locust Grove, Va.; maternal great-grandfather, Harvey Fisher, Brandenburg; maternal great-grandmother, Palma Saviola, Centerreach, N.Y.; his father, John Proffitt Jr.; paternal grandfather, John Proffitt Sr., Hillsboro, Ohio; paternal grandmother, Susie Ashley, Louisville; paternal great-grandmother, Gussie Johnson, Brayant, Ark.; stepmother, Mary Lou Collins-Proffitt; niece, Revae Proffitt; and nephew, Mariano "MO" Proffitt; aunts and uncles, Kim (Bob) Cox, Columbus, Ind., Shara Timberlake, Brandenburg, Greg Timberlake, Radcliff, and Robin (Andy) Saviola; and cousins, Anthony, Christopher, Jonathan and Victoria Cox and Damien Timberlake. He also leaves behind many adored friends and loved ones, as well as many he touched along his journey through life.

Funeral services were held at Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home and Crematory on Sept. 6. A memorial service will also be held in Hartsburg, Ill., on Sept. 22.

Condolences may be left on a special Facebook page in care of his sisters at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/RIP-Jordan-Caleb-Proffitt/101420416679290>



WILLIAM "SONNY" TRIPLETT

William "Sonny" Triplett, 61, formerly of Bewleyville, died Sept. 7, 2012, in Toledo, Ohio. He was born Feb. 19, 1951, in Louisville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Terry Brian.

Mr. Triplett is survived by his wife, Barbara Triplett, of Michigan; his parents, Lloyd and Maxine Triplett, Bewleyville; three stepchildren, Michael Roberts, Snellville, Ga., Steven Roberts, Louisville, and Owana Curtsinger, Vine Grove; three sisters, Betty Braun, Barbara Sosh, and Melissa Gonterman; two brothers, Tommy and Lee Triplett; 25 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. EDT at Bethel Cemetery in Bewleyville.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 800 S. Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio, 43609. Website: www.hospicenwo.org.

Just because it's free doesn't mean it's free

By REV. JAMES L. SNYDER

Whenever somebody mentions the word "free" in my presence, my right eye turns a vivid jaundice. It is not that I have anything against the word "free;" just the person who is trying to use it to gain some kind of an advantage over me. I know anybody employing this monoversion, is hiding some very long strings.

My father taught me a long time ago that there are no free lunches. Occasionally, somebody will advertise a free lunch and I go and find out the lunch is free but they are going to charge you to get out of that restaurant. In the end, it would have been cheaper to buy my own lunch.

My philosophy is simply this; if I cannot afford it, I do not want it. In my vast experience down through the years, I have discovered that I cannot afford "free." And I think I know why. My understanding of the word "free" and the person employing that word is not the same.

When I use the word "free," I am insinuating that there is absolutely no cost associated with this product whatsoever.

When others use the word "free," they often are insinuating that I am just a free market for them to take advantage of in the neighborhood of my money. Unfortunately, I do not live in that neighborhood anymore.

I especially do not accept any "free offers" via the telephone. If someone has something to give me for nothing, let him come to my door, hand it to me, shake my hand and get out of Dodge. To me, that's what "free" is all about.

Just the other day I received one of those telephone calls. I must confess that I was in a rather curmudgeon attitude and was just looking around for someone on which to spit my scorn.

Then the telephone rang.

When I answered the phone, it turned out to be someone offering me - absolutely free - with no cost to me absolutely, a free crime prevention program for my blessed domicile.

"No thank you, Sir," I said as politely as I could. "I'm not really interested."

I assure you I have no PhD or DD attached to my name whatsoever and yet as simple as I am, I understood what the phrase "I'm not really interested" was all about. Not so, my affable telephone caller.

"But I assure you, Sir, that this program is absolutely free to you. It's our way to say thank you to some of our customers." He rattled on as though we were having only a one-way conversation. If this is going to be a one-way conversation, who will take up the offering? I think I know.

After five long minutes of him telling me how important it was for me to have security in my home and how his product was absolutely free to me, I finally got a word

in edgewise.

"But I have my own security system, thank you."

There is a slight pause and then he said, "What is your home security system, if I may ask?"

All right. I will confess right now that I had a wee bit of naughtiness on my mind, but in my own defense the telephone caller opened the door. I always believe where there is an open door somebody ought to step in.

"My home security system is called, Napoleon-Two-Claws, and furthermore I'm quite satisfied with it."

There was another pause on the other end of the phone and I heard someone clear their throat and then ask, "I've never heard of that program. What is 'Napoleon-Two-Claws'?"

You know what it is like when you are trying not to laugh and it is about all you can do not to laugh? For a brief moment, I felt a little bit guilty, but then I remembered who was on the other end of the phone. Somebody that was trying to con me with some kind of "free" thingamajig.

"The 'Napoleon-Two-Claws' home security program that I have in my house is my cat. I call him Napoleon because he walks around with his right paw stuck in his coat between two buttons."

There was an extended pause on the other end of the phone and finally he said, "What would you do, Sir, if someone broke into your house?"

"I'd send flowers to the funeral."

"The funeral? Who's funeral?"

"Why, the funeral of the guy who tried to break into my house while 'Napoleon-two-Claws' was on duty. The first moment an intruder would enter into my home, good old Napoleon would claw that sorry person to death."

Then feeling good about my momentum at this point I continued, "I live there and I have a hard time getting in my house without being clawed to death by Napoleon. And I feed the cat. My cat is the meanest, grumpiest, cantankerous animal on God's green earth. If anybody - and I mean anybody - can get past Napoleon, they can have anything in my house. Absolutely free."

At that moment, I heard a distinctive "click" and I realized our conversation was over. I guess whatever he had that was "free" did not measure up to good old 'Napoleon-Two-Claws'.

The only one I trust to give me something is God. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

What Jesus gives is absolutely free.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

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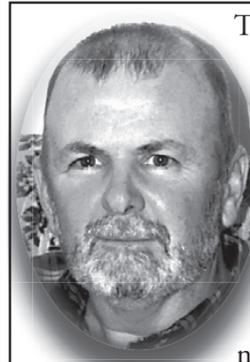
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The family of Mr. Kelly Wathen would like to thank everyone for any and all acts of kindness shown to him and his family during his illness and passing. Thank you, Payneville School and community for your never-ending prayers and support. Thank you, Payneville

Fire Dept. and surrounding departments, for helping to make his last wishes so memorable. Thank you, Deacon Greg and Shirley Beavin for your prayers, support and friendship through this difficult journey. Kelly loved his family and friends and he took pride in his community. How blessed we are!