

OBITUARIES

BILL ALLEN

Bill Allen, 53, Brandenburg, Ky., died Jan. 4, 2015, at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Ray and Marteen Allen; three brothers, Ronnie Cravens Sr., Douglas Allen Sr. and Kenneth Allen; and a sister, Teresa Owens.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Allen, Brandenburg; six children, Diana Allen, Andy (Nikki) Rogers, Aleigha Clarkson, all of Brandenburg, William (Natasha) Allen, Davy Allen, both of Ekron, Ky. and Ricky (Tami) Lowe, Corydon, Ind.; 14 grandchildren, Brittany, Austin, Alyssa, Maggie, Julia, Abby, Andie, Kloe, Bentley, Summer, Ally, Heaven, Zach and Rileigh; four brothers, Joe (Stella) Cravens, Louisville, Dennis (Judy) Allen, John Allen, both of Guston, Ky., and Danny Allen, Elizabethtown, Ky.; three sisters, Missy (Kenny) Miller, Kim Allen, both of Brandenburg, and Patricia Allen, Sonora, Ky.; and special nieces and nephews, Courtney and James Drum, Hunter Lynch and Isiah Glynn.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7 from the chapel of the Hager Funeral Home. Rev. Randy Johnson officiated. Burial followed in New Highland Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be expressed at www.hagerfuneralhome.com.

CARMIN F. STEARNS BARTLETT

Carmin F. Stearns Bartlett, 65, Irvington, Ky., died Dec. 29, 2014 at Breckinridge Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 17, 1949 to the late William S. and Francesca Balner Stearns.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Billy Oldolf Stearns.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Bartlett; two sons, Bruce and Kenneth Bartlett Jr.; a sister, Debra Hedges; a brother, David Stearns; and two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Cremation was chosen by the family. Alexander Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

BERNETT LOIS BOARD

Bernett Lois Board, 81, Guston, Ky., died Jan. 3, 2015 at North Hardin Health and Rehab in Radcliff, Ky.

She was born Oct. 30, 1933 to the late Theodore and Bessarine Tabor Hubbard.

She was preceded in death by her son, Danny Gordon Board; and a sister, Laverne Mattingly.

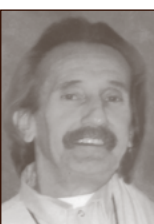
She is survived by her husband, Bucky Board, Guston; a daughter, Malinda Board, Guston; two brothers, Randall and Edwin Hubbard, both of Guston; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was a longtime member of Hill Grove Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7 at Hill Grove Baptist Church in Guston.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

DENNIS ALAN GIBSON

Dennis Alan Gibson, 59, Brandenburg, Ky., died Dec. 28, 2014.

He was born Dec. 25, 1955 in Los Angeles, Calif. to Geraldine Vigil Gibson and the late Kenneth Ray Gibson.

He was preceded in death by his father; his brothers, Jim Gibson and Eugene Gibson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Gibson; mother; daughter, Angela Boots, Simivalley, Calif.; sisters, Kimberly (Don) Little, Dianna Lopez, Tina Fraizer; brothers, David Gibson and Mitchell Gibson; mother-in-law, Kenlynn Fuqua; sister-in-laws, Becky (Gomer) Pile, Sue (Jimmy) Compton, Jean Williams, Richard Little and Kenny Little; four grandchildren, Megan and Michelle Arnold and McKenna and Madison Boots; and many nieces and nephews.

He was an auto mechanic for most of his life; a member of St. John's Catholic Church; a friend to everyone he met, a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2 from the Chapel of the Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home in Brandenburg. Pastor Tony Golladay officiated. Cremation was chosen.

Condolences may be expressed at www.bjsfunerals.com.

RONALD EUGENE HARLAN

Ronald Eugene Harlan, 55, Radcliff, Ky., died Dec. 30, 2014 at Westlake Regional Hospital in Columbia, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his father Geofferey Harlan; a son, JR Harlan; a brother-in-law Rickey Calhoun; and his father-in-law, Mackie Calhoun.


He is survived by his wife, Patty Harlan, Radcliff, Ky.; his mother, Sandy Harlan; his brother, Bob Harlan; two granddaughters, Alyssia, Brianne; three step grandsons, Brandon, Brett, Coby; two stepsons, Jerry, and Danny; and a stepdaughter, Lisa.

The Funeral Service was held Jan. 3, 2015 at Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home in Radcliff. Burial in Vine Grove Cemetery, in Vine Grove.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nebfh.com.

Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SOPHIE LIROT

Sophie Lirot, 86, Vine Grove, Ky., died Jan. 3, 2015 at Kensington Manor, Elizabethtown, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allan F. Lirot; two sons, John Paul Lirot and Allan Lirot.

She is survived by one son, Tom (Patty) Lirot, Vine Grove; one daughter, Marion Stewart, Elizabethtown, Ky.; three grandchildren, Zachary Stewart, Thomas Regan Lirot, and Ashleigh Lirot.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8 at the chapel of Coffey & Chism Funeral Home, Vine Grove. Pastor Jeff Noel officiated. Burial followed in the North Hardin Memorial Gardens, Radcliff.

Condolences may be expressed at www.coffeyandchism.com.

CAROL B. LOWER

Carol B. Lower, 78, Radcliff, Ky. died Jan. 4, 2015 at North Hardin Health and Rehabilitation Center, Radcliff.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Rosalee Brasser.

She is survived by her husband, David B. Lower, Radcliff; four children, Timothy (Janet) Lower, Stafford, Va., Amy (Rob) Shackelford, Mason, Ohio, Heidi (Larry) Hanken, Fort Knox, Ky., Steven (Leslie) Lower, Fort Hood, Texas; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marylyn Carson, N.Y., and Rosemary Fregoe, Ariz.

She was a member of the Radcliff United Methodist Church and the V.F.W. Post #10281 Ladies Auxiliary.


Visitation will be at Coffey & Chism Funeral Home Jan. 9 from 1-2 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Jan. 9 from the chapel of Coffey & Chism Funeral Home, Vine Grove, Ky. with Rev. Darren Gillespie officiating.

Burial will be at 11 a.m., Jan. 12, at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff.

Condolences may be expressed at www.coffeyandchism.com.

MICAH WARREN MCKINNEY


Micah Warren McKinney, 32, Vine Grove, Ky., died Dec. 31, 2014, at his residence.

He is survived by his parents, Bernard French and Virginia Warren McKinney; two brothers, Jeff (Elaine) McKinney, Ekron, Ky., French (Michelle) McKinney, Louisville, Ky.; his grandmother, Nora McKinney, Vine Grove, Ky.; a niece, Jena McKinney, Ekron, Ky.; and a nephew, Keith McKinney, Ekron, Ky.

Funeral Services were held at the chapel of the Hager Funeral Home, with Rev. Randy Johnson, officiating. Burial followed in Grahampton Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.hagerfuneralhome.com.

DONALD "DON" MORRIS

Donald "Don" Morris, 60, Radcliff, Ky. died on Jan. 3, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rita and Jake Morris; and one sister, Pam Hubbard.


He is survived by his loving wife, Doris Morris, Radcliff; two daughters, Kitty (Steven) Carver, Tammy (Kevin) Hardman; five grandchildren, Daniel Carver, Caitlyn Carver, Aleczander Hardman, Olivia Hardman, Julianne Hardman; one great-granddaughter, Audrey Grace Carver; one brother, Johnny (Lynn) Morris; three sisters, Terri (Jay) Washburn Conlin, Gina (Dan) Sundheimer, Karen (Todd) Seibel; and several nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and lots of friends.

He served his country for 20 years. Most of the time, serving with the 2/11 ACR Black Horse, U.S. Army.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7 at the chapel of Coffey & Chism Funeral Home, Vine Grove, Ky. Chaplain Sonny Hernandez officiated. Burial followed in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, with military honors.

Condolences may be expressed at www.coffeyandchism.com.

ALICE ANN PFOST

Alice Ann Pfof, 67, Vine Grove, Ky. died Jan. 2, 2015 at Hosparus Inpatient Care Center, Louisville, Ky.

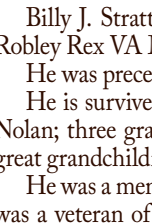
She is survived by her husband, Layton Pfof, Vine Grove; one daughter, Kaytie (Dale) Georgel, Vine Grove; two sons, Rick (Christy) Pfof, Bardstown, Ky., Michael Pfof, Lexington, Ky.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Agnes (Harold) Yates, Vine Grove; one brother, Bobby (Marsha) Singer, White Mills, Ky.; and a host of family and many friends.

She was a member of St. Brigid Catholic Church where she was a Eucharistic Minister. She was a former member of the St. Brigid Parish Council, Vine Grove Homemakers where she was currently serving as treasurer, Vine Grove Board of Adjustments, secretary and treasurer for the Double Nickel Plus and High Noon bowling leagues. She loved bowling and traveling so much that she bowled in the nationals, state, seniors, and the Senior Olympic tournaments.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 6, 2015 at St. Brigid Catholic Church, Vine Grove. Rev. Daniel Lincoln officiated. Burial followed in the St. Brigid Cemetery, Vine Grove.

Condolences may be expressed at www.coffeyandchism.com.

BILLY J. STRATTON

Billy J. Stratton, 86, Radcliff, Ky., died Jan. 02, 2015 at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center, Louisville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shelia Kessler.


He is survived by his wife, Faye Stratton; one daughter, Jane Nolan; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Glenna Smith and Betty Blue.

He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church, Radcliff. He was a veteran of the United States Army and the United States Air Force.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6 at the chapel of Coffey & Chism Funeral Home, Vine Grove, Ky. Pastor P. Martin officiated. Burial followed in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff with military honors.

Condolences may be expressed at www.coffeyandchism.com.

DEBORAH SUE HARTLEY PIKE

Deborah Sue Hartley Pike, 59, Payneville, Ky. died Dec. 30, 2014 at the Episcopal Church Home, Louisville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Pike; a son, Matt Pike; and her father, Ronald Hartley.

She is survived by three children, Allison (Greg) Jupin, Brandenburg, Ky., Barrett (Stacy) Pike, Webster, Ky., and Alicia Pike, Louisville; her mother, Freda Hartley, Brandenburg; and six grandchildren, Dillan, Jaydan and Kaylan Jupin, Kirstin, Reese and Rylee Pike; and a daughter-in-law, Nancy Hobbs, Flaherty, Ky.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 3, 2015 from St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Payneville, Ky. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take form of contributions to the Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD), 290 King of Prussia Road, Building 2, Suite 320, Radnor, PA 19301.

Condolences may be expressed at www.hagerfuneralhome.com.

JOSEPH EDWARD WHELAN

Joseph Edward Whelan, 57, died Dec. 22, 2014. He was born May 8, 1957.

He was preceded in death by his loving mom and dad, Lucia and Joseph Clyde Whelan.

He is survived by his sisters, Elizabeth Whelan-Pacelli, Mary Whelan and Donna Whelan-Miranda, all of California.

Visitation services were held at Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home.

He grew up in San Francisco, Calif., and was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School. He went to the University of California, Davis.

There may be something insignificant as a name: Four Syllables – Two high and Sweet – Joseph, Two Low and Deep – Whelan, This name will summon up the innumerable smiles, tears, sigh and dreams of a human life. And so, when you think of Joe his heart will brim and thanks for visiting the echo of his name.

Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Kosair Charities.

Condolences may be expressed at www.bjsfunerals.com.

Minister's Corner

*By Wes Pinkley
Senior Pastor
Ekron Baptist Church*

As this is my first opportunity to write an article, and being somewhat still new to the area, I thought it best to share an introduction. I am Wes Pinkley, the pastor of Ekron Baptist Church.

As the old joke goes, I began life at an early age. That beginning was in Honolulu, Hawaii. I have had the privilege of living also in Texas, Illinois, Georgia, Colorado, and Florida. The majority of my younger years were spent in the Daytona Beach area where I enjoyed the beach, the Ponce Inlet lighthouse, and the Daytona International Speedway.

It was in college that I became a Christian. Church had not mattered to me for a while as I had found it boring and without a connecting purpose for my life, and yet I returned, all because an enthusiastic Sunday school teacher who kept inviting me to class and a small-group study in his home. This group helped me make the connection of the Bible to life and Christ. Later, while still involved in that same group, I understood God was calling me to become a minister. You can hear more of my story at <http://www.tellyourstory.today/stories/wes-n-from-kentucky>.

While studying in Fort Worth, I met my wife Melissa. This year, we are celebrating twenty-one

years of marriage. Each year draws us closer to each other and to God. Melissa and I keep our marriage strong by praying together, seeking God as the center of our lives, and making sure that we have time for each other. You can often find us in the aisles of an antique or old book store seeking treasures.

Our family consists of four children, all of which have their own special interests and abilities. They are a great joy to me; and each one shares particular common hobbies. With Ben (18), I play chess, discuss books, and golf. Micah (16) and I home roast coffee and play video games, Levi (15) and I go fishing and do wood working, and Abby (12) shops with me for all sorts of things. Lottie, our Border collie mix keeps stray cat Jeffery in line while our other cat Angel looks on.


I am thrilled with the adventure of being the shepherd at Ekron Baptist Church. Through many events I can see how God shaped my life in order to mold me to fit this church family.

I would like to invite you all to visit our church. In John 17:3 it says, "And this is eternal life that they may know you the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." As pastor, I wish to help people fully understand what it means to have the redemptive relationship with Christ that makes life worth living.

Wes Pinkley

The family of

Rachel Heavrin



wishes to thank everyone for all acts of kindness, love and support during her illness and passing. Special thanks to the girls who stayed with her at night.

Ken Heavrin, Kenny and Brian.

The family of

Thelma Nelson Severs

Would like to take time to thank everyone for the outpouring of kindness and support in the sudden passing of our Amazing Momma.

Thanks for all the beautiful flowers, gifts, cards and the donations to the Union Star Cemetery Fund. To Dr. Patel, Dr. West, ER staff, the wonderful nurses, and the CNA's at Breck Memorial who took such great care of our Momma.

A very special thank you to Trent-Dowell Funeral Home for making the whole process a little easier at this very difficult time. Bro. Jeff Masey for the service. Everyone that brought food and to Jamie, Patrick, Shelia, Marlene, Robin and Brenda for the wonderful meal after the service.

Our Momma was an amazing, loving, caring, beautiful woman that we will all miss.

With much gratitude.

Jr, Paul, Bill, Jan, Larry, Judy, David, Dale, Kevin, Robin and Becky