

Obituaries

Cornell Moore King

Cornell Moore King, 91, of Cornersville, TN, passed away on Dec. 31, 2022, at his home. He was born Jan. 19, 1931, to Guy Reeves King and Willie Emma Moore King.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Donald Reeves King and his wife Joanne and his sister, Angie Merrill Vanhooser and her husband, RW.

Cornell was the cornerstone of his family. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Charlotte Crunk King; daughters, Vylatte King Gooch and husband Terry of Lewisburg and Susanne King Wilson and husband Wendell of Crossville; sons, James Mickey King and wife, Kathy and Richard Blake King and wife, Robin both of Cornersville; Leslie Scott King and wife, Annette of Huntland, TN. Additionally, Cornell is survived by 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Much of Cornell's life was consumed with agriculture. In his early years, he worked on a multi-generational dairy farm where he continued the tradition with his children. In his nature, he expanded the farm with hogs, tobacco, ponies, and beef cattle. He worked with expanding the economy of Cornersville with his family and opened King's Feed Supply.



The town of Cornersville meant so much to Cornell; he worked with other families to keep the high school located in the town. To ensure the school's success, he was very active in athletics through himself, his children, grandchildren and now, great grandchildren. He was also active with the Cornersville Lions Club earning Lion of the Decade, helping with the construction of the show ring, and served as ring master for many years. Cornell served as a member of the school board for 15 years. With his wife Charlotte, he drove the school bus for many years on an active route and to various sporting events.

As an avid member of the Farm Bureau, the American Angus Association and various other agricultural memberships, Cornell earned various awards, including Farmer of the Year and received various grants. Farming as a way of life was so im-

portant to Cornell as he passed the tradition to his family and grandchildren. In 2022, Cornell King was awarded the high designation of owning a century farm. So many of his children and grandchildren own active farms now, including the great grandchildren showing cattle today.

In addition to farming and family, faith was truly a way of life for Cornell. He was an active member of the Cornersville United Methodist Church.

Visitation with the family and friends took place Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, from 3 -7 p.m. at Cornersville Funeral Home.

A celebration of life service was held at Cornersville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, and burial followed in New Hope Ostella Cemetery. Visitation with the family preceded the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cornersville United Methodist Church or the Cornell King Memorial scholarship fund at CB&S Bank, which will be awarded to a Cornersville High School graduate pursuing a degree in the agriculture industry.

Cornersville Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Bobby Lee McDaniel

Bobby Lee McDaniel, 78, of Cornersville, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at his residence.

He was a native of Marshall County, the son of the late R.Z. and Margaret Lee McDaniel. He was a Cornersville graduate of the 1962 class, warehouse supervisor for Genesco and was an elder of the Cornersville Church of Christ. He was a longtime member of the Cornersville Lions Club, where he was he was Show Chairman for over 40 years, and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2019. The show grounds were named in his honor in 2022.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne McDaniel and a



sister, Peggy Davis.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kay McDaniel; one daughter, Linda Bassham of Cornersville and one son, Robby McDaniel of Cornersville; one sister, Patsy (Jack) Cox of Arkansas; two grandsons, Chuck and Chase Bassham; one great-grandson, Cam-

den Bassham; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. from the Cornersville Church of Christ, 311 N. Main St. Cornersville, TN 37047 with burial to follow in Beechwood Cemetery.

Visitation with the family began Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Cornersville Funeral Home and continued Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at the church from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornersville Church of Christ Building Fund.

Cornersville Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Claude Ashton McMillion

Claude Ashton McMillion, 84, of Lewisburg, TN, was born on March 25, 1938, and died Jan. 4, 2023. He was the son of the late Vella Lilly McMillion Knapp and Claude Augustus McMillion of West Virginia. After the untimely death of his father, his mother remarried to Emmett Grayson Knapp, Jr. of Alderson, WV.

First Presbyterian Church and Bethbirei Presbyterian Church will host a service in honor of Claude's contributions to the community at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at first Presbyterian Church, 122 N 2nd Ave (on the square) in Lewisburg.

Reverend McMillion is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Stewart McMillion of Lewisburg, TN; children, Kim Holly (Dr. Rhea Holly) of Franklin, TN, Andy McMillion



of Madison, TN, Mike McMillion of Nashville, TN and Laura Mitchell (Darryl Mitchell) of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Grayson Mitchell and Briggs Mitchell of Charleston, SC.

Reverend McMillion was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg. He received his B.A. degree from Southwestern at Memphis, TN (now Rhodes College) and his masters degree from Union Theological Sem-

inary in Richmond, VA. He served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Churches of Rockbridge Baths, VA, Floyd, VA, Lewisburg, TN, and the Bethbirei Presbyterian Church in Marshall County, TN. He served the Presbytery in several ways, including as moderator three times. He served the Marshall County community for 22 years as a school board member with ten of those years as chairman of the board. He also coached youth baseball in Marshall County for 30 years.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church. (122 N Second Avenue, Lewisburg, TN 37091)

Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to assist the family with cremation arrangements.

Courtney Claire Parsons

Courtney Claire Parsons, 41, of Fayetteville, TN, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at Tristar Skyline Medical Center.

She was born in Huntsville, AL, on Feb. 1, 1981, to Hillard Parsons and the late Pam Thomas Parsons. She was a wedding event planner and a member of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Fayetteville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Pam Thomas Parsons.

She is survived by her father, Hillard (Patti) Parsons of Lewisburg; sister, Bethany Reish-



man; two step-brothers, Kris (Kara) Blalock and Tyler (Kendra) Blalock; several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Donations may be

made to Lewisburg First United Methodist Church or St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Fayetteville in her honor.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at 3 p.m. from the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church.

Visitation with the family will begin at the church on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 3 p.m.

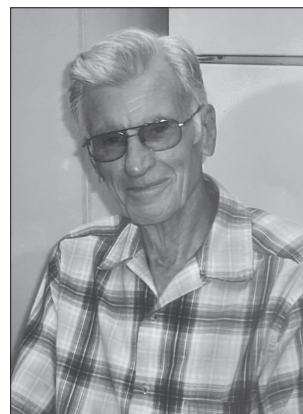
London Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Gerald Sorrells "Bugger" Welch

Gerald Sorrells "Bugger" Welch, 90, of Petersburg, TN, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at Donalson Care Center. He was born on July 4, 1932, son of the late William Oliver and Lizzie Mai Sorrells Welch. He was a veteran and a retired employee of the Lincoln Farmers Co-Op.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Millie Ruth Smith Welch; sister, Edith Wells; and brother, Marion Welch.

Mr. Welch is survived by his daughter: Sylvia (Ricky) Wilburn of Lewisburg; sons; Jackie (Julie) Welch and Dar-



shall Welch all of Petersburg; grandchildren; Janessa Mills, Houston

Welch and Jacob Wilburn; and great-grandchildren; Corley Mills, Tripp Mills, Darcy Jones Welch and Ophelia Welch.

Funeral Services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home. Burial followed in Old Orchard Cemetery. Visitation with the family was held Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gerald Sorrells Welch.

Mary Alice "Joyce" Wright

December 24, 1941 - January 9, 2023

Mary Alice (Joyce) Wright, 81, was born Dec. 24, 1941, in the Holts Corner community of Marshall County and was a daughter of the late Claude Esten and Minnie Belle Vaughn Joyce. She attended Forrest School, graduated in 1959, and loved basketball and football.

After marrying, Mary and her family moved to Tuscumbia, AL, where she began her career working at Sears. After 17 years, they returned to Chapel Hill, TN, and shortly afterwards, she began working at Sears in Lewisburg, TN until its closing. Her most rewarding career; however, would soon follow at Duck River Electric in Lewisburg. She very much enjoyed interacting with the public and helping those in need.

Mary enjoyed spending time with her family and she had a passion for antiques and flowers. After retirement, most of her time was spent collecting, restoring and refurbishing old 'things' and tending to and reseeding flowers from generations past. Unfortunately, in the latter part of her life, de-



mentia took away much of her ability to enjoy these passions. However, she always did her best to be sure that they would be carried on by the generations that follow her.

Mary was described by others in many in different ways, but she may forever be known by two things in life... "the lady with the gray hair at Duck River" and "the lady with all the flowers that lives across the street from the funeral home."

Mary Alice is survived by her daughters, Pamela Wright Brown, Lewisburg, TN, Denise Wright (David) McGowen, Murfreesboro, TN, Michelle Wright (Mike) Perryman, Chapel Hill, TN; sister, Virginia Giles, Tullahoma, TN; brother,

Charlie Joyce, Tullahoma, TN; grandchildren, Chris (Morgan) Brown, Ryan Jones, Connor Perryman, Cameron Perryman; great-grandchildren, Shawn Brown, Braden Jones. In addition to her parents, Mary Alice was also preceded in death by a sister, Anna Margaret Gillespie and brothers, James Joyce and Anderson Joyce.

Family members will receive friends on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with David McGowen officiating. Burial will follow in the Joyce-Blackwell-Cromer Cemetery near Chapel Hill.

Her grandsons and great-grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

For those who wish memorial donations, in memory of May Alice Wright, may be made to the Duck River Electric Project Help Fund, at any Duck River Electric office.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Chapel Hill, TN, 364-2233 (www.lawrencefuneral.net) in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Michael "Mike" Sorrells

Kenneth Michael "Mike" Sorrells, 69, of Petersburg, TN, passed away on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at Marshall Medical Center in Lewisburg, TN. He was born May 21, 1953, in Marshall County, TN to the late James Edward "Jack" Sorrells and Evelyn Whorley Sorrells. Mike was a water well driller for over 40 years, and a member of the Hannah's Gap Baptist Church. He loved his family, friends, fishing, hunting, and collecting junk.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Jason Sorrells and brother, Bert Sorrells.



He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kay Bolles Sorrells of Petersburg, TN; daughter, Marie Sorrells of Lewisburg, TN; grandson, Jason "J.D." Mathena; brother, John (Sherry) Sorrells of Lewisburg, TN; mother-in-law, Marie Bolles of Lynchburg, TN; and numerous niec-

es, nephews, family, and friends who love him and will miss him very much.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home with Bro. Scotty Sorrells and Steve Sorrells officiating. Burial will follow in Old Orchard Cemetery. Visitation with the family took place Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home.

Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mike Sorrells.

Max D. Todd

Mr. Max D. Todd, 85, of Chapel Hill, died Jan. 5, 2023, in Nashville. He proudly served our country in the United States Army, was a retired dairy farmer,

and a member of Riggs Church of Christ.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home and interment

followed in Swanson Cemetery.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. handled the arrangements.