

The Jackson County Times Obituary Page is Sponsored By



Leroy Cunnigan

Leroy Cunnigan better known to some as Butch was born June 1, 1947 in London, KY and departed this life Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond, KY, being 70 years of age. He was the son of the late Dewey & Nola (Stewart) Cunnigan.

Leroy is survived by his wife Lorena (Murphy) Cunnigan; by one daughter, Tammy Starcher and her husband John all of Sand Gap. He is also survived by a brother, Raymond Fredrick Cunnigan of Sand Gap and by two sisters, Rachel Reed of Chicago, Illinois and Hazel Ruth Cunnigan of Hamilton, OH. Leroy was blessed with two grandsons, Brandon Clemons and his wife Ann and Jonathon Starcher and by a great grandson, Richard Clemons all of Sand Gap.

In addition to his parents, Leroy was also preceded in death by a son, Wally Riley and by a brother, Tommy Cunnigan.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Friday, March 16, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Wayne Carpenter and Bro. Frank Peters officiating. Burial to follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Starcher, Brandon Clemons, Garrett Murphy, Keith Bowles, Dewey Cunnigan and Denver Singleton. Military services were conducted by the members of the late D.A.V. Jack Welch Chapter #165, Jim Bryant, Bobby Lakes, James G. Byrd, Leon Bales, Dallas Isaacs, Mike Montgomery, Danny Robinson, Shane Morris, Lewis Sparks, Jr. and Bob Scholten.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Loretta Faye (Mercer) Edwards

Loretta Faye (Mercer) Edwards was born November 14, 1938 in Letcher County, KY and departed this life Saturday, March 10, 2018 at her residence in McKee, being 79 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Loronza Dowell Mercer and Susie Frances Case.

Loretta is survived by two sons, Timothy (Crystal) Edwards of McKee, Joey (Penny) Edwards of McKee; two daughters, Jackie (Jeff) Wyrick of Blue Ridge, GA and Tammy Kaye

(David Spurlock) Estes of McKee. She is also survived by the following siblings, Doug Mercer of NC, Kenny Mercer, Loronza Mercer, Clarence Mercer, Darrell Mercer, Betty Mercer, Debbie Collins and Dorothy White all of SC, Katherine Mercer of OH, Evon Richardson and Sondra Caudill both of Jenkins. Loretta was blessed with 13 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Loretta was also preceded in death by a sister, Chloe Triplett; four brothers, Raymond, David, Theron and Christopher Mercer and by her step mother Glaydes Mullins.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Brian Gabbard officiating. Burial to follow in the Edwards Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jim McCowan, Bradley, Justin, Mike & Joe Edwards, Quinton Hollan and Charlie Estes.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jesse Pearl Metcalf

Jesse Pearl Metcalf was born November 20, 1926 in Jackson County and departed this life Sunday, March 11, 2018 at his residence in Tyner, being 91 years of age. He was the son of the late Grant & Laura (Davidson) Metcalf.

Jesse is survived by his loving wife, Irene Metcalf of Tyner and by three daughters, Brenda Sue Ward and her husband Bernard of Tyner, Debra Ann Russell and her husband Parkie Jr. of Tyner and Lisa Lynn Estridge and her husband Lucian of London. Jesse was blessed with 5 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jesse was also preceded in death by two brothers, Chester Metcalf & Brooks Metcalf and by two sisters, Zula Combs & Daisy Coffey.

Jesse was a member of the Mt. Olivet Christian Church. He was also an Elder and song leader in the church. He was also a veteran of the United States Navy.

Funeral service 1:00 PM Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Cheyenne Metcalf, Bro. Aaron Gabbard and Bro. Lucian Estridge officiating. Burial to follow in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Pallbearers, Joseph Gabbard, Aaron Gabbard, Randy Hacker, Shannon Ward, Dwayne Hacker and Jason Howard. Military services were conducted by the following members of the local Jack Welch Chapter #165, Jim Bryant, Bobby Lakes, Leon Bales, James G. Byrd, Danny Robinson, Lewis Sparks Jr., Shane Morris, Dallas Isaacs and Mike Montgomery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Imogene Tompkins

Imogene Tompkins was born March 11, 1927 in Jackson County and departed this life Wednesday, March 7, 2018, being 90 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Hiram & Virgie Smith.

On October 30, 1948 Imogene married the love of her life Benjamin Franklin Tompkins and they were married for 50 years.

In addition to her parents, Imogene was also preceded in death by her husband, Frank Tompkins and by four brothers, Regan, Homer, Jack and Alpine Smith.

Imogene is survived by six children, Benny (Carolyn) Tompkins of Lexington, Ray (Sue) Tompkins of Berea, Brenda (Dennis) Hays of Gray Hawk, Roger (Teresa) Tompkins of Berea, John Tompkins of McKee and Jenny (Jim) Lovins of Berea. She is also survived by two brothers, Dallas (Carol) Smith of New Carlisle, OH and Kirby Joe (Loretta) Smith of Mason, OH and also by two sisters in law, Georgie Smith and Jean Smith. Imogene was blessed with 17 grandchildren, Jeanna Wright, Benj Tompkins, Kristy Fortney, Candy Hampton, Cassie Henry, Shaun Hays, Steph Hays, Aaron Tompkins, Ramey Tompkins, John Adam Tompkins, Cathy Tompkins, Andrew Tompkins, Chance Lovins, Chestney Lovins, Chase Lovins, Chaden Lovins, and Jesslyn Cox; by two step grandchildren, Denise Ballard and Ronnie Rice Jr.; 12 great grandchildren, Jalyn Richardson, Julie Tompkins, Megan Winkler, Jeanna Faye Fortney, Dakota & Brooklyn Venable, Cameron Hampton, Peyton Dalten Henry, Nicholas, Delanie, Jacob, Mattie Emily Hays and Isabella Gray and by 1 great great grandchild, Kinley Blayke Sizemore. She was also blessed with several nieces and nephews.

Imogene was a member of the McKee Reformed Church. She enjoyed hobbies, such as sewing, quilting and crochet. She also loved baby-sitting and her little dog, Little Man.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Monday, March 12, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home. Burial to follow in the Stone Coal Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ramey, Benj, Shaun, Nicholas, Aaron Andy, John Adam, Chaden & Chase. Honorary pallbearers Alice Gilbert, Freda Sams, Teresa Moore, Sandy Lakes, Vickie Gabbard, Joey Smith and Jeff Smith.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**Please have all Obituaries and In Memories
in to our office by 12:00 on Tuesday.**

You can drop them off at or mail to:

17 Lakewood Dr. McKee, KY 40447

You may also email them to sue@thejacksoncountytimes.com

Memorial Committee Looking to Honor Veterans

The Jackson County Veterans Memorial Committee, DAV and ROTC want to honor those who served this nation so courageously and unselfishly during the Vietnam era (1962-1975). Of the approximately 2,700,000 American men and women who served in Vietnam about 125,000 were from Kentucky and we think about 100 to 200 were from Jackson County.

More than 58,000 Americans gave their lives during the conflict. Among that number, 1105 were Kentuckians and we know of no one from Jackson County who died in this conflict. Thousands of those who served were wounded in action and hundreds are still listed as missing in action (MIA). The veterans of the Vietnam War fought and died for the same values that inspired their ancestors since the Revolutionary War - life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

A traveling Kentucky Vietnam Memorial has on it the names of the 1,105 Kentuckians whose lives were lost in Vietnam. It stands 9 feet tall and 18 feet wide. The Vietnam Veterans of America Kentucky State Council plans to bring the wall to every county in Kentucky.

The Jackson County Veterans Memorial Committee hopes to get this wall to visit Jackson County soon. While we are waiting confirmation on a date for it to arrive in Jackson County, we are trying to get a list together of all Jackson Countians that received the Vietnam Service Metal for their service in Vietnam. We want to give them the thanks they deserve.

We have posted a list on our web site <http://jackchamber.org/jcvm.html> of over 100 veterans from Jackson County that served in Vietnam. Please look over this list and if you know of someone we missed please get a copy of their DD214 form or certificate of their Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) and drop it off at the Jackson County Library in McKee or JC Tec Industries in Anville or email it to 2015jcvm@gmail.com or call Judy Schmitt 606-364-2024 to Jim Bryant 606-287-8828. We need this information by April 2nd.

Senate Passes Legislation Protecting consumer Eye Care

FRANKFORT, Ky. – House Bill 191, the Consumer Protection in Eye Care Act, passed the Senate today unanimously with a 36-0 vote.

House Bill 191 allows consumers to use advancements in eye care technology, while also establishing safety standards to protect consumer health. The version passed in the Senate includes an agreed-upon amendment by Sen. Ralph Alvarado, a physician, to utilize the same telehealth language in House Bill 191 that is utilized in other telehealth legislation pending this year. Doctors of optometry and ophthalmologists supported the legislation passed today.

Currently, Kentucky has no standards that address technology which consumers can use to provide information through a phone or computer, take an online "vision test," and receive prescriptions for glasses or contact lenses – both of which are classified by the FDA as medical devices.

House Bill 191 allows the technology in Kentucky but also establishes safeguards for its appropriate use. Some of these safeguards include a minimum age of 18 to use the technology, a prior in-person eye examination within the previous 24 months, the same standard of care is applied as when conducted in an in-person visit, and the technology cannot be utilized for an initial contact lens prescription.

Senator Julie Raque Adams introduced House Bill 191 on the Senate floor and said the legislation "protects consumers that use this technology and provides consumers the same protections they would have if they got their prescription from an in-person exam."

House Bill 191, sponsored by Rep. Jim Gooch, overwhelmingly passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 90-7 and next proceeds to the House for concurrence.

**FLAT ROCK
MONUMENTS**
Now at their new location!

Across from
Lakes Funeral Home
at the former
McKee Monument.
Call us at
(606) 287-3800.