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Delaney Gabbard

Delaney Gabbard was born May 16, 1999 in Madison County and departed this life Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in Somerset, being 19 years of age. He was the son of Ricky Gabbard of Sand Gap and Tammy Adkins Lunsford and step father Scott Lunsford of McKee.

In addition to his parents, Delaney is also survived by his girlfriend, Katilyn Pearson; by his daughter, Layla Gabbard both of Somerset; and by his siblings, Ricky Lee Gabbard, Tyler

Lunsford and Keisha Gabbard all of Sand Gap. Other survivors include his grandmother, Vadis Adkins of McKee; his step grandparents, Leroy & Edith Lunsford; by his great grandmother Rosie Bowman of Berea and by several aunts and uncles.

Delaney was preceded in death by grandparents, Ronald "PeeWee" Adkins, Elgar Gabbard, Dorothy Gabbard and Jesse Mays.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Gerald Maupin and Bro. Marvin Wilder officiating. Burial to follow in the Resting Oaks Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris Brewer, Mark Smith, Roger Lyons, Jason Gipson, Isiah Baker, Scott Lunsford and James Mankin.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Shelia Ann Gentry

Shelia Ann Gentry was born May 6, 1964 in Berea, KY and departed this life Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at the Lake Cumberland Hospital in Somerset, KY, being 54 years of age. She was the daughter of John "Bud" Clemons of Kirby Knob and Delphine Kirby Clemons of Williamsburg, KY.

In addition to her parents, Shelia is also survived by her daughter, Stacey Gentry of Williamsburg, KY.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Dale Robinson

Larry Dale Robinson was born April 4, 1957 in Laurel County and departed this life Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the St. Joseph Hospital in London, being 61 years of age. He was the son of the late J.S. Robinson and Doris McQueen Robinson.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Angel Robinson of London; by two brothers, Jeff Robinson of Hazard and Charlie Robinson of Anville and by three sisters, Joyce Ann Robinson Hacker of Anville, Gail Dalton of McKee and Karen Devine of Harrodsburg. Larry was blessed with five grandchildren.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Neeley officiating. Burial to follow in the McQueen Cemetery. Pallbearers Joe Hacker, Tyler Robinson, Derick Ford, Randy Hall, J.R. Dewese and Justin Allen.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Travis E. Sparks

Travis E. Sparks, age 96, of McKee passed away on July 15, 2018, at Lexington, KY. He was the son and the last survivor, of seven children of the late Levi Sparks and Lula Gabbard Sparks. He was preceded in death by his three sisters, Grace, Beulah and Helen and his three brothers, Bertel, Ray and Hermon. He was a grandson of Civil War Veteran Isaac Sparks, who was a charter member and one of the founders of Birch Lick Baptist Church in 1874.

Travis was a graduate of the McKee High School class of 1940. Through his high school years and for some time afterwards, he was employed as a clerk for the L.H. Sparks and Company General Merchandise Store in McKee, KY.

After departing McKee, Travis went to Ohio where he married his high school sweetheart Nannie Martin, of Three Links, KY in 1942. To this union were born two sons who survive: Reverend Marvin Sparks and his wife Diana; Phillip Sparks, and his wife Susan; also three granddaughters, one great grandson and two great granddaughters.

While living in Ohio, Travis served various assignments in Baptist Churches, including Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Sunday School Teacher, member of the Pulpit Committee, and Home Mission Board. He was active in organizing several new churches in the Greater Dayton Area which continue in ministry today.

After forty two years of employment with General Motors Corporation, Travis and Nannie moved back to McKee, where she passed three years later after forty-eight years of marriage.

Being left alone, Travis built and established a replica "Village of the 1920's and 1930's" know as Oakwood Acres. Travis enjoyed meeting people from all parts of the United States who came to see and admire his handiwork while hearing his stories of life in the hills of Kentucky. Many people were amazed that he built his village without any help. It was his labor of love.

Travis passed into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He rests from his labors and is at peace with those who have gone before us.

Funeral service 1:00 PM Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home in McKee, KY with Rev. Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Rev. Calvin Hays and Rev. Shane Gabbard officiating. Burial to follow in the Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark, Gregory & C.J. Romer, Mike & Bob Sparks and Jono Sparks-Franklin.

Lakes Funeral Home in McKee was in charge of arrangements.



Beshear, FTC, States Announce More Than 100 Actions Against Scammers Falsely Claiming to Help Veterans, Servicemembers

Education campaign 'Operation Donate with Honor' helps donors spot valid veteran charities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 19, 2018) – Today, Attorney General Andy Beshear announced Kentucky was part of a national law enforcement sweep that resulted in more than 100 actions against scammers who claimed to be collecting charitable donations for veterans and servicemembers.

Beshear's office, the Federal Trade Commission and state law enforcement officials and charity regulators worked together over the past year to halt or shutdown fraudulent veteran-specific charitable campaigns and charities.

The sweep targeted sham charities, fundraisers and individuals. Actions against the defendants range from violations of the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rules to state consumer protection law violations.

Beshear said stopping con artists who take advantage of veterans in order to lure in donors was the goal of the operation and that moving forward the new educational initiative, "Operation Donate with Honor" aims to help ensure charitable donations are sent to legitimate veteran charities.

"Those who exploit our veterans and their sacrifices to our country are among the lowest of the low," said Beshear. "It was an honor to work with law enforcement agencies across the country to hold accountable those who deceive our hardworking families and steal from legitimate and worthy veteran causes."

Beshear announced Kentucky's enforcement action in November when his office assisted in shuttering the doors of VietNow National Headquarters Inc., which used the name VeteransNow, a charity that misled thousands of donors by claiming contributions supported local veterans.

The settlement between 24 states and VietNow, dissolved the Illinois-based nonprofit corporation and resolved thousands of deceptive solicitation violations. The settlement requires the charity's directors and officers cooperate in investigations into their professional fundraisers, and ensures any remaining funds from VietNow's closing will go to two national and well-respected veterans' charities – Fisher House Foundation and Operation Homefront.

An example of the organization's conduct is reflected in a recent financial statement, where VietNow reported raising nearly \$2 million nationwide with less than 5 percent of funds going to charitable programs.

Beshear said the educational component, Operation Donate with Honor, developed by FTC and the National Association of State Charity Officials (NASCO), helps potential donors learn how to spot fraudulent and deceptive solicitations.

Tips provided on the Operation Donate with Honor website encourage donors to ask solicitors questions, like:

The charity's name, website and physical location.

How much of any donation will go to the charitable program.

If they are properly registered to solicit donations.

Beshear said before making a donation, Kentuckians should ask solicitors questions and verify the answers on trusted websites like CharityNavigator.org.

Participation in the national sweep is just the latest effort by Beshear and his office to help protect Kentucky families and veterans from scams.

Update Regarding HEALTH 1115 Medicaid Waiver

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 19, 2018) -The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) released the following statement on Kentucky HEALTH:

We had hoped for a quick federal re-approval that would allow the transformative Kentucky HEALTH program to start August 1, avoiding delayed access to services for beneficiaries and costly system changes. We have been working with CMS on the details of the re-approval process, including the status of dental and vision benefits, and have now received updated guidance that CMS will hold a 30-day federal comment and evaluation period, making it clear that the program will not begin as soon as we hoped.

Under Kentucky HEALTH, some beneficiaries would have been able to use their My Rewards Accounts to pay for routine vision and dental services. Due to the delay in implementation of the My Rewards program, there was no legal authority to pay for these services out of the My Rewards account. In order to mitigate the consequences of the judge's ruling, and avoid a prolonged coverage gap prior to the re-approval of Kentucky HEALTH, we have begun the process to reinstate vision and dental coverage, as well as non-emergency transportation services, for those whose benefits were affected by the June 29 court action.

Unfortunately, changing benefits and coverage is not as easy as flipping a single switch. As Cabinet officials testified, system changes are risky and cannot be made overnight. The Cabinet has spent the last few weeks working on a temporary solution for restored benefits to be implemented by August 1. In addition, while dental, vision, and non-emergency medical transportation eligibility for those in the Alternative Benefit Plan will not show in the system until August 1, the Cabinet is close to completing a manual system work-around that will allow payment of claims incurred by any eligible Medicaid beneficiary for dental, vision, and non-emergency transportation services incurred during the month of July.

For questions regarding benefits or reimbursable claims for the month of July, beneficiaries should contact their Managed Care Organization.

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