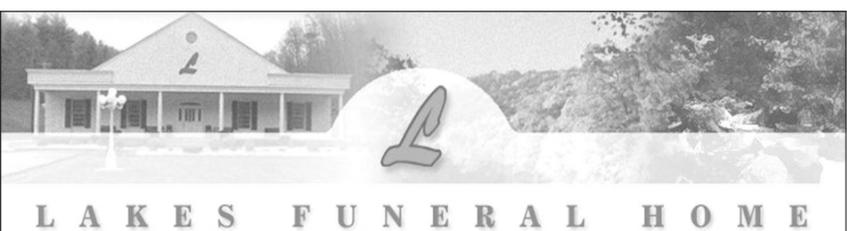


# The Jackson County Times Obituary Page is Sponsored By



## Leona (Berry) Abrams

Leona (Berry) Abrams was born January 22, 1938 in Jackson County and departed this life Monday, September 10, 2018 at her residence, being 80 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Nelve & Grethel (Gabbard) Berry.

Leona is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Knighton and her husband Greg of McKee; step son, Ron Abrams and his wife Katy of Monticello and by sister, Nina Lou Jones of IN. Leona was blessed with two grandsons, Dustin

Knighton and his wife Lisa and Wade Knighton and by three great grandchildren, Paxton, Jaxon and Violet.

In addition to her parents, Leona was also preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Abrams; by her brother, Charles Berry and by her sister, Barbara Sue Berry.

She was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Funeral service will be 2:00PM Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Wayne Carpenter officiating. Burial to follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Bessie L. Blythe

Bessie L. Blythe, 86, of Valdosta, passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, FL following a brief illness. Bessie was born on December 2, 1931 in Richmond, KY to the late William Frank Smith and Allie Todd Smith. Bessie was a retired floral designer who last was employed at The Flower Shop in Lake Park, GA. Bessie loved to work in her garden and canning vegetables. She loved and spoiled her grandchildren. She was of the Protestant-Baptist Faith.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years Norwood Blythe of Lake Park, GA, her daughters Glenna Sue Peter of Clyattville, GA, Alethea (Angelo) Desimone, of Dawsonville, GA, Jenenne (Thomas) Parks, of Jasper, FL, Yvonne (Kevin) Cain, of Jackson County, KY, five grandchildren, her sister Hazel (Austin) Williams, of Valdosta, her brothers William O. Smith, of McKee, KY, and Kenneth Ray (Betty) Smith, of Richmond, KY, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Bessie will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at McLane Lakewood Funeral Home with Reverend Eldridge Lyons officiating. Burial will follow at Lake Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be expressed online at [www.mclanecares.com](http://www.mclanecares.com).

## Jewell Montgomery Gabbard

Jewell Montgomery Gabbard was born April 25, 1923 in Jackson County and departed this life Thursday, September 13, 2018 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, being 95 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Green & Nellie Andrew Montgomery.

Jewell is survived by her daughter, Sylvia Boggs of Dayton, OH and by her identical twin Virgie Smith of Gray Hawk and by a daughter-in-law Martha Gabbard of Richmond, KY.

She was blessed with four grandchildren, Steve Gabbard, Michelle Gabbard, Lisa Gillespie and Greg Boggs and by three great grandchildren, Matt Gillespie, Megan Gillespie and Jessica Boggs. She was also survived by a special friend Lavinda Isaacs.

In addition to her parents, Jewell was also preceded in death by her husband, Ed Gabbard; her son, Tony Gabbard; her brother, Ralph Montgomery and infant brother, Ray Montgomery.

Jewell was a member of the Gray Hawk Baptist Church.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Everett Van Zant and Bro. Ronald Rose officiating. Burial to follow in the Sandlin Cemetery in Gray Hawk. Pallbearers were Junior Shackelford, Mike & Jeff Montgomery, Donnie & Doug Smith, Greg Boggs, Jim & Matt Gillespie. Honorary pallbearers were Danny, Jimmy & Eddy Judd, Jason Smith, Matt & Josh Montgomery, Matt Bingham, Darrell, Darren & Dustin Hisel and Lonnie McMichael. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. [www.lakesfuneralhomemckee.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhomemckee.com)

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gray Hawk Baptist Church Building Fund.

## Ronnie Gray

Ronnie Gray was born March 28, 1955 in Jackson County and departed this life Thursday, September 13, 2018 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington, being 63 years of age. He was the son of the late Vernon & Rosie (Isaacs) Gray.

Ronnie is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Lonzo Gray and his wife Wilma, Sherman Gray, Donald Gray and his wife Darlene, Joyce Lady and her husband Newton and Erma Smith and her husband Gary all of McKee,

Darel Gray and his wife Patricia of London and Vernon Gray Jr. and his wife Brenda of Sand Gap. He was blessed with a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was also preceded in death by two sisters, Yvonne Rose and Colleen Gray.

Ronnie was a member of the War Fork Holiness Church.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Monday, September 17, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Hurst and Bro. Kip Wells officiating. Burial to follow in the Huff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Josh & Marshall Gray, Leonard Isaacs, Cameron, Dustin, Ethan, Gary & Zachary Lady, Mark Smith and Clay Rose. Honorary pallbearers were Jonathan, Andrew & Paul Young, James & Jerry Rose.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## Billie Sue Shields

Billie Sue Shields of McKee, KY, was born March 18, 1959 and departed this life September 8, 2018 at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington, KY. She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Foley; her father William Foley; two sisters, Linda Dolson of New York and Anna Cain of Nicholasville.

Billie Sue is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Stanley Shields. Billie Sue had two sons, Lil Stanley & Sarabeth Shields

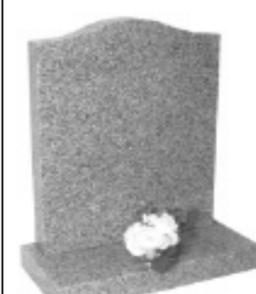
of McKee, Shawn & Angela Shields of McKee; two daughters, Shelly & James Mays of Lexington, Healina Sizemore of Lancaster. She was blessed with eleven grandchildren, Kelsi & Kelvin Jackson, Darion Heath of Lexington, Stanley Shields Jr., Dakota Shields, Caleb Mink, Brandy Mink, Andrew Johnson, Kaylee Johnson, Destiny Shields and Audrey Shields all of McKee; one great grandson, Kaden Jackson of Lexington; one brother, Mark & Linda Foley of Powell Co; one sister, Jennifer & Melvin Young of Berea. Billie Sue had a whole slew of nieces and nephews. Many friends who became her family. She was loved by all that meet her she will be greatly missed.

Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Billie Sue's home, 164 D and M Rd, McKee, KY.



## FLAT ROCK MONUMENTS

Now at their new location!



Across from  
Lakes Funeral Home at the  
former McKee Monument.

Call us at  
**(606) 287-3800.**

## First 72 On You - Emergency Preparedness for Seniors

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 17, 2018) – The Department for Public Health (DPH), within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), has launched First 72 On You information campaign during the month of September – National Preparedness Month (NPM), to increase emergency preparedness efforts for Kentuckians and their families. This week's spotlight is on preparing older adults for disasters and emergencies.

Older adults may be more vulnerable than younger adults during a disaster because they are more likely to have impaired physical mobility, decreased hearing and vision, chronic health conditions or social and economic limitations that may interfere with their ability to prepare for and respond to disasters.

“Emergencies and disasters can be particularly stressful on seniors,” said Dr. Jeffrey Howard, DPH commissioner. “Take responsibility by planning for emergencies before they happen. Being prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after an emergency or disaster strikes will lessen anxiety and provide peace of mind so you will be able to do what needs to be done to take care of yourself.”

Planning for emergency preparedness measures for seniors should take into consideration some additional precautions to include:

Maintain a supply of personal, health and home supplies, including a two-week supply of prescription medications, enough ready-to-eat food and water to last at least three days, first aid supplies, matches, spare batteries and a waterproof container for essential documents. Be sure to rotate the stock of items in your kit so they have not exceeded their expiration date.

Individuals with mobility issues should plan on how to evacuate or discuss with care providers. If you use a motorized wheelchair, have a manual wheelchair as a backup.

Those blind or visually impaired should keep an extra cane by the bed and attach a whistle to it. Be cautious when moving, as paths may have become obstructed. Also have a predesignated person and a plan in place in case evacuation becomes necessary because many blind individuals depend on public transportation that may not be operating during an emergency.

Deaf/hard of hearing individuals should keep extra batteries for hearing aids with emergency supplies. Store hearing aids in a container attached to a nightstand or bedpost so they can be located quickly after a disaster.

If your relative receives assistance from a home healthcare agency, find out how they respond to an emergency. Designate backup or alternative providers that you can contact in an emergency.

Individuals with disabilities should contact their local fire department and/or police station now to inform them that they have a disability so that this information could be kept by the agency in case of a disaster.

Throughout September, DPH has been spotlighting preparedness topics to include overall preparedness for families and older adults. Preparedness for pets will be spotlighted during the week of Sept. 24-28. Additional information about the campaign will be posted on the CHFS Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/kychfs> where Kentuckians are encouraged to like and share posts among their networks of friends.

The nationwide effort of NPM is organized each year by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage citizens to prepare and plan for emergencies in their homes, business and schools. This yearly observance was founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness awareness in the U.S., a fitting time to join the effort to help communities prepare for emergencies, such as natural disasters and potential terrorist threats, and to encourage individuals to take action.

For more information about preparing for and responding to emergencies visit <http://ready.gov/seniors>.

**Please have all Obituaries and In Memories in 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](mailto:sue@thejacksoncountytimes.com)