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Ledford Cornelius

Ledford Cornelius was born December 8, 1949 in Clay County and departed this life Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the St. Joseph Hospital in London, being 68 years of age. He was the son of Zelma (Robinson) Cornelius of McKee and of the late Robert Oscar Cornelius.

In addition to his mother, Ledford is also survived by two sisters, Betty Samples of McKee and Brenda Sue (Charles) Lux of Piketon, OH.

Ledford attended the Letter Box Baptist Church.

Funeral service 3:00 PM Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Garland Gabbard and Bro. Shane Gabbard officiating. Burial to follow in the Cornelius Cemetery. Pallbearers were Marvin Carpenter, Rick Robinson, Phillip Robinson, Eddie Combs, Chris Robinson, Marty Robinson and Tim Samples.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Ida Mae Powell

Ida Mae (Baker) Powell was born on October 17, 1964 in Berea, KY and departed this life Saturday, October 13, 2018 following a long illness, being 53 years of age. She was the wife of the late Malcolm Powell and was the daughter of the late Jesse Baker. She is survived by her mother Ella (Lakes) Baker of Berea. She is also survived by three children and three sisters. Her children are Janice Powell of Louisville, Jason Powell of Berea, and Katie Powell of Richmond.

Her sisters are Eddie (Ricky) Miller of McKee, Gracie (Baker) Mills of Berea, and Betty (Dave) Davis of Richmond, IN. She is also survived by two nieces, Cheyenne Mills of Lexington and Ashley Mills of Berea. She was a member of Kerby Knob Baptist Church and among her very favorite things were UK basketball, the country music band Sawyer Brown, and the soap opera Days of Our Lives.

Funeral services are 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Kerby Knob Baptist Church with Bro. Darren Hisel officiating. Burial to follow at Powell Cemetery at Kerby Knob, Ky.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations will be accepted at the Kerby Knob Baptist Church for funeral expenses.

Virgil Dean Reese

Virgil Dean Reese was born January 31, 1935 in Owsley County and departed this life Friday, October 5, 2018 at his residence in Waco, being 83 years of age. He was the son of the late Arch & Mamie (Ward) Reese.

Virgil is survived by his wife of 62 years, Haley (Vickers) Reese of Waco and by three children, Laraine (Bill) Wilson of Richmond, Arch Leo (Adelle) Reese of Waco and Sandra Lynn (Charles) Martin of Lexington.

He is also survived by a brother, Glenn (Faye) Reese of New Zion. Virgil was blessed with the following grandchildren, Jill (Ray) Fulks, Archie Dean (Tasha) Reese, Ariel Nicole (Justin) Varney, Derick McWayne Reese and Jordyn Haley Martin and by the following great grandchildren, Emily Fulks, Logan Tyler Reese, Serenity Grace Reese, Camilla & Jackson Varney.

In addition to his parents, Virgil was also preceded in death by the following siblings, Linc, Albert, Clyde, Willard, Homer, Hershel & Wayne Reese, Florence Roames, Alene Simpson, Hazel Gumm & Wilma Simpson.

Virgil was a member of the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church.

Funeral service 1:00 PM Monday, October 8, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Ricky Horn officiating. Burial to follow in the Reynolds Cemetery. Pallbearers Archie Reese, Ray Fulks, Justin Varney, Adam Reese, Andrew Reese, Alex Reese, Charles Ed Dunahoo and Joe Mullins. Honorary pallbearers Bobby, Danny, Randy, Tommy & Bub Reese Gary Reese and Charley Dunahoo.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



New Data Shows Increasing Number of Kentucky Children Living with Relative Caregivers

Louisville, KY – New data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that Kentucky continues to have the highest rate in the nation of children in the care of relatives. In 2016-2018, nine percent of Kentucky children were being raised by a relative, which is more than double the national rate of four percent.

“When Kentucky children cannot remain safely with their parents – due to parental substance abuse or incarceration, military deployment or death of a parent, or experiencing child maltreatment – grandparents, aunts, and uncles across the commonwealth are stepping up to provide a safe and loving home. And that has become even more true as the addiction crisis permeates communities,” said Dr. Terry Brooks, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates.

The latest data shows the number of children being raised by a relative nearly doubled from 53,000 children in 2013-2015 to 96,000 children in 2016-2018. While the data doesn’t say what brought these children into the care of relatives, we know that most are in informal situations that did not involve the Department for Community Based Services’ (DCBS) child protection staff. Approximately 15,000 children are placed in formal kinship care by DCBS due to suspected abuse or neglect. Excluded from these numbers are an additional 1,500 children in relative foster care, in which children removed from their homes by DCBS are placed with relatives or close family friends who are licensed foster parents.

“As an advocate for relative caregivers and their families, I’ve heard from thousands of grandparents and great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, many of who are draining their savings to provide the most basic of needs for the children they are caring for due to parental addiction or incarceration. These folks try with all their hearts to keep sibling groups together at such personal sacrifice. They are our quiet heroes who must be recognized and celebrated. All they want is to be able to provide for the most basic needs of Kentucky’s vulnerable children. We must connect these families with the supports they need and deserve,” said Norma Hatfield, a grandmother raising grandchildren and advocate from Hardin County.

“The landscape on kinship care in Kentucky is complex and mixed. On one hand, caregivers and their families have seen victories this year as the Cabinet for Health and Family Services began implementation of the D.O. v Glisson court decision on relative foster care payments, and as the Kentucky General Assembly allocated funding in the state budget to provide financial supports for relative caregivers. We have seen the value the Cabinet places on relatives providing a safe home for kin children and also a renewed commitment to supporting those relatives from the new leadership. And yet on the other hand, for a lot of caregivers these wins are still just plans that have not yet translated into palpable changes in their homes. Knowing the Governor’s commitment to fundamental child welfare transformation, we need to see clear communication, effective processes, and immediate help where it matters. These families deserve no less,” said Dr. Brooks.

Coalition to Explore Impact of Juul, Other E-Cigarettes on Kentucky’s Health

(LOUISVILLE, Ky - October 15, 2018) Concerned that the escalation of Juul and other e-cigarette use will undermine progress in reducing tobacco-related disease in Kentucky, the Coalition for a Smoke-Free Tomorrow will host a half-day conference in Louisville on Monday, December 10, to explore the latest evidence about the health impact of these devices.

In addition, the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Kentucky Youth Advocates will release at the conference a focus group report regarding Kentucky youth attitudes and perceptions about e-cigarettes.

“E-cigarette use among youth is at now at epidemic levels, escalating dramatically since the introduction of flavored pod e-cigarettes such as Juul and copycat products,” said Ben Chandler, chair of the Coalition. “Kentucky lawmakers and health advocates need to know what the research says about these products, and how they’re impacting future tobacco use and health. We’ll also examine the policies that should be enacted to turn back this alarming new trajectory.”

Speakers at the “Next Generation Tobacco: The Impact of E-Cigarettes on Kentucky’s Future Health” conference will discuss who is using e-cigarettes, vapes, and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) in Kentucky, and the potential policies for preventing disease and illness associated with them. In particular, speakers will focus on the role of flavors in encouraging underage vaping, the extent to which ENDS actually help people quit smoking, what’s in ENDS and whether they are a safer alternative to combustible cigarettes, and the evidence that ENDS are a gateway to smoking for youth and young adults.

The conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, in the training room at the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, 1640 Lyndon Farm Court, in Louisville. The conference is free, but registration is required.

Brian King, PhD, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will open the conference with an overview of the federal position and actions regarding e-cigarettes and other ENDS products. The CDC has said that e-cigarettes are less harmful than regular cigarettes, but still contain harmful substances. The Coalition noted that the Food and Drug Administration, which has not approved them as a quit-smoking aid, is exploring policies to govern nicotine levels and flavors in ENDS and other tobacco products. In addition, the FDA has launched enforcement actions against marketers selling ENDS to minors.

Thank You

The family of Ledford Cornelius would like to thank Lakes Funeral Home, Garland and Shane Gabbard, the singers, and Letterbox Church for a delicious meal after the service.

We also want to thank everyone who said prayers, brought food, sent flowers, sent cards, called or came by.

We would also like to say a special “Thank You” to Billie Blanton for being so kind, helpful, and supportive during this difficult time.

Thank you so much and God bless you.

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