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Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Giving Thanks

Mimi and Pappy says that it is Thanksgiving week. I always thought that meant cooking for days. Oh, the ham and turkey, YUMMO!

You know the kind that Pap sneaks to Ms Ivory and me. Then, there are the sides like mashed potatoes, macaroni-n-cheese, potato salad, green bean casserole, broccoli casserole, rolls, dressing, gravy, and the desserts.

Ooohhh, The desserts! Whoo-Hoo!!

Then, comes all the people. Kids and adults all together to eat all the deliciousness.

Any-woof come to find out, it isn't all about the food. It's about giving thanks for all the blessings and spending time with all those we love. Mimi says all that work is worth it to see the smiles and hear the laughter from the people that God has sent to be a part of our lives.

I gotta say that Ms Ivory and me sure do enjoy all the belly rubs and ear scratches from everyone! All the food is just the cherry on top.



Happy Thanksgiving, everyone from Ms Ivory and me. We hope everyone enjoys making memories with those you love!

Also, remember to reach out and be kind to those who may not have a family to spend time with. A little Kindness goes a long way.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

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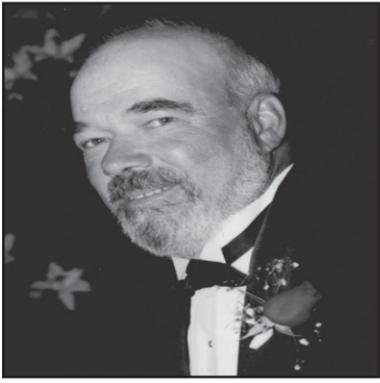
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— In Loving Memory —

Donnie Harold Williams, 83 United State Army Veteran



Donnie Harold Williams, born March 22, 1942, in Deer Lodge, Tennessee passed away November 15, 2025 at North Knoxville Medical Center in Powell. He was a born-again Christian and was saved in 1980, something he held so near to his heart. He loved the Lord and was ready to go home to be with Him.

He spent two years as a medic in the 101st Airborne Division in the army at Fort Campbell in Clarksville, Tennessee. After the army, he worked in the auto industry for Chrysler and

made his home in Xenia, Ohio outside of Dayton. When he returned, he made his career and retired from the Tennessee Department of Corrections as a sergeant. He spent 30 years between Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary and Morgan County Correctional Complex. He was a beloved member of his community in Potters Chapel. He enjoyed tending to his cows, hunting, and making the annual hunting trip to Colorado with his brothers, fishing, gardening and above all, spending time with those he loved the most. He spent his life taking care of others and did so until his last day.

He is preceded in death by his parents Johnnie and Beulah Maxine Stringfield Williams; daughter Deborah Williams; wife Connie Phillips Williams; sister Doris Williams; brothers Jackie Williams, Mickie Williams, Joey Williams, Johnnie Williams; sisters-in-law Delphia Williams and

Patti Williams; brother-in-law Carl Centers; nephews Todd Williams and James Williams; nieces Heather Turner and Sherry Bryant.

He is survived by his daughter Deidra Cox (Greg) of Potters Chapel. She was his whole heart and by his side through all of it until the very end; grandchildren Kaitlyn Loyd (Jordan) of Lansing, Andrew Brown of Johnson City, Madelyn Cox, Noah Cox of Potters Chapel, McKayla Bryant (William) of Oliver Springs, Faith Carroll of Wartburg, Tyffany Hall (Oscar) of New River, Joshua Brown of Potters Chapel, Troy Bingham, Kasen Bingham of Wartburg; great-grandchildren Elliott Wilson, Aurelia Loyd, Garrett Loyd, Flora Bryant, Penny Carroll, Walker Carroll, Paislee Bingham; sisters Nannie Kilby of Glades, Kathie Centers of Ohio; brothers James Williams of Potters Chapel, Vickie Williams (Brenda) of Potters Chap-

el, Billie Williams (Joann) of Sunbright; special aunt Pearl Masters of Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family that he loved dearly.

Pallbearers: Andrew Brown, Noah Cox, JR Williams, Terry Williams, Richard Williams and Brad Williams.

Special thanks to Dr. Michael Thompson, Dr. Bhavana Vora, and the nursing staff at Select Specialty Hospital at North Knoxville Medical Center.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Joey Aytes officiating. Interment will follow in the Adams Hill Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of
Donnie Harold Williams.*

Robin Keith Howard, 65



Our Mother's son and our beloved brother. Robin Keith Howard, 65 of the Chestnut Ridge Community, born August 22, 1960 passed away suddenly on November 15, 2025 at his home in Morgan County.

He is preceded in death by his wife Darlene; father Ivan; and sisters Sheila and Pam.

He is survived by son Calvin; mother Faye Howard; brothers Darrel (Kathy), Rickey (Angie); sisters Sharon, Kay, Janet; brothers-in-law John Machart and Jeff Dean; sisters-in-law Linda and Faye; brother-in-law Lee Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

Robin began his life struggling. He was born prematurely and spent an extended period in the hospital. He then faced more adversity when he suf-

fered a stroke at six years old. He amazed everyone as he triumphed and relearned how to crawl, walk, and talk, and many other things. He in many ways had to restart his life from the beginning. He amazed everyone with what he accomplished and overcame. He has enriched all our lives in many ways.

Robin was a collector of many things but loved being outside and watching and feeding the fish in the pond.

He will be missed by many, especially his family.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 with Bro. Billy Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Adams Hill Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

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is honored to serve the family
of Robin Keith Howard.*



— In Loving Memory —

Verlin Sweat, 99

United State Navy Veteran, World World War II Veteran



A Glorious Reunion in Heaven.

Verlin Sweat, born May 3, 1926 in Mossy Springs area of Sharps Chapel in Union County, Tennessee to parents George T. (Pop) and Easter Tennessee (Mom, or Tennie) Longmire Sweat passed into the presence of our Heavenly Father on October 20, 2025.

Born the ninth of fourteen children, Verlin experienced a long and loving life filled with family, friends, and experiences. Hardships tempered his tenacity, work ethic, and perseverance, while his Faith tempered his kindness, wit, friendship, and positive outlook.

As a child, TVA relocation project brought the Sweat family to the Joyner Community of Morgan County, TN. Settling on

a farm on Cassell Road, Verlin grew up in the Joyner Community, attending and becoming a life member of Union Baptist Church.

Verlin joined the US Naval Reserve July 22, 1944 and served the United States in World War II as Grade S 2/C, positioned as an anti-aircraft gunner on the USS AMSTERDAM (CL 101) cruiser type vessel. Wartime duty in the Pacific, June 1945 the Amsterdam joined Cruiser Division 18. During 10 July – 15 August, the USS Amsterdam took part in the 3d Fleet strikes against Japan and on 5 September steamed into Tokyo Bay. Verlin received an Honorable discharge March 11, 1946.

Verlin was elected in 1954 to serve Morgan County as a Justice of the Peace (County Commissioner).

Verlin attained third degree Mason with degree of Scottish Rite and was a 68 year member of East Fork Masonic Lodge # 460 F&AM beginning November 30, 1957.

Verlin married the late Reta Maxine Wilson Sweat, also of the Joyner Community, and their

marriage brought 4 children, Lois, Verlin Jr., Varnell, and Anita, all preceding him in Heaven.

Verlin later married Alma Justice and they resided in the Joyner Community before moving to the Dyllis Community of Roane County, prior to her passing.

He is remembered with love by grandchildren Wendy (Aaron), Ashley (Aldo), Spencer (Ashley), Tara, and Chandler (Jessica), along with several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Verlin is also remembered by two siblings, Lucy and Houston.

Verlin late of Crossville, TN was well cared for with competence and love by "his 7 daughters" as he affectionately referred, Lynndy Byrge, Adrian Wilson, Candice Burton, Debe Houston, Karen Wyatt, Kristi Tollett, and Vetta Scott, and their families, with special affection of "Peewee".

Family will receive friends at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg, TN on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 11 o'clock a.m., with funeral service at 12 o'clock noon officiated by beloved Pastor Dr. Johnny Nix. Interment

will be at Union Baptist Church Cemetery. At the time of his passing, Verlin was the oldest veteran and member of American Legion Post 149, Wartburg, TN. He will receive full military honors graveside to be performed by his fellow American Legion members.

In lieu of flowers, he may be remembered with a donation to:

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is honored to serve the family
of Verlin Sweat.*

Charles R. "Charlie" Davis

United State Air Force Veteran, Air National Guard Veteran



Charles R. "Charlie" Davis
May 19, 1944 –
October 11, 2025

Charles R. Davis, 81, of Sunbright, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2025, in Rossville, Georgia, surrounded by the family who loved him deeply.

He was preceded in death by his father, John R. Davis; mother, Madeline Summers Davis; brother, J. Thomas Davis; a special uncle, William Summers; and the mother of his children, Deloris Galloway.

Charlie is survived by his ten children — Regina, Kim, Ronda, Patty, Johnny, Charlis, Daria, Ricky, Candice, and Tendre — along with 24 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren who will carry his memory forward with love. He is also survived by his brother, Benny Davis; sisters, Betty Presley and Brenda Shannon; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Charlie's dear friends Freddy Scott, Robert Patrick, and Bill Soldner for their enduring friendship and support. Deep appreciation is also given to the compassionate caregivers at Hearth Hospice in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Charlie proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and The Air National Guard. A man of many talents, he was a skilled pilot who loved the skies, a master welder, and a dedicated truck driver who spent many years on the road. His life was a testament to hard work, courage, and determination.

Above all, Charlie loved being "Papaw." He found his greatest joy surrounded by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, always finding ways to make them laugh and creating memories they will cherish forever.

He will be remembered for his strength, humor, and unwavering love for his family. Charlie's legacy lives on in the stories, laughter, and love he leaves behind.

The family is honoring Charles' wishes to be cremated. No services scheduled at this time.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Charles R. Davis.*



— In Loving Memory —

Betty Ann Mills, 77



Lindsey Mills, along with many cousins who will remember her fondly.

For over 20 years, Betty dedicated her career to helping others in the pharmacy departments of three major hospitals, where she specialized in preparing chemotherapy for cancer patients. A devoted mother and friend, she was also known for her exceptional skills as a pool shooter in her younger days.

A memorial service will be held at a late date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Ann Mills.

Betty Ann Mills, born on April 20, 1948, in Wartburg, TN, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2025, in Knoxville, TN.

She was the beloved daughter of Bill and Mildred Dyer and was preceded in death by her son Brian Mills, as well as siblings Barbera Hall, James Dyer, Jesse Dyer, Billy Dyer, and David Dyer.

Betty is survived by her loving partner of nearly 30 years, Joe Neff, her son Jason Mills and his wife Jean, and her cherished grandchildren Tyler and

Truman Armes, 77



Darenda Beasley and a host of great nieces, nephews and friends.

Gail loved to cook, clean and be at home with her family. She was a wonderful and devoted mother who devoted her life to taking care of her family.

The family would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, text, and calls. Special thanks to niece Darenda for helping care for Gail and beloved cousins Linda Gibson, Donna Newberry, Bob Hamby, cousins really are your first friends.

The family will have a graveside service Tuesday, October 21, 2025 in the Armes Chapel Cemetery in Wartburg at 11:30 a.m. with Bro. Perry Spurling officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Elizabeth Gail Beasley.

Elizabeth Gail Beasley, age 70 of Wartburg went to be with the Lord on October 19, 2025.

Gail is preceded in death by her parents Billy Joe and Sylvia (Hamby) Beasley; sisters Mary Helen Human and Billy Faye Davis.

She leaves behind daughter Sylvia Beasley Morton; grandchildren Elijah Morton Elizabeth Morton and honorary grandson Eli Carroll; sisters Artie Beasley and Kimberly McDaniel; brother Andrew (Beverly) Beasley; nephews Kevin (Ginger) Human, Toby Beasley and Cody Davis, Amos Beasley; niece

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Barbara Ellen (Johnson) Brown, 81



Barbara and made their home in Oakdale.

Lonnie & Barbara had one son, Ricky Brown. Rick was their pride and joy. Ricky married Jae (Hammonds) Brown, and they gave them three wonderful grandchildren, Erin Parks, Cade (Lexi) Brown and Banner Brown. These precious gifts of God added even more blessings with 5 great grandchildren. Carter and Lincoln Jerrell, Berklee, Millie and Elliott Cade Brown.

Barbara accepted the Lord in her heart at a young age and was a lifelong member of Boswell Chapel Baptist Church in Oakdale. Because of this choice she is now in the presence of our Lord and Savior. Barbara always enjoyed singing in the church choir and loved bluegrass music. She loved her family fiercely and always enjoyed her family time. She loved her fur baby, Boaz who always brought her so many smiles.

She is proceeded in death by: Parents: Fred and Velma (Duncan) Johnson Brothers and Sister-in-law: Lowell Dean Johnson, Morris and Jean (Brown) Johnson, Bill Collier Father and Mother-in-law: Wilburn and Elsie (Spurling) Brown Brother and Sister-in-law: Lawrence and Mary Brown Willis Wormsley Leon Brown.

She is survived by her brother, Edward (Edna) Johnson of Oakdale, Sisters: Marie Collier, Linda Johnson and sister-in-law: Frances Johnson all of Oakdale., Janet Wormsley of Deer Lodge Community, James Brown of Deer Lodge and many nephews and nieces who adored her.

Special thanks to Dr. Robert Wilson of Roane County Family Practice for the many years of care you gave Barbara.

The family will receive friends Saturday November 1, 2025 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00, Bro. Rick Brown officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Piney Baptist Church Cemetery in Oakdale, TN.

The family wishes to thank each and everyone for every call, flowers and kind words. Pallbearers are: Cade Brown, Noah Gouge, Tim, (Poke) Johnson, Taylor Smith, Edward Johnson Jr., and Jason Johnson.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barbara Brown.



— In Loving Memory —

William Clifford Cole, 84 United States Army Veteran Vietnam War Veteran



William Clifford Cole, age 84, of Harriman, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Clifford did not wish to be mourned but rather to be remembered as a person who loved life. Arrangements are being made for a military memorial service on November 24 in Knoxville, Tennessee, to celebrate his life.

Born in Rockwood, Tennessee, Clifford was the eldest child of Ocee Clifford Cole and Pauline Kesterson Cole. He is survived by his loving wife, Janice Dee Staley Cole; two twin sons, William Clifford Cole II, MD (Colleen) of Ohio and Joseph Barclay Cole (Seleena) of New York; his younger brother, Larry O. Cole (Beatrice) of Hartwell, Georgia; as well as his grandchildren - Marcus Cole, Gilbert Cole, Emerald Cole, Zach Cole, Cliff Cole, Abigail Cole,

and Whitley Johnson - and one great-grandson - Liam Johnson, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Cliff graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1966 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. It was there that he met his beloved wife, Janice Dee Staley Cole. He joined the Army, becoming a First Lieutenant, and served honorably during the Vietnam War.

His passions included being a dedicated 25-year member of the American Legion Post 53 in Harriman, Tennessee, serving on the Harriman Utilities Board, and being a long-time member of the VFW and the Harriman Jaycees. He also enjoyed fishing and storytelling, and he was a long-time member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harriman.

Services will be held at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, located at 2200 East Gov. John Sevier Highway (Hwy #168), Knoxville, Tennessee, on Monday, November 24, at 10:00 AM.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of William Clifford Cole.*

Ruby Dishman, 81



Ruby Dishman, age 81 of Sunbright passed away November 16, 2025 at her home.

She is preceded in death by her husband Arnold Ray Dishman; sons Richard Allen Dishman and Billy Ray Dishman; daughter-in-law Melissa Dishman; father Esau Henry; mother Maxine Henry; 2 brothers Jim and Donald Henry; sisters Joyce, Christine, Margaret, and Barbara.

She is survived by her daughter Linda Cates; husband John

Cates; son Rodney Dishman; grandchildren Anthony Dishman, Melinda Thomas, Keaton Dishman, Ashley McKinney, Dekota Foster, and Brandon Cravens; great grandchildren Gabrella Dishman and Devin Dishman, Kamryn Dishman, Katlen Murphy, Gage Wyatt, Urben Foster, Cohen Foster, Steven Foster, Kolten Dishman, Kaylee Dishman, Karson Dishman, Cohen Dishman, Caden Thomas, Foster McKinney, and Fletcher McKinney and a host of great grandchildren and extended family.

The family will have a graveside service Wednesday, November 19, 2025 in the Black Creek/Cross Roads Cemetery in Robbins, Tn. with Bro. Charlie Golden officiating.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Ruby Dishman.*

Kathy Ann Price Bonifacius, 70



Mrs. Kathy Ann Price Bonifacius, 70, a resident of Wartburg, TN, passed away Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, TN.

She was born November 19, 1954, in Rockwood, TN. Mrs. Bonifacius was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg. She loved her family deeply, especially her late husband, son, sisters, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, as well as her beloved friends and church family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Butch Bonifacius; mother, Kathleen Price Delozier; and great-niece, Morgan Peters.

Survivors include her son, Gene Ray Bonifacius; sisters, Joy Jenkins (Jackie) and Judy Waldo; nephew, Avery Price; nieces, Amanda Plaster (Jamey), Summer Bunn, and Laci Burnette; great-nephew, Justin Price (Emma); great-nieces, Emily Peters and Hannah Peters; and many other close friends, relatives, and members of her church family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg, TN, or to The Compassion Closet of Oak Ridge, TN.

The family will receive friends Saturday, November 8, 2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg from 10:00-12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor David Graves officiating. Interment will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Rockwood.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Kathy Ann Price Bonifacius.*

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Yvonne M. Armes, 89



Yvonne M. Armes, born July 29, 1936, in Lancing, Tennessee, passed away November 15, 2025 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. She was of the Baptist faith. A retired postal employee who served 30 years in the Lancing community. She loved gardening and planting flowers to make the world a more beautiful place. She was selfless and devoted to her entire family all of whom she loved dearly. She always put others needs before her own willingly.

She is preceded in death by Parents, Dewey and Gertie Melton; husband Vaughn D. Armes; sisters Kathleen Byrd and Husband Jim Byrd, Christine and Ermadean Melton, Brother Eugene Melton; children Kimberly Jade Newport, Lanny Armes, Robin Elaine Daugherty, Joy

Nell Armes, Tamela G. Nelson.

Survived by sons Scott D. Armes and wife Angie of Harriman, Matthew M. Armes and wife Sara of Harriman; brother Douglas Melton and wife Karen of Sunbright; sister Emma Lou Newman and husband Raymon of Lancing; several nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services Thursday, November 20th at 2:00 pm, Schubert Funeral Home chapel in Wartburg, with Bro. Charles Webb officiating. Interment to follow Clear Creek Cemetery, Lancing TN.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of
Yvonne M. Armes.*

— In Loving Memory —

Percy Neal Richardson, 78



Percy Neal Richardson
November 11, 1946 –
November 5, 2025

each year to every third-grade student in Morgan County—an effort close to Neal’s heart. In the late 1960s, Neal and Jeanne embraced the back-to-the-land movement, building a life rooted in simplicity, hard work, and respect for nature. At Richview Angus Farm in Lancing, where he began raising Black Angus cattle in 1980, Neal found deep fulfillment in stewardship of the land and community.

Percy Neal Richardson, 78, of Lancing, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at home on November 5, 2025, just days shy of his 79th birthday. Born November 11, 1946, in Clarksville and raised in Nashville, Neal was the son of Harvill Percy “H.P.” Richardson and Idella Richardson.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, School of Architecture (Class of 1971), Neal joined Upland Design Group in Crossville, where his creativity and vision helped shape schools and public buildings across Tennessee. In 2018, he was honored to deliver the commencement address for the UT College of Architecture and Design.

Guided by a lifelong belief in education and opportunity, Neal and his wife, Jeanne, established and supported multiple scholarships to assist students pursuing careers in architecture, design, education, and agriculture. Their endowments through the University of Tennessee and the Roane State Foundation have provided lasting opportunities for local students. Since his retirement in 2011, they have also distributed dictionaries

He remained active in civic and agricultural organizations, including the Crossville Rotary Club, the Morgan County Community Fund, the Cumberland Trail project, the Upper Cumberland Angus Association, the Morgan County Cattlemans Association, and was a long-standing member of the American Angus Association. Neal believed deeply in the power of education, service, and community.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Jeanne Taylor Richardson; children, Tonia (William Henry Cox IV) Cox and Tristan Richardson; grandchildren, Emma Sophia and Isabelle Madeline Cox; and his brother, Harvill Richardson Sr. of Biloxi, Mississippi.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Morgan County Community Fund, part of the East Tennessee Foundation, at https://etf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=4997.

No funeral is planned at this time, and Neal’s ashes will be spread at Richview Angus Farm in Lancing per his wishes.

Cynthia Ann Wicks, 55



Cynthia Ann Wicks, age 55, of Lancing passed away suddenly at her home on November 8, 2025.

Lowe. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Bradley, Jolie, Remington, Carson, Graycen, and Easton. She is also survived by her sister Dixie (Billy) Hamby; nephew Zachary; niece Emily; cousin Rechelle and many special friends including Sue, Brenda and Micki.

The family will receive friends Wednesday November 12, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Cyndi’s wishes are to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Cynthia Ann Wicks.

Cynthia is preceded in death by her grandparents Hazel and Amos Wicks; father David Wicks; and beloved son Amos Wicks.

She is survived by the father of her children Ricky Lowe; son Jakob Lowe; daughter Jennifer

Psalm 86:4-5

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Charles Ray Hall, 93



Charles Ray Hall, age 93, of Harriman, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2025.

ed with 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him immense joy and pride.

Charles will be remembered for his gentle spirit, unwavering faith, and the love he shared so freely with all who knew him. His legacy of faith and family will continue to live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

A special thank you to all the staff at Renaissance Terrace who took great care of him.

A devoted Christian, Charles lived his life in faithful service to the Lord and his family. He was a member and deacon at Valley View Baptist Church, where his kindness and steadfast faith touched many lives.

Charles was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bonnie Hall, daughter-in-law Susan Hall, and two great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving children: David Hall; Vicky Barry and husband, Charles; Charlene Armes and husband, Mack; and Kenny Hall and wife, Lori. He was also bless-

The family will receive friends Friday November 14, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The funeral will follow at 7:00 with Bro. Josh Kidd and Bro. Charles Webb officiating. Graveside service will be Saturday November 15 at 12:00 noon at Annadale Cemetery in Lancing, TN

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles Hall.

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Nov. 25	vs Halls	7:30 PM
Dec. 2	at Campbell County	6:00 PM
Dec. 4	at Loudon	7:30 PM
Dec. 9	vs Roane County	6:30 PM
Dec. 12	at Northview Academy	7:30 PM
Dec. 19	vs Farragut ***	10:30 AM
Jan. 6	vs Anderson County *	8:00 PM
Jan. 9	at Roane County	6:00 PM
Jan. 13	at Gibbs *	7:30 PM
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Feb. 5	at McCreary Central	6:30 PM
Feb. 6	vs Loudon	8:00 PM
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Jan. 27	at Jellico *	6:30 PM
Jan. 30	vs Oneida *	6:30 PM
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Dec. 9	vs Roane County	6:30 PM
Dec. 12	at Northview Academy	7:30 PM
Dec. 15	at Oakdale	6:30 PM
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Jan. 16	at Oliver Springs *	6:30 PM
Jan. 17	at Van Buren County	5:30 PM
Jan. 19	vs Oakdale	6:00 PM
Jan. 23	vs Oneida *	6:00 PM
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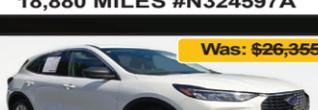
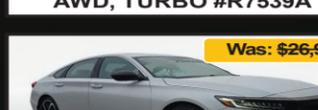
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GOOD PEOPLE OF MORGAN COUNTY It's Been Good. Thank You, and Goodbye.

Hello to all Morgan County Today readers. I'm sorry that I haven't been with you for the past several weeks. I have found that the "golden years" are not always the best, but we can all get through them if we take them one day at a time.

First, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed writing for the paper and how some of the things I have written will continue to carry on the legacy of some Morgan County people like Wayne Solomon, Marjorie Waddell, and Arlen "Short" Spears.

I have had a good life, despite some things that have happened to me. I wish that my first wife had lived, and I wish I hadn't married so soon after she passed away. Second marriages today have a 77% divorce rate.

I have done some things in life that no one expected me to do. Getting a college education didn't seem possible for this Redmon boy who came from a family of high school dropouts. Also, being chosen "Young Educator of the Year" in a college town sure didn't seem logical for Tom Redmon. Writing for two newspapers was not what people expected, but I stuck with it for five years.

As I look back, I cannot help but wonder if there were some things I could have done better. I guess we all could have.

You know from my writings that I really love my country. I even wish I had been old enough to serve my country in WWII—in the Navy, of course.

The United States is a country worth saving and even dying for, although over the last twenty-plus years, it doesn't always appear to be that

way. We have so many who do not feel the way I do. It's a shame we have a party that feels this country is not worth saving. We have mayors who do not want their cities cleaned up and saved. It's hard to believe.

What about the rest of my life? Where will I spend it, and what will I do?

I'll tell you one thing for certain: I want to live for Jesus regardless of where I am. I am here at a retirement home with about 150 to 170 other people who are between 80 and 102 years of age. Two or three have died since I came here. These people are just like you and me. They are wondering how many more years they will have and whether they will have enough money to last. These places are not cheap.

I can only tell you that my life has been good for the most part. I've made mistakes, and I have gone down roads I shouldn't have. But I haven't thrown my life away. I'm not a quitter, and I've had to fight for what I believe in. My family and friends—and believe me, God—have blessed me.

I want to ask our readers out there to stand up for our country. Read your Bible and obey your Lord and Savior. Take care of your children that you helped bring into the world. Try to help those who are worse off than you. Love your neighbor as yourself and remember that God first loved us.

Take care and remember that Tom Redmon loves you.

Can you believe that this old country boy will be 90 years old on January 1, 2026?

NOTE: I moved back into my house in Wartburg on November 22, 2025 after these two articles were written. **It's great to be back "home!"**

Chaplain Robert "Bob" Boidock, by Tom Redmon

Today, I find myself at an independent retirement home by the name of Cypress Springs. Most of the 180-plus residents here are over 80 years of age. These are good people from many different states across the union. I have met a lot of them, though I admit I sometimes have a hard time remembering their names. One great person I've gotten to know is Robert "Bob" Boidock, who served in the Army for 34 years.

At first, Bob served in the Army as a helicopter pilot, but he soon discovered that God had more than flying instore for him. He had a desire to help people with their problems, and no doubt, after talking with his buddies, he realized they had plenty of problems that needed attention. Soon after this realization Bob decided to become an Army Chaplain and his commander allowed him to do just that.

Bob was born and raised in New Jersey. During his formative years, he grew up in a large family of four boys and two girls. His parents were hardworking and strict. They eventually sent him to a military school because they believed it would be best for him after some trouble he had gotten into.

His parents' work ethic seems to have rubbed off on him. While in the military, a fellow cadet talked with Bob about Jesus. Bob found the

Holy Spirit working on his heart. He said that reading the Bible, especially the book of Matthew, changed him for good.

In 1975, Bob met Mary. Before long, they felt that God was leading them toward marriage. Bob asked Mary's father for her hand in marriage, and the two were soon married. Bob received orders to serve in Vietnam, but those orders were changed, and he was sent to Colorado instead. Their marriage has now lasted 50 years. Bob and Mary have four children and fifteen grandchildren. Today, they both reside here with me at Cypress Springs in Bradenton, Florida. It is clear that Mary and Bob deeply love and care for one another.

You might think Bob is here simply to take care of Mary, but let me tell you, this man loves people, and he loves helping anyone he can. You might also think he would finally want a chance to rest, but Bob enjoys being a chaplain, and he continues to serve because there are many people here who need help.

This is the reason I wanted to write about Bob. Like me, he loves the Lord and wants to serve Him in any way he can.

Thank you, Bob. It's good to have you on board God's ship.



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“Honestly Madam, do you expect this court to believe that *all* of your husbands mysteriously disappeared at this same time in November?”



Historically Speaking

Pat Postma – Oak Ridge pillar for years – part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause presents the second article in a three-part series on Pat Postma, a well-known Oak Ridger who has had a home in this town for 83 years. She will be moving away after having grown up and lived here since 1943. This article is based on her own interview with Pat and one by Keith McDaniel in 2011.

In early 2004, Pat Postma and Dr. Gene Caldwell, local pediatrician and state legislator, and his wife had decided to take a trip together to Hawaii in the fall. Dr. Caldwell's wife was in poor health and died before that planned trip, but Dr. Caldwell "still wanted to do the trip in honor and memory of his wife," said Pat in an interview with me. Herman himself had been suffering from a rare form of muscular dystrophy for several years, but he, too, wanted to go.

In late 2004, Pat and Herman were persuaded by Pete Craven to help raise the millions of dollars needed for the planned renovation of Oak Ridge High School. Long before that request, Pat had noticed Herman was "walking funny" and would black out temporarily while reading. She had to help him put on and take off a coat. He couldn't hang up his clothes with hangers in closets, so she had hooks installed on walls.

The most well-known of what she called "workarounds" was his use of a 2001 innovation to help him stay mobile – a Segway PT. This electric-powered personal transportation device drew attention to him when this former director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory steered it through the Hart Senate Office Building on his way to testifying before a Senate committee on national laboratory reform.

When the Postmas and Dr. Caldwell arrived on Nov. 3, 2004, in Hawaii and settled in the house they had rented, Herman "went off to take a nap," Pat said. "That's when Gene told me, 'I've watched children who have muscular dystrophy, and I've seen how Herman has changed in the last few years. I want you to realize that he may die within a year. I was shocked to hear that, and at the same time, I understood it was going to be much less than a year. And four days later in Hawaii, on Nov. 7, Herman died at age 71.'"

Back in Oak Ridge after Herman died, Pat would drive to the International Friendship Bell in its original location in A.K. Bissell Park and "ring it and think about Herman. He had raised money in the 1990s for the wooden structure that was failing. "He inspired my leadership for the second incarnation of that bell, for raising money for a new pavilion" to hold the bell that symbolizes the peace and friendship shared by Japan and Oak Ridge.

Pat, who became co-chair of the International Friendship Bell Citizens Advisory Board, led the effort that raised \$850,000 for the new pavilion. She also established the Contemplation Garden at the bell site and formed a rakers group to maintain it.

At that time, according to Pat in her 2011 interview with Keith McDaniel, she continued to carry out the task she and Herman had agreed to do: raise \$3 million from Oak Ridge organizations and individuals for the planned renovation of the high school from which she and her children had graduated.

As a member of the board of directors of the Oak Ridge Public Schools Education Foundation (ORPSEF), Pat also served as a design committee member who listened to teachers who had

good ideas for equipment and other means to better educate their students. She also was named the ORPSEF chair of fundraising for the high school renovation.

In 2001, UT-Battelle management at

range of charitable purposes in 25 counties.

An ETF board member, the dean told her that ETF wanted many of the board members to represent cities and counties outside of Knox County. Pat was asked to be the Oak Ridge repre-



Pat Postma shown in Kyoto, Japan, when the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell was cast .
Courtesy Pat Postma)

ORNL had pushed for big improvements at ORHS to help attract scientists to the lab. The school had physics and chemistry labs "wildly out of date," Pat said, adding that the foundation had cracks and teachers complained that the students couldn't hear them when the noisy air conditioners had to be turned on.

Large entities such as ORNL, Y-12, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities had contributed \$5 million each to the ORHS renovation project, and 73% of Oak Ridge voters agreed to raise the sales tax to the maximum amount allowed provided three-quarters of a percent supported the school improvements. However, to win federal funding for the project, \$3 million in private money had to be obtained.

Pat obtained advice on fundraising from a woman friend at the University of Tennessee College of Business where Pat had worked until 2003 as an administrator and assistant dean.

Through talks, letters to all Oak Ridge households and many ORHS alumni, and publicity in The Oak Ridger, Pat asked individuals to pledge to the school project whatever they were willing to donate in the next five years. She made sure her message reached members of the Oak Ridge City Council, the Oak Ridge Board of Education and ORPSEF.

In the end, through the collaborative effort that Pat's leadership inspired, \$8 million was raised to match the federal fund and provide more later as an endowment for ORSEF so it could continue its work supporting teachers by meeting their requests for better classroom equipment.

Pat was asked to join the East Tennessee Foundation board by the dean of the UT School of Business, where she had been working when the board was first formed. ETF manages charitable resources, receives assets, invests the money it receives and awards grants to support a wide

sentative and served on the ETF board twice.

Ten years ago, Pat decided to update her will and leave money for Oak Ridge through ETF. "I have always loved Oak Ridge and want Oak Ridge to be the best that it can possibly be," she said, adding that her more recent volunteer projects are to help develop a newly designed urban downtown for Oak Ridge and provide advice and support as a member of the Scarboro 85 Monument Committee. By transferring a substantial amount of money to ETF, she started an endowment that is now called The Oak Ridge Fund for Achieving Community Excellence, or ORFACE.

ORFACE is an ETF affiliate fund that has a board of Oak Ridge directors selected every three years by Pat as the board chair until recently. This permanent endowment annually awards grants to projects believed by the board to improve the quality of life and future of Oak Ridge. In 2025, \$40,000 was awarded to five arts groups with innovative projects. Next year, the grants may go to recreation or science or education groups that have future-oriented projects, she said.

It is no wonder that Pat was honored in 2011 with a Muddy Boot award from the Oak Ridge-based East Tennessee Economic Council. The award recognizes individuals or groups who have helped build the community's economic base as did the Manhattan Project founders of Oak Ridge when Pat was growing up here and trying to avoid falling in the mud.

SIDEBAR: When it was determined a few years ago that the International Friendship Bell would need a new home due to deterioration of the original structure, Pat Postma was already out in front on the issue and working toward a solution.

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Historically Speaking Pat Postma – Oak Ridge pillar for years – part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

She organized an International Friendship Bell Citizens Advisory Committee, and it was my great honor to be able to co-chair that committee and lead a multi-year project with her. I had not worked with Pat directly prior to that time, but I quickly understood what a force for good she is.

The Friendship Bell Project was extremely challenging, requiring close coordination with stakeholders and international partners, raising funds quickly, building consensus for the project and design, and working closely with architects and construction contractors. I learned much about our wonderful community from Pat, and we worked seamlessly together and became life-long friends. The new pavilion symbolizes the best of our city, and Pat never let any of us lose sight of its purpose and significance as a gathering place to promote and celebrate friendship and peace around the world.

Pat has incredible vision, passion, energy, and work ethic that we should all aspire to match. She cares deeply about the community and people. Pat has always looked for ways to make a deep, and lasting, impact, and her vision to establish the Oak Ridge Fund for Achieving Community Excellence is a prime example. I was also fortunate to serve on the initial Board with her.

Pat is an optimist and a difference maker, never satisfied with the status quo, and always believing in the future of her beloved hometown. There has been no greater friend and advocate for the City of Oak Ridge than Pat Postma. She will be greatly missed in the community, but I am confident she will remain connected in some way. Her innumerable contributions and legacy of community service will continue in all of us that she has inspired.

Alan Tatum Co-Chair, International Friendship Bell Citizens Advisory Committee Former Chair, City of Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Thanks, Carolyn. The next column in this series of three will conclude the series featuring the impact Pat Postma has had on Oak Ridge. Included here is a video of Pat speaking about the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell: https://youtu.be/xI2b6l-85CR8?si=52lZlJuX9C-ByX6_



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Acts 21



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(Acts 21:1-6) from Miletus to Phoenicia: Paul and his traveling companions left Miletus and sailed around the southwestern coast of Asia Minor. At Patara on the coast of Lycia, they changed vessels. They veered southward across the blue Mediterranean, sailing under the island of Cyprus, finally touching on the Syrian coast of Phoenicia at Tyre. A band of disciples was located there and the group stayed with them a week. The brethren warned him of impending danger at Jerusalem, but the courageous apostle

was determined to go on.

(Acts 21:7-14) from Tyre to Caesarea: Paul and his group then sailed thirty miles on down the Palestinian coast, stopping at Ptolemais and visiting with Christians there. The next day, they cruised on down to Caesarea where Philip the evangelist lived (6:5), and lodged with him several days. Presently Agabus, Judean prophet, came down (11:27-29). He took Paul's sash or belt and bound his own feet and hands as a symbol of what was to happen to Paul at Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit declared that the Jews there would bind God's apostle and turn him over to the Roman authorities.

Luke says that when they heard this distressing news, both the group accompanying Paul and the saints of Caesarea persistently begged the apostle not to proceed on to the holy city. Their emotions overcame their confidence in divine revelation. Luke is honest to acknowledge his own weakness ("we" v.12). Paul urged them to stop their crying; he was ready to accept the Lord's will. However, history reveals that God gave him several more years. He wasn't finished with Paul. The brethren finally yielded to Heaven's will instead of their own (v. 14).

Acts 21:15-16) on to Jerusalem: after a short while, necessary arrangements were made, and the party left for Jerusalem, sixty-five miles to the southeast. The company included Paul's traveling companions and some friends from Caesarea. They would not let their beloved apostle make the trip alone, even knowing of the peril that awaited. One of these was Mnason of Cyprus, a long-standing disciple who apparently owned a house in Jerusalem that would accommodate all of them.

(Acts 21:17-26) arrival in Jerusalem: Luke affirms that when the company arrived at the sacred city, "the brethren received us gladly." Earlier, when Paul penned Romans, he asked for prayers that upon his arrival in Jerusalem, the "ministration", gifts of benevolence, "might be acceptable to the saints" (15:30-31; Acts 24:17). He was not disappointed. Their prayers had been answered. It was a time of wonderful rejoicing. The following day, there was a special meeting. The missionary group and the Jerusalem elders were there, together with James, Jesus' half-brother (chapter 15). The prominence of James is noted. Paul greeted the brethren and then, item-by-item, rehearsed the events of labors among the Gentiles, giving all glory to God. Eventually, through, they got around to telling the great apostle about a serious problem.

Over the past few years, thousands of Jews had converted to Christianity. However, they had not arrived at the full realization that the introduction of Christianity made the law of Moses inoperative. Accordingly, they still circumcised their children (as a covenant sign), and they observed many of the customs of the Mosaic regime. A report had been circulated that Paul taught that the Jews, especially those who lived in Gentile lands, should "forsake" Moses. "Moses" stands for the Old Testament regime. They apparently had concluded that Paul opposed any connection with the Hebrew system, which was not true. The apostle himself had circumcised Timothy to prevent offense to the Jews (16:3). Paul had not opposed observing certain elements of the law---Provided the intent was not to seek justification on that basis. He was not insensitive to the feelings of his Israelite kinsmen. But that had become his underserved reputation. Though James and the brethren did not agree with the assessment that Paul radically opposed the law, they felt the matter needed remedy in some fashion.

Four Jewish men were about to undergo a purification ceremony in the temple. The brethren wondered if Paul would go with them, pay their temple fee, and go through the ritual himself (merely as an act of kindness) to help relieve the tension some harbored about him. The apostle agreed to do so and went. Here is the problem. Why would Paul, knowing that the Mosaic system was now redemptively void, submit to a purification ritual which would appear to convey the impression that Christ's blood was insufficient to cleanse? Some have charged that Paul, in going through this ceremony, sinned.

I do not believe this to be the case. (a) Not all "purification" involved the matter of sin. In a number of cases such a procedure was purely symbolic (Lev. 12:1; Lk. 2:22). (b) Later, in an inspired defense before a government official (Mt. 10:17-19), an appeal to this very incident was introduced. Was the inspired apostle led by the Spirit of God to defend a sin? (c) On occasion, Paul adopted a Hebrew procedure as a matter of expedience (not to effect justification). In order to accommodate a Jewish lack of knowledge, and in the higher interest of their souls, a graduated teaching process was employed (16:3; 1 Cor. 9:19-23). This was in a transitional period which required some cultural elasticity. (d) There is absolutely no evidence that this incident in any sense reflected an attempt on the apostle's part to facilitate forgiveness. That is the crux of this matter.

Jesus has all power (authority) in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). Moses has none today. Whatever the apostles did bind or loose on earth by instruction from the Holy Spirit from heaven (Jn. 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:7 & 13), Jesus had already bound or loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19). In Matthew 17:4 Peter suggested to Jesus, on the mountain of transfiguration, let us make three houses of worship, but God spoke out of a cloud having removed Moses and Elias from the scene saying: "this Jesus is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." Tell the vision to no man, until I am risen again from the dead (Matt. 17:9; Rom. 7:4).

Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty (new covenant) wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (the law of Moses). Luke 16:16 and Rom. 3:19-21

Galatians 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." This includes the Sabbath days (Col. 2:16).

(Acts 21:27-40) Paul's arrest: during this time, Paul had frequented the temple complex. Some of the apostle's old enemies incited a riot and laid hands on him. They loudly charged that Paul was an opponent of Jews and the law of Moses. Moreover, they contended he had brought Greeks into the temple---simply because they earlier had seen Paul in the city with Trophimus the Ephesian (v. 28). A wild mob formed and the apostle was seized and dragged from the temple area. He would have been killed if not for providence (v. 31). A Roman official, Claudius Lysias (23:26), heard of the uproar and rushed to the scene with a band of soldiers. When the rioting Jews saw the military force, they immediately backed off.

The Roman captain had Paul chained for precautionary reasons while he investigated (v.33). As he attempted to solicit information, he concluded it was a vain venture because of the confusion. So he commanded Paul to be brought into the castle of Antonio while the frenzied crowd kept shouting, "Away with him" (v. 36).

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