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# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

## In Memory Of Mickey Jason

Mickey was a wonderful man, who's jokes could soothe a sore heart. His faith in the Lord was strong and deep seeded in the man that he was. Mickey was so proud of his son Devin. He knew he raised a good strong man with a heart of gold. Devin will carry on many of the best traits of his father, especially his abundant and never ending treasure trove of corny unkle jokes.

His daughter, Chelsea was especially connected with him through their shared passion for music. She will always love her dad with all her heart and will forever be a Daddy's girl.

Mickey not only had a passion for music but he enjoyed movies, as well.

He was a man with many talents. Including a remarkable ability to draw.

Mickey's favorite place to be was with his triplet granddaughters. He loved pouring his love into each of them. His precious granddaughters will someday show his beautiful art to their kids and tell them all about their talented and funny great-grandfather.

How is jokes could make you laugh during the hardest of times and could make the grumpiest stranger grin.

Mickey's wife Glenna was his life long best friend. They always loved, respected one another and never parted without saying, I love you. Mickey grew up the youngest of 12. Yes, 12! Their life was full of rough housing, hard work, fishing, yummy home cooking, church, guitars, and lots of singing. A home bursting at the seams with all the hustle and bustle you would expect with 14 people!

Mickey would be the first to say he was not a perfect man. Yet, he was loved by God and his family, faults and all.



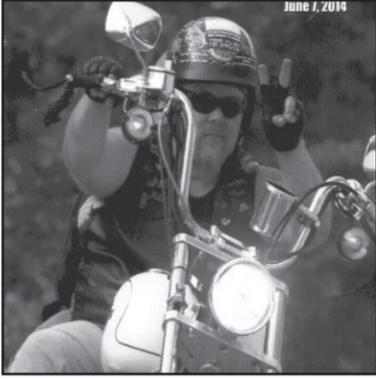
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— In Loving Memory —

**Larry Kenneth Parris Sr.**



Larry will also be missed by his favorite running buddies, grandsons Marverick Gene Parris and Mason Kenneth Parris. He could often be seen out with "Mav" and "Moo".

Nobody enjoyed the outdoors more than Larry. He thought there should just be one season...WARM.

Larry Kenneth Parris, Sr. Passed away on November 21, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

Waiting for him in Heaven are his parents Vida Jean Wilson Parris can Cecil Edward Parris. Mother-in-law Betty Seabolt and adored granddaughter Dakota Grace Crady. Good friend Dustin Cooper.

He leaves behind the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Lora Seabolt Parris. Together they have three children: Larry Kenneth Parris Jr. (Kenny), Amanda Lynn Parris and Amelia Rochelle Parris.

Brother: Garry Cecil Parris and Sister: Mary Jeannie Parris Freeman.

There are many who will remember seeing him out on his Harley every chance he got.

A Jack of All Trades, Larry worked construction all his life. Willing to help out a friend or even a stranger every now and then.

Heaven is one Biker richer and those left behind are much poorer for it.

Keep it between the Clouds and Enjoy the Ride.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Larry Kenneth Parris, Sr.*

**Cynthia Ann Wicks, 55**



Roberta is preceded in death by her parents Foy and Hattie Tilson, twin brother Gerald Wayne, sisters Ruby Pass and Charlotte Boshears, and niece Pam Shaver.

In addition to her husband Philip, she is survived by her daughters Lynn (Peter) Giuffre of Naugatuck, CT and Lisa (Mike) Pierce of Wartburg, sister Shelby Burgess of Dunlap, TN, grandsons Brian and Brandon Lester of the Joyner Community and Eric Giuffre of Naugatuck, CT along with many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Roberta Mehlhorn, age 82 of the Joyner Community died peacefully on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at Life Care of Morgan County. Philip, her loving and devoted husband of 64 years who never left her side.

She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She was among the first employees hired at Tennford Weaving in Wartburg until the plant's closing. She then worked with the K-25 Clean-up Project until her retirement. When Roberta wasn't assisting her husband at the family's produce stand, she visited many parts of the United States with her sisters. She will be remembered fondly for her wonderful cooking -- especially her Chicken & Dumplings.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 30, 2025, from 1:00-3:00pm. Funeral Services will immediately follow with Pastor David Graves officiating. Interment will be at Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg. Nephews Matthew, Michael, and Joey Mehlhorn, Barry, Mikel and Robbie Burgess, and Joseph Boshears, Jr. will be serving as Pall Bearers.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roberta Mehlhorn.*

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— In Loving Memory —

**Jimmy Lee Stewart, 74**



Jimmy Lee Stewart  
January 7, 1951 – December 1, 2025

Jimmy Lee Stewart, born January 7, 1951, in Sunbright, Tennessee passed away December 1, 2025. He grew up in the Sunbright area before marrying and moving to Atlanta, Georgia where he started a family and

lived for many years. He and his family then moved to Cookeville, Tennessee where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a life-long painter and owned his own business. He loved politics and his community and was a former county commissioner in Cookeville, Tennessee. He was a member of Sycamore Church of Christ. He enjoyed sports whether it was the Tennessee Volunteers or local basketball teams as they played for state championships, fishing, planting his garden, and above all drinking a cup of coffee (year-round and cup after cup) sitting around with friends and loved ones telling a good story.

He is preceded in death by his parents John C. Stewart and

Madelyn Human Stewart and his oldest son, James Stewart of Gainsboro, Tennessee.

He is survived by his son, Michael Stewart, and his daughter, Amy Stewart Harris, both of Cookeville, TN; grandchildren Courtney LaFever (Okilbek), of Gainsboro, TN, David Stewart (Harmony) of East Knoxville, TN, Alli Beth Roberts of Cookeville, TN, and Parker Roberts of Cookeville, TN; great-grandchildren Harper Autumn LaFever of Gainsboro, TN and Sadie Mae Stewart of East Knoxville, TN; sister Martha Jane "Janie" Stewart Galloway of Hixson, TN, brother John D. "JD" Stewart of Utah, Cathy Atkinson Hill mother of his children, grandmother of his grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, and friend; and several nephews, niece, and extended family and friends whom he loved dearly.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 4 – 6 p.m. (CST) at Sycamore Church of Christ in Cookeville, TN with Brother Kevin Daugherty officiating. Interment will be on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3 p.m. (EST) at the family cemetery at Pleasant Ridge.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jimmy Lee Stewart.*

**Robin Keith Howard, 65**



Emma Canela, Ellie and Ember Gilley, grandchildren's mothers, Jenny Burja and Hillary Freytag, sister, Brenda (Gary) Adkisson, along with many nieces, nephews, friends, family and neighbors.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 5th, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will be Saturday, December 6th, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Roy Langley officiating. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery in the Joyner Community.

Son, Justin Freytag, Grandsons, Coleman, Oliver, Kaden Freytag, Andrew Gilley, Special adopted grandson, Joseph Childs will be serving as Pall Bearers

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kathie Freytag.*

Kathie Freytag, age 68 of Wartburg died peacefully on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025, at home surround by family.

She is preceded in death by her son Brandon Freytag; parents Oliver and Evia Byrge; brother Leslie (Clara) Byrge; father/mother-in-law David (Faye) Freytag.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Wesley Freytag; son Justin (Samantha) Freytag; grandsons, Coleman, Oliver, Kaden, Gabriel and Gunner Freytag, Andrew Gilley; granddaughters, Annie Freytag,

**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.**



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# Acts 24



**Melvin Howard**

(Acts 24:1-9) Paul is charged: at the appropriate time, Lysias informed the Jews that Paul was now at Caesarea. As soon as they could get their affairs together, the high priest, certain members of the Sandedrin, and a legal expert named Tertullus came over to prosecute the case against Paul. The indictment was laid out as follows: (a) Felix was highly complimented as an excellent ruler to whom the Jews were indebted. The procurator would later demonstrate how flawed

that evaluation was. He would murder the high priest

and the Jews would turn against him, filing a complaint with Nero Caesar.

(b) Paul was charged with being a plague on the nation and a ringleader of those who would overthrow Rome. That would strike a note of terror in this ruler. It could cost him his position. Felix had the reputation of dealing harshly with insurrectionists. (c) The apostle was accused of profaning the temple (21:28), and that was the justification behind the assault upon him at Jerusalem. (d) The prosecutor then essentially says he recognizes Felix possesses sufficient intelligence to recognize the validity of the charges and to agree with them in finding him guilty! The supporting Jews added their hearty "Amen!"

(Acts 24:10-21) Paul's response: it was now time for the defense, and Paul would speak on his own behalf. (a) The falsely accused defendant demonstrates his awareness of the current Roman political scene. Felix had been a judge of the Jewish nation for years (approximately seven). (b) He recounts that twelve days ago he had gone up to Jerusalem to worship (v. 11). (There is no evidence that he was worshipping according to the Mosaic code; Christians used the temple for worship until Jewish persecution finally drove them out. In fact, Paul may have viewed the offering he had brought for his people as an act of devotion (20:16-17). (c) He had done nothing antagonistic to the Jews---in the synagogues or in the city. (d) The charges leveled against him were void of proof. (e) The Way which he was advocating was not contrary to the Jewish Scriptures; rather, it was a fulfillment of what the prophets had proclaimed. (f) Paul identified himself with the "hope" entertained by the fathers, namely the general resurrection of the dead. (g) His conscience was clear respecting the changes made against him.

He also presents a counter case. (a) He had not acted in opposition to the Jews; he had come to the city to bring alms and offerings on behalf of the needy. (b) He had "purified" himself in the temple (a symbolic sanctification from Gentile corruption while traveling in heathen territories) in a quiet and non-controversial fashion. (c) His original accusers were foreign agitators from Asia---who did not even show up for this hearing! (d) What bona fide charge have the Jews present established? None! (e) The accusers' real problem (being mostly Sadducees) was Paul's teaching on the resurrection. This controversy, therefore, involved a religious issue---nothing civil over which Felix should be concerned.

(Acts 24:22-23) judgment postponed: Felix refused to be intimidated by the Jews. He deferred judging the case until Lysias, the chief captain, could come from Jerusalem with supplementary testimony. In the meantime, he gave the order that Paul should continue to remain under palace restriction, but with relaxed conditions and open visitation. This was an unintended revelation of how he felt about the strength of the charges leveled against the most famous preacher of his day.

(Acts 24:24-27) imprisonment by a crooked judge: whether Lysias ever came from Jerusalem remains unknown. The scene next resumes "after many days," when Felix and Drusilla, a Jewess, sent for Paul and heard him preach. Drusilla was the great-granddaughter of Herod the Great, who murdered the Bethlehem infants in an attempt to eliminate the Christ child. She was the great niece of Herod Antipas, who beheaded John the Immerser. She was the daughter of Agrippa I, who martyred James (12:1) and the sister of Herod Agrippa II and Bernice, characters later mentioned in this book (25:13). She came from a bloody household, the inmates of which were deadly enemies of Christ and his cause. She was about six years old when her father killed James.

Paul's message was concerning "the faith in Christ Jesus," the gospel system. This would involve the history of the movement, obligations required to be identified with it, and blessings resulting therefrom. The apostle set forth a "reasoned" case pertaining to: (a) righteousness, God's plan for accounting people as righteous (this would embrace facts to be believed, commands to be obeyed, and promises made available); (b) self-control, suggesting the surrender of one's self to a higher power, namely the Creator; and (c) judg-

ment, setting forth the reality of ultimate accountability---and either reward in heaven or an eternal punishment to follow earth's destruction.

This is the most serious message the human mind can possible entertain. As a pagan, Felix might have been virtually bereft of spiritual sensitivity; as a Jewess, Drusilla would not be (Eccl 12:13; Dam. 12:2). As this couple, immersed in debauchery and greed, listened, Felix was utterly terrified (an intensive expression). Drusilla's impression is unrecorded. Felix dismissed Paul, pledging to hear him again at a more "convenient" season. He did have further contact, but there is no indication such was spiritually motivated. The corrupt ruler left the apostle in bonds for two years, hoping he somehow might solicit money out of the arrangement (perhaps from Paul's friends), but obtaining nothing for his effort. He was not dealing with a man who could be bought. When Felix was removed from office (due to his political ineptness), he left Paul imprisoned, hoping to curry favor with his successor, Porcius Festus.

Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Paul and the first century Christians worshiped on the first day of the week, not Saturday. They had to appease the unbelieving Jew's and even went into the synagogues where the Jew's worshiped on Saturday for the purpose of teaching them the New Covenant that had been promised for centuries; which has now come. Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:"

Matthew 17:1 "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead." With this vision Jesus clearly shows that after His resurrection the old law would be no longer binding.

Paul had seen Jesus and was willing to suffer whatever he must to get the truth to man, for eternal life is worth it all. 2 Corinthians 11:22-33 "Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands."

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