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Ms. Avery Pearl
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Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Ms Ivory Is Not Happy

Well, Mimi did it. She made Ms Ivory mad. So, she is giving Mimi the silent treatment.

You see, she is such a good and sweet girl (we both are).

It all started this morning. Ms Ivory was just minding her business.

Then, it happened. Mimi gave her a BATH. Next thing you know, she cut her hair, after she was all brushed out. Then, worst of all she gave her a mani-pedi.

Ms Ivory and me HATE mani-pedi's. We are very good and patient, allowing Mimi do all that stuff. Me, more so than Ms Ivory. However, just because we are good, doesn't mean we enjoy it.

I gotta admit, Ms Ivory smells so good and looks adorable. The things us girls gotta do to look all pretty and stuff, not so fun. But, a girls gotta do what a girls gotta do.

Mimi says she wuffs us and no dog in this house is gonna be stinky and ugly.

Any-woof, hope your 2026 is off to a great start.

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



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— In Loving Memory —

**David Francis Rogers, 81
United States Army Veteran**



David Francis Rogers, 81, passed away on December 21, 2025, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was born on February 22, 1944, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and raised in Coalfield, Tennessee. A lifelong resident of Coalfield, he carried the spirit of his community with him throughout his life, grounded in the values and connections formed in the place he always called home.

David proudly served his country in the United States Army from November 15, 1966, to November 14, 1972. He achieved the rank of Sergeant while serving in Battery A, 15th

Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division. His service included a deployment to Korea from November 29, 1967, to October 31, 1968, where he fulfilled his duties with dedication and honor.

Following his military service, David built a distinguished 35-year career at ORNL, K25, and Y12, where he held a variety of roles and responsibilities. He retired in 1999 as a Maintenance Supervisor from the Y12 National Security Complex, remembered for his strong work ethic, steady leadership, and commitment to those he worked alongside.

He was a Master Mason with Faith Masonic Lodge #756 F&AM in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and a devoted member of the Church of Christ in Oliver Springs, Tennessee. His faith and fellowship were important parts of his life and the values he carried with him.

David was a skilled electrician, carpenter, and mason—talents

he used generously to help others, solve problems, and build things that lasted. His craftsmanship was matched only by his patience and willingness to lend a hand whenever someone needed him.

He enjoyed a wide range of hobbies, including Amateur Radio, shooting, hunting, fishing, gardening, woodworking, and working on automobiles. Whether tending a garden, repairing an engine, or connecting with others over the airwaves, David found joy in working with his hands and sharing his knowledge.

David was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Rogers; his mother, Carrie Jackson Rogers; his brother, Lincoln Rogers; and his sister, Carol Joan Rogers Sloat.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Janet Toney Rogers; his daughter, Kimberly Rogers Jones, and son-in-law, Dan Jones; his grandson, Nich-

olas Jones, and fiancée, Helen Wagner; his brother, Paul Rogers; and his sisters, Mary Stewart, Catherine Holbrook, Carla Gant, and Karen Griffin.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 26, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 4:00-5:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 5:00 p.m. Gravesides services will be Monday, December 29, 2025 in the Roane Memorial Gardens at 2:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of David Rogers.

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

- Lamentations 3:24

Holly LaVelle Duncan Hall



Mrs. Holly LaVelle Duncan Hall of Lancing, formerly of Petros departed from this world on Christmas morning, December 25, 2025. Holly was of Christian faith and enjoyed being in church service, listening to gospel music, and coloring with her niece Whitley.

She is preceded in death by her father, Roger Duncan and mother, Brenda Gibson; and nephew, Isaiah Nathaniel Peddicord.

She is survived by her son, Jordan Hall; sister Wendy Duncan Potter (Tom Feezell); nephews William Michael (Jenny) Potter and Walter McKinley Potter II; special niece, Whitley Meadows Potter; Godmother, Lora Davis, and a host of cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday December 29, 2025 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. A graveside service will immediately follow at New Petros Cemetery, Petros TN.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that contributions be made to Schubert Funeral Home P.O. Box 326 Wartburg, TN 37887.

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

Dorothy "Dot" Sexton



*Dorothy "Dot" Sexton
1/14/1938 12/22/2025*

Dot is survived by twin daughters, Marlene Jerrolds and Charlene Kennedy, grandson Jacob Jerrolds and wife, Sabrina Dooley, sisters Elizabeth Jones and Faye Williams, many nephews and nieces, and friends.

Her daughters and family will miss her greatly but rejoice that she is not suffering or in pain anymore.

The family will be receiving friends at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg, Tennessee, on Saturday 12/27/2025 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm EST with service from 12:00 pm EST. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge, Tennessee.

Beloved Mother, sister, aunt, and friend, went home to be with Our Lord on Monday evening, 12/22/2025.

Dot was born in Kentucky but lived most of her life in Tennessee. She married the love of her life, Bob Sexton on 7/16/1958, and they enjoyed many great adventures together.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dorothy "Dot" Sexton.



— In Loving Memory —

Joshua Roy Shelton, 36



Joshua Roy Shelton
December 1, 1989 – December
16, 2025

Joshua Roy Shelton, 36, of Alexander, North Carolina, passed away unexpectedly on December 16, 2025. Joshua was born on December 1, 1989 in Lenoir, North Carolina, Caldwell County.

Joshua was the son of Frederick and Janine Shelton. Joshua was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Roy and Georgia Shelton; his maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Anne Blunt; his aunt, LeDema Griffith; and his uncles, Lloyd Blunt Jr. and Michael Blunt.

Joshua was known to his family—especially to his niece and nephew—as “Joshie.” Though it was a nickname he wasn’t particularly fond of, he wore it like a badge of honor, a quiet reflection of the love he had for his family.

Josh was a hardworking, blue-collar man who took pride in working with his hands. He had a deep love for the outdoors and cherished time spent on his grandpa’s land in Tennessee. He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing, finding peace and joy in nature. He also had a passion for dirt bike riding and was an avid video gamer, often spending late nights gaming with his brother, Ryan—memories that will be forever treasured.

In addition to his loving parents, Joshua is survived by his sister, Elaine Hensley (Jimmie) along with their children Sarah and Lukas, of Leicester, North Carolina; and brother, Ryan Shelton, (Erica) of Alexander, North Carolina;

Joshua is also survived by his aunts Sandra Helton (James), of Oakdale, Tennessee; Tabitha Hamby (Dennis), of Wartburg, Tennessee; and Andrea Merida, of Barbourville, Kentucky. Joshua was also deeply loved by a host of cousins.

Joshua will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his love of family, and the quiet loyalty he showed to those closest to him. He leaves behind a legacy of shared memories, laughter, and love that will never be forgotten.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Shelton, Jimmie Hensley, Kinley Hamby, Kyle Ruppe, Elijah Ruppe, Eric Goldston, Lyndell Goldston, and Chad Ellege.

The visitation and funeral service will be held at Schubert Funeral Home, 1318 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887. His family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, at the funeral home, followed by the funeral service, officiated by Rev. Dr. Keith Hutchinson, at 2:00 p.m. The burial will then take place at Camp Austin Cemetery, 1976 Camp Austin Rd, Oakdale, TN 37829.

Schubert Funeral Home is
honored to serve the family
of Joshua Roy Shelton.

Gloria Jean Redmon, 73



It is with great sadness that the family of Gloria Jean Redmon announces that she has passed away. Gloria Jean Redmon, age 73 of Lansing, TN, passed away at Methodist Medical Center peacefully while surrounded by her family on December 23, 2025.

She was born in Scottsbluff, NE on March 29, 1952 to parents Nicholas and Maggie Reyes. She worked at Wartburg Middle School in food service for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Maggie Reyes; brothers: Senovio Reyes, Carmelo Reyes, Marshall Reyes, and Jesse Reyes; and sisters: Kathe Reyes and Virginia Ojeda.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 43 years, Wendell Redmon; children: Jonathan (Meagan) Redmon, Christopher (Whitney) Redmon, and Sarah; grandchildren: Gabriel Redmon, Landon Redmon, Coton Isham, Emery Redmon, Kara Redmon, Ariadne Martin, and Maddox McGhee; brothers: Angel Reyes (Darlene Fiest) and children: Michael and Mario along with their spouses and kids; Nick (Bea) Reyes and children: Nikki, Stephan and Patrick, along with their spouses and kids, and Jesse Reyes; sister, Victoria Reyes; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends Wednesday December 31, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with a memorial service at 7:00.

*Schubert Funeral Home is
honored to serve the family
of Gloria Jean Redmon.*

Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.

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.



— In Loving Memory —

Robert “Bobby” Hicks, 61



Bobby was very talented and loved by his co-workers. Bobby’s careers ranged from building underground tunnels to operating heavy equipment in radioactive areas. One of his most recent adventures was Grey Beards Lawn care, where he partnered with his close friend Dave Hall. Bobby worked long hours and yet he had time for his family and community.

Bobby was well known for his coaching abilities at Sunbright High School where he graduated in 1983. He assisted the coaching staff at Sunbright High School where he impacted many young lives on and off the field.

Bobby is survived by his four beautiful children (of whom he was extremely proud), Johnathan Hicks, Dustin and Wife

Madison Hicks, Daughter Halee Hicks and Fiancé Zack and Daughter Natalie Diaz.

Bobby is further survived by his Mother- Ettie Jo Hicks, His Brother-James and wife Lynn Hicks of Georgia, Sister- Lisa and Husband Chris Russell, Nieces- Autumn, Mariah & Hollyann Russell, Nephews- Brian and wife Ashley Bledsoe, Aaron Moore and Amber along with a host of great nieces, nephews, uncles, and cousins.

Bobby is preceded in death by his Father Wilford Hicks. Aunts Eva England, Dorine Devaney and Doris Lawson and Uncle’s Billy Hicks, Jim Devaney.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from

5:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Schubert Funeral Home with Bro. Charles Webb officiating. Interment will follow in Neal’s Cemetery.

Pall Bearers- Dustin Hicks, Johnathan Hicks, Evan England, Jessie England, Dave Hall, Chris Russell.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Robert “Bob” Hicks.

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day... unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.” – Unknown

Robert “Bobby” Hicks transitioned peacefully from his home in Sunbright, TN to his Heavenly home with his Lord Saviour on Monday December 22, 2025. Bobby was born on May 30, 1964, to Wilford and Ettie Jo Hicks of Sunbright.

Psalm 123:1

**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**



Mary Lou Daugherty Lindsay, 78



and wife Maddie. Great-grandchildren: Wyatt, Waylon and Walker Campbell, Case Ochoa, and Maverick Lindsay. Sisters: Kathryn Daugherty, Phyllis White and husband Connie, and Karen Daugherty. Best friends since birth Terry and Teddy Basler.

Also, a special place in Mary’s heart goes to Paula, Sonya, Marilyn and everyone with the Quality Family.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Smile Train at smiletrain.org and/or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at st-jude.org.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 5, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 10:00-11:00 a.m. with the funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Family Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary Lou Daugherty Lindsay.

Mary Lou Daugherty Lindsay, age 78, of Oakdale passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack C. Lindsay, parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Daugherty, brothers Dennis Ray and Kenneth Daugherty Jr., grandmothers Rose Wallace and Louvernia Carroll, and aunt Sally Basler.

Survivors include her children: Deanna Rose “Gidgett” Daugherty, Rita Lynn Lindsay Huffstetler and husband Wayne, and Johnny “Goose” Lindsay and wife Dee Ann. Grandchildren: Kiara Elkins, Leslie Lively and husband Everett, Victoria Ochoa, and Michael Lindsay



— In Loving Memory —

Randy Arthur Gibson, 58



Randy Arthur Gibson, age 58 of Deer Lodge passed away on January 2, 2026, at the Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge after a short battle with cancer.

Randy was born on May 12, 1967, in Chicago, Illinois, but

grew up in Deer Lodge. Randy married the love of his life, Sherry, and together they raised their son, Andrew. He was a cable TV lineman for years and then ran his auto repair garage in Deer Lodge with his dad. He loved his music, and he had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh, and wanted to make others laugh. Those that knew him were often the recipient of his quick wit and desire to make you laugh.

Randy is preceded in death by his mother Patricia (Patti) Gibson and father Henry (H.C.) Gibson; grandparents Arthur and Beulah Robinson and Chester and Ada

Gibson; uncles Ross Branstetter and Jerry Robinson; and mother-in-law Dean Lavender.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sherry; son Andrew and fiancée Bonnie Chaboudy; sister Debra Vertner-Brown and brother-in-law Jay Brown; father-in-law Wilfred Lavender; sister-in-law Karen Starr (David); aunt Kathy Branstetter; nephews, great nephews/niece, and cousins; and many great friends.

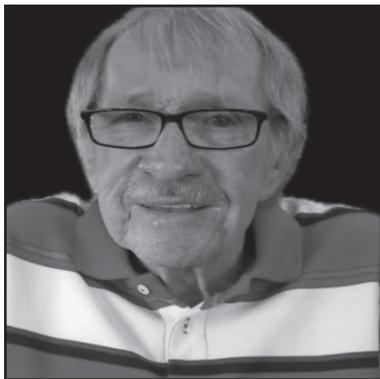
Randy loved his fur babies and to rescue those that needed a home so in lieu of flowers, you may want to donate to a pet shel-

ter or your charity of choice.

The family will receive friends on Monday, January 5, 2026 from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Services will follow at 7 pm. Graveside services will be Tuesday, January 6th at 11 am at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Deer Lodge, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Randy Arthur Gibson.

Ken Bonham



Ken Bonham has left the planet. He exited in the early days of 2026 in his sleep. He left a guitar propped against the living room table as well as 19 flat picks and three thumb picks on the side table (I counted them). The other 15 guitars were in cases or on stands in every room except the bathroom. He took all ten fingers and his unequalled talent with him.

Ken came into the world in 1939, the same year that saw the premier of "The Wizard of

Oz". He followed a yellow brick road out of Nashville for a few years as a journeyman guitarist for a number of country music singers. He rode countless miles in the back of a station wagon to make music in a hundred Emerald cities across the US. He came back with fifty dollars. But he was on the Grand Ole Opry!

He left the rarified world of country music entertainment for a more domestic life with a wife, two kids, a couple of Heinz 57 dogs named Flop and Brutus and a small brick house in an East Tennessee mill town. But he always played music. He remained a musician's musician. He leaves us while the "Wizard of Oz" enjoys a rebirth in the cinema, and we like to think his second act is onstage now as well. He played his final gig here a couple of weeks before moving on.

He leaves a big hole in a lot of lives and an empty spot on the bandstand. He leaves a lot of memories and funny stories from the perspective of the world's most lovable smart-ass.

He had 10 siblings and a grandchild who went on before him. Two children, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and another on the way as well as a host of admiring musicians, friends and fans who will sorely miss his dry wit, big heart and peerless guitar skills.

He will be remembered and celebrated at Ciderville Music Store on Clinton Highway in Powell, Tennessee on January 17 from noon until everyone has had a good time. Bring an instrument if you'd like to play or sing. Bring stories and memories to share. Tears are optional but the goal is to remember the joy of a life well lived.

Ken would surely like you to skip the flowers and support local music and local musicians... except banjo players.

The family will have a Ken Bonham Celebration of Life "Ken-fest", on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 12 to 3 pm ish at the Ciderville Music Barn 2836 Clinton Hwy, Powell, TN 37849.

RSVP: appreciated but not required: 336-971-2997.

Please check back for the full obituary.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ken Bonham.



— In Loving Memory —

Joey Allen Wright “Big Joe,” 61



Joey Allen Wright
“Big Joe”
September 1, 1965 –
January 5, 2026

Joey went to his heavenly home on January 5, 2026.

He is preceded in death by his son Joey Michael Wright; parents John and Gladys Wright; sister Gail Lawson and Jerry “Pacos” Lively.

He leaves behind his wife and best friend of 43 years Gail Trunzo Wright; son Jimmy Wright & Sarah; grandchildren Stevie, Lucas, Tyson, Oliver, and Bonnie Gail Wright, London and James Wright, Emma and Sawyer Howard; daughter-in-law Megan Crabtree; sister and brother-in-law Nikkie and Ken Paprocki; sister-in-law Nicole Trunzo and a host of nieces, nephews, to many to name specifically but

loved individually.

Joey was many things, a wonderful loving husband, and father. The best “Pappy” around. His passion and career was HVAC, which he passed down to both his sons helping shape their careers.

His life has been dedicated to his family spending many weekends and holidays celebrating at the river. Sledding on Gobey with his boys and grandkids. There wasn’t a day he didn’t spend with at least one of the grandchildren. His whole heart was his family.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-12:00 p.m. with Bro. Chris Bumbalough officiating. Interment will follow in the Choate Cemetery in Jamestown.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joey Allen Wright.

Buffie Price McKeehan



Buffie Price McKeehan, of Petros passed away January 7, 2026 at her home.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents James and Helen Price; parents C.B. Barbara Phillips mother and father-in-law Murray and Ann McKeehan.

She is survived by her children Kimberly and Adam Terry, Eric

and Shannon Crabtree, Miranda McKeehan and Derrick Nolan; grandchildren Naomi Davis, Jase and Jayden Terry, Bentley and Zylas Crabtree, and Cameron and Devon Nolan.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 12, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Buffie Price McKeehan.

Timothy Hall, 53



Timothy Hall, age 53, of Wartburg passed away January 6, 2026 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. He was born May 7, 1972.

He is preceded in death by his parents David and Creasie Hall; grandparents Timberline and Betty Hall.

He leaves behind brother Jason and Penny Hall; nieces Hannah and Haven Hall; nephew Austin Hall.

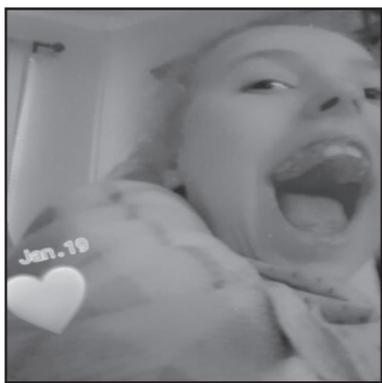
Timmy loved racing, hunting, and fishing. Timmy was a friend to everyone he was around. He will be truly missed.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 12, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Dustin Bonham officiating. Timmy’s wishes are to be cremated.

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

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Emberly Ann Jean Nation, 13



Emberly Ann Jean Nation, age 13, went home to be with the Lord January 13, 2026. She was born April 30, 2012.

She is survived by her parents Amber and Junior Nation; 2 siblings Shaylen and Kingsley Nation; maternal grandparents Lora and Lewis Seeber; great grandmother Evelyn Seeber; paternal grandparents Charlotte and Kevin Harting, Michael Dunn and Frank Nation; uncle

Travis Seeber and Steven Stewart; aunts Sary Turnbill, Shonnia, Amy and Katie and a host of aunts and uncles.

She is preceded in death by her maternal great grandparents Rulie and Ellen Carroll, and Vestal Seeber; great paternal grandparents Gerwayne and Wilma Forythe and Ruth Nation; uncles and aunts Vestal Lynn Seeber, Janice Lisenbee, and Larry Carroll.

Emberly came into the world fighting at 24 weeks, weighing 1 lb and 8 oz. She fought many health battles through her young life, but always with a smile on her face and God by her side. She had a smile that would melt anyone. She enjoyed her cartoons, anything pink, bright, and unicorn related. Her time here on earth has been surrounded

by ones who loved her more than anything and only knew love in this world.

Her time here on earth has been short but has enriched everyone who has had the privilege to have known her and loved her deeply.

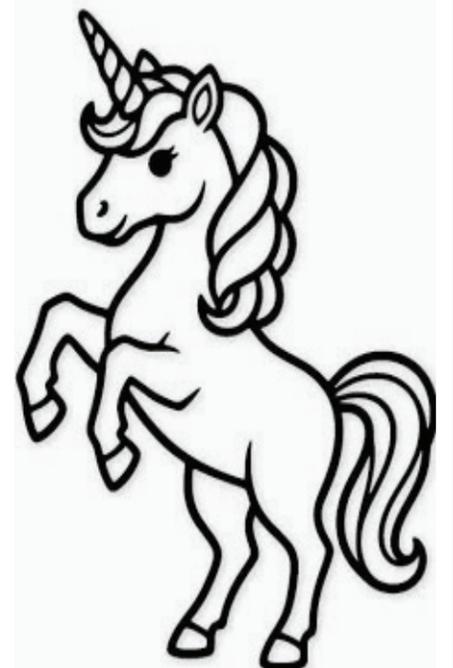
A great appreciation for all the wonderful doctors, nurses, caregivers, and EMT’s that have been there for her throughout her thirteen years of life.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Roger Burchfield, and Bro. Tim Ward officiating.

The family ask instead of flowers, contribution be made to

Schubert Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Emberly Ann Jean Nation.



— In Loving Memory —

Judy Kaye Simpson, 81



Born on March 2nd, 1942, Judy Kaye Simpson passed away January 8, 2026 peacefully at home surrounded by family.

To know Judy was to love her. She was the heart of her family, a beacon of kindness and warmth. She was a devoted wife to Granville Simpson for many cherished years and a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend.

Judy was known for her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ, which brought comfort and consolation to all who knew

her. She was Granny to everyone, and she had a unique gift for making everyone feel loved and valued. Her home was truly a place of solace, especially for her grandchildren.

Family was at the center of Judy's world, and she found immense joy in gatherings and moments shared with loved ones. Her kindness, generosity, and the joy she brought to everyone around her will always be remembered.

Judy was preceded in death by husband Granville Simpson and infant daughter Angela June; parents Paul and Ella Lloyd; sisters and their spouses Ruth and Jim Carender, Myrtle and Gene Terry, Pauline and Bertis Neal, Barbara and Roger Beu, Patsy and James Shelton, Brenda and Jim Evans; brothers James Edward (Jeb) and wife June Lloyd, Franklin Don Lloyd, and Doug Lloyd; nieces Chris McKinney,

Libby Neal; nephews JB Neal, Sonny Carender, great nephews Jordan Carender, Charles Lloyd; Father and mother-in-law James and Lena Simpson; Sisters and brothers in law Blannie, Tommy, Ruble, and Donna Simpson, Nick and Edra Simpson, Carol and Arnold Sheppard, Joyce and Gordon Pemberton; nephews Nicholas Simpson and Richard Simpson and niece Sheila Fleming.

She is survived by her daughter Patti and husband Will Gouge, daughter Tamra and husband Kevin Raymond Duncan and son Kevin and wife Tina Simpson; Grandchildren: Jessica Davidson, Paul Gouge (Casie), Jake Simpson (Sarah), Kaity Beth McCarter (Phillip), Jasmine Lowe, Dalton Simpson (Angel), and Luke Gouge; Great grandchildren: Jaxon, Jobey and Ace Davidson, Kendyl and Kaylea Gouge, Lorelei and Willa Simpson, Salem McCarter, Zander

Lowe, Obediah, Ezekiel and Rainleigh Joy Simpson; Precious sister Terrie Morgan (she and daughter Ginger truly were our angels on earth) and husband James; Sisters in law Agnes Lloyd, Becky Lloyd, and Ruth Simpson; and a multitude of nieces and nephews
Judy's legacy of love and compassion will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the pleasure and honor to know her.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Will Gouge officiating. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Van Howard (Hooney) Walls, 90 United States Army Veteran



He is survived by his wife of 69 years Margaret (Maggie) Brasel Walls; son Daniel Howard Walls (Tanya); granddaughter Lauren Michelle Walls; brothers Clayton Walls (Beverly) and Steve Walls; sisters Katherine Walls Kittrell and Thelma Nancy Walls McMahan and numerous nieces and nephews.

Van Howard (Hooney) Walls, age 90, of Harriman, TN passed away peacefully on January 12, 2026 at UT Medical Center. He was a Christian and member of South Harriman Baptist Church. He graduated from Central High of Wartburg and Tri-City Barber College of Knoxville. He was a Barber at O.K. Barber Shop until his retirement in 1998. He served his country in the Army 1956-1958.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clifton and Maude Walls; daughter Carmen Yeti-eve Walls; brothers J.D., Ralph, Joe, Rex, Frank, Wayne, and Paul (Tuffy); brothers-in-law Don Kittrell and Len McMahan.

The family will have a graveside service Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery with Bro. Sam Leslie officiating with Military Honors.

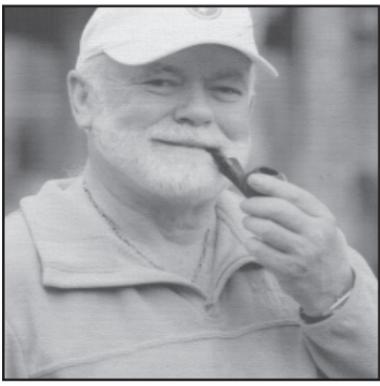
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to South Harriman Baptist Church or St. Judes Children's Hospital.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Van Howard Hooney Walls.*



— In Loving Memory —

Bill R. Dunlap



Bill R. Dunlap, born October 3, 1949, was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and community servant whose life was defined by dedication, hard work, and love for family and friends.

Bill dedicated time and service for 53 plus years to Scott County and the surrounding area as the owner/pharmacist of Plateau Drugs. Bill truly loved his profession and found great purpose in going to work each day and serving his community with care, integrity, and compassion.

For decades, he was a trusted and familiar presence to those he served.

Above all else, Bill cherished his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Dunlap; his sons, Brent (Christy) Dunlap and Blake (Sarah) Dunlap; mother of his children, Wanda Dunlap; and his stepchildren, Zackwell Huff and Edrie (Travis) Owens; grandchildren, Madison (Evan) Roberts, Macy (Danner) Keeton, Myia Dunlap, Mylee Dunlap, Hayden Dunlap, Kamden Dunlap, Manning Dunlap, Greysen Dunlap, Kalani Owens, Witten Owens, Nora Huff; great grandson, Ezra Roberts. He also leaves behind sister-in-law, Pamela Stephens Reed, as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom he loved deeply and took great pride in.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Dunlap Reed; his father, Billy James "Jim" Dunlap; and stepfather, Boyd "Buzz" Reed and brother, David Reed.

In his free time, Bill enjoyed playing golf, a pastime that brought him relaxation and camaraderie. He also had a lifelong passion for anything Tennessee, proudly supporting the Volunteers as a longtime season ticket holder. His loyalty, enthusiasm, and pride for his team were well known to those who shared game days with him.

Bill will be remembered for his strong work ethic, quiet generosity, and unwavering commitment to his family and community. Those who knew him will always remember his steady presence and the familiar smell of his pipe, a lasting reminder of the man he was. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched,

both personally and professionally. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Friends may visit with the Dunlap family on Sunday, January 11, 2026 from 2 p.m. until time of the funeral service at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Jones & Son Funeral Home with Bro. Sean Lee officiating.

After the service, Bill's wishes were to be cremated.

Jones & Son Funeral Home is serving the family of Bill R. Dunlap.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Bill R. Dunlap, please visit our floral store.

Charline (Swint) Gregg, 90



Charline (Swint) Gregg, age 90, of Lancing, TN, passed away Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Hancock Regional Hospital. She was born in Gobey, TN on June 7, 1935, to Archie and Gertrude (Hall) Swint. Charline graduated from Wartburg High School in 1954. She married Arlie A. Gregg on January 22, 1954, in Clinton, Tennessee.

Charline worked for Western Electric in Central Packing for twenty-five years before retiring in 1986. She was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church

in Lancing, TN. Along with being a wonderful sister, wife, mother, and grandmother, Charline loved her children, family, and everyone she met. Charline and her husband were entrepreneurs owning and operating Gregg's Fashions in Greenfield and Franklin Indiana, all while working full-time until retirement from Western Electric in Indianapolis.

While growing up in the mountains of middle Tennessee Charline was a faithful member of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Lancing Tennessee, went and graduated from Wartburg High School, where she was active as a cheerleader.

After retirement Charline and Arlie returned to Tennessee to spend her retirement years back in the mountains with her brothers, sisters, parents and church.

She is survived by her husband, Arlie A. Gregg; children, Gary L. (Lydia) Gregg, Bryan K. (Rhonda) Gregg, and Jeffrey A. (Tamarra Robbins) Gregg; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and siblings, Francine Jones, Jack (Donna) Swint, Judy Griffith, Lilla (Charlie) Settles, Loris Hamby, Mary Davis, and Tom (Vicki) Swint. She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Gertrude Swint; brothers, Archie Lee Swint, Wendel Swint, and Lynn Swint; sister, Ruby Hamby; brothers-in-law, Arnold Hamby, John A. Johns, Lawrence Griffith, and Jerry Hamby; daughter-in-law, Diana L. Gregg; and grandson, Cody A. Gregg.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home, 1318 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887. A funeral service will be held immediately following the visitation at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Buster Armes officiating. Burial will follow at Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery in Lancing, Tennessee.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charline (Swint) Gregg.



Historically Speaking Larry Lunsford Part Two: He Has Ink, Instead of Blood, in His Veins

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Benita Albert brings us the second and final part of the series on Larry Lunsford.

Larry Lunsford, a 1970 Oak Ridge High School (ORHS) graduate, was an opportunist from an early age. He sought chances to enrich his world in the arts, sports, academics, and even in journalistic work while growing up in Oak Ridge. In *Reflections: An Anthology of the Early Works of Larry Lunsford*, he wrote this introductory paragraph explaining some of his first writings that are included in the book.

“I always wanted to be a writer. I’m not sure how I developed the interest. I started writing short ‘books’ when I was nine. I designed a cover for each small story and included a title page. I drew illustrations for some of them.”

Larry’s career has been heavily involved in writing, and since retirement from university work in 2019, Larry has written two novels, *Brad*, and *The Hollow*. He is currently writing a sequel, *Steve*, based on a character in *Brad*. Notably, his novels have strong undertones from his Oak Ridge youth.

Larry left Oak Ridge to pursue an undergraduate degree in journalism at the University of Tennessee (UTK), but he continued to work at *The Oak Ridger* during breaks from school. Having proved his skills with his senior-year sports writing responsibilities, he was then assigned a variety of stories. He recalled, “I handled any assignment I was given. I covered the police, fire, and hospital beats and wrote many obituaries.”

On the UTK campus, Larry wrote for the campus newspaper, *The Daily Beacon*. He said, “Since I was heavily involved in fraternity affairs, I had a column about what was happening with Greeks on campus.”

Later, on summer break from graduate school at Indiana University, Larry recalled a special Oak Ridger task. “During the summer of 1976, Editor Dick Smyser assigned me to write a series called ‘Bicentennial Keepsakes.’ That involved writing a series of many articles about local collections and archives. I was amazed at what folks had from 1776—old letters, newspaper articles, etc. It was a popular series that kept me busy for the summer.”

What led Larry to Indiana University (IU) was a turn in his professional aspirations. Upon his graduation from UTK in 1974, Larry accepted a position with his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, to serve as a chapter consultant for 25 colleges and universities. He also worked as a production assistant for all national fraternity publications.

Larry wrote, “I attended Indiana University from 1975 to 1977. While working at the fraternity, IU was one of the schools I visited. I loved the campus. They had one of the top-rated student personnel administration programs in the nation. I applied and was accepted.” His final year at IU included an internship as an Assistant Dean of Students at the University of Evansville and the completion of a master’s degree.

He accepted the position of Assistant Director of Student Activities at the University of Pittsburgh where he served from 1977-1983. A trusted mentor asked Larry what his career aspirations were. He replied that he desired to be a dean of students or a vice president for student affairs. The mentor advised that either position would require a PhD. Larry heeded the advice by earning a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Educa-

tion Administration from Pitt in 1983.

Larry recalled his tenure at Pitt. “One of my major accomplishments was getting FCC approval for a campus FM radio station. One of the best hidden, unknown facts about me is that I have an FCC disc jockey license!” Further assignments included utilizing his journalistic skills as: advisor to the student newspaper, school yearbook, and literary magazine; editor of the *Student Handbook*; and Co-director of the Annual Writer’s Conference.



Larry Lunsford (Courtesy of Larry Lunsford)

The newly minted ‘Dr. Lunsford spent the next six years (1983-89) as the Assistant Dean of Students at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh. His final academic move to Florida International University (FIU) came in 1989, initially serving as the Director of Student Activities and rising to the title of Vice President for Student Affairs in the last six years of his tenure. Larry mentioned that, because FIU was a relatively new institution (established in 1972), there were many new programs and activities he initiated, some of which he described as borrowed successes from his previous institutional work. His job assignments were many and varied at FIU: Adjunct Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, Assistant Professor of graduate-level courses in the Higher Education Program, Associate Dean for Student Life, and University Ombudsman.

I posed the following interview question to Larry:

Your professional journey is unique, from Instructor to Asst. Professor in Journalism and in graduate-level studies in Student Affairs, plus Instructor for “First Year Experience,” a freshman course. This makes me think that you are an “educator for all seasons”—a teacher who adapts to students and their changing needs. Speak to your passion for teaching. Speak to your passion for journalism.

Larry wrote, “My favorite part of my professional career was always teaching students and not being an administrator. So many people made a difference in my life, and I wanted to do the same for others. I wanted to pay it forward. I became close to my first boss at FIU. She was also a writer. She recommended that we design a class for new freshman students that introduced them to the university and the academic regimen. The class had to be approved by the Faculty Senate. It failed the first time, but a faculty member

we knew offered to present it again on our behalf. It passed. It became a part of the core curriculum and a required course for all new freshmen.”

“After two years, my colleague noticed that class evaluations showed that the text we used received low marks. (It was designed for a three-credit course. Our course was one credit.) Being writers, we decided to write an FIU-specific text for the class. We found a publisher and began using the text in class after it was published. It received much better evaluations. Other institutions also adopted the text. We donated the royalties to FIU for teacher education programs. My colleague and I presented programs on the first-year experience at conferences in England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and Hawaii.”

“I advised the student newspapers at Pitt and Robert Morris, and I taught a journalism course and advised the student newspaper at Penn State Beaver Campus. I’ve had the best of both worlds—higher education and journalism. I’ve written hundreds of articles for magazines, journals, and newspapers. I’ve authored chapters in several books. I have ink in my veins instead of blood!”

“The Vice President for Student Affairs and I started a master’s program in higher education at FIU. I still hear from dozens of students I taught, many of whom have become vice presidents and deans.”

Among many accolades Larry has earned, perhaps a most meaningful tribute is a student scholarship that is endowed and named in Larry’s honor at FIU. Upon his retirement in 2019, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators named him a “Pillar of the Profession” for Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. And in 2025, he received the University of Pittsburgh School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award.

Focusing on the administrative side of Larry’s professional career, I asked Larry to reflect on the challenges he has experienced.

“I was the University Ombudsman at FIU for several years. It was challenging. I believed that discipline should be educational and not always punitive. Surprisingly, I sometimes had more difficulty with parents than students. They fit the role of ‘helicopter parents.’ I learned in many cases that students were not honest with their parents about offenses. The hardest sell is to convince students that they are responsible for themselves. They need to rely less on parents.” He reported handling an average 500 cases annually, providing a forum for students to address and resolve issues with faculty, staff, departments, or programs and advocating for fair and equitable administrative processes for students in problem solving or conflict resolution.

“Every place I worked, politics and red tape were the biggest obstacles. It seemed like insecurity dominated the senior administration. Sometimes it took compromise and a ‘just go ahead and do it and hope-it-works attitude.’ My role changed over the years in that the higher I rose, I had less contact with students (which I missed—that’s why I continued to teach) and more accountability to senior administrators and even trustees. I had a boss confiscate the student newspapers because of an article he didn’t like.

His action caused more controversy than the article would have created.”

In his role as Vice President for Student Affairs, Larry provided leadership and oversight for 22 departments within the Division of Student Affairs operating with an annual budget of approximately \$60 million. He directed an integrated portfolio of programs with concentrated emphasis on student activities and support systems to enhance students’ engagement and development, retention, and graduation.

Historically Speaking Larry Lunsford Part Two: He Has Ink, Instead of Blood, in His Veins

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I asked Larry to address current-day challenges for college administrators as well as for journalists. He was fervent in reply.

“The major challenge is the same for both—government interference. Free speech is under attack for both. Book banning is a major issue, particularly in Florida. (All my books would be banned in Florida if they were in school libraries.) DEI has been thrown out at colleges and universities. College administrators and faculty can be dismissed without cause. Journalist’s investigative reporting is called fake news. These are scary times!”

In retirement, Larry enjoys having more time for family, travel, exercising, and writing. He said, “When I was working, I was on call 24-7. An emergency was always a possibility. I was an avid racquetball player and tried to play at least once a week. I’ve been a runner my entire life and exercise regularly. I ran the Pittsburgh Marathon in 1989 and did well. I wrote periodically during

my working years, but the majority of my critical writing has occurred after retiring.”

As for travel, Larry noted that he and his wife, Joan, have journeyed to Europe several times with friends, and they loved it. He added, “Our favorite destination is Paris.” He also cited many trips to visit family and friends in the northern U. S.

Larry and Joan have been married for 40 years. Joan, a native of Pittsburgh, retired as a Program Coordinator for Baptist Health in South Florida. Their daughter, Megan, emulated her dad’s career path and now serves as the Program Manager for Student Experience and Assistant Campus Director of the Miami campus of the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. Son Sean is Head of Sales Development for Crowded: Financial Management and Banking for Nonprofits in Ft. Lauderdale.

An aspiring writer from an early age, Larry now enjoys the time he can set aside for writing. He will soon publish his fourth book, *Steve*, and though he has not disclosed this, I feel certain that more tales are fermenting. Remember his observation that ‘he has ink in his veins instead of blood’?

He shared some of his literary preferences. “My favorite authors are John Steinbeck, Leon Uris, James Michener, and Stephen King. My favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird*--I have a

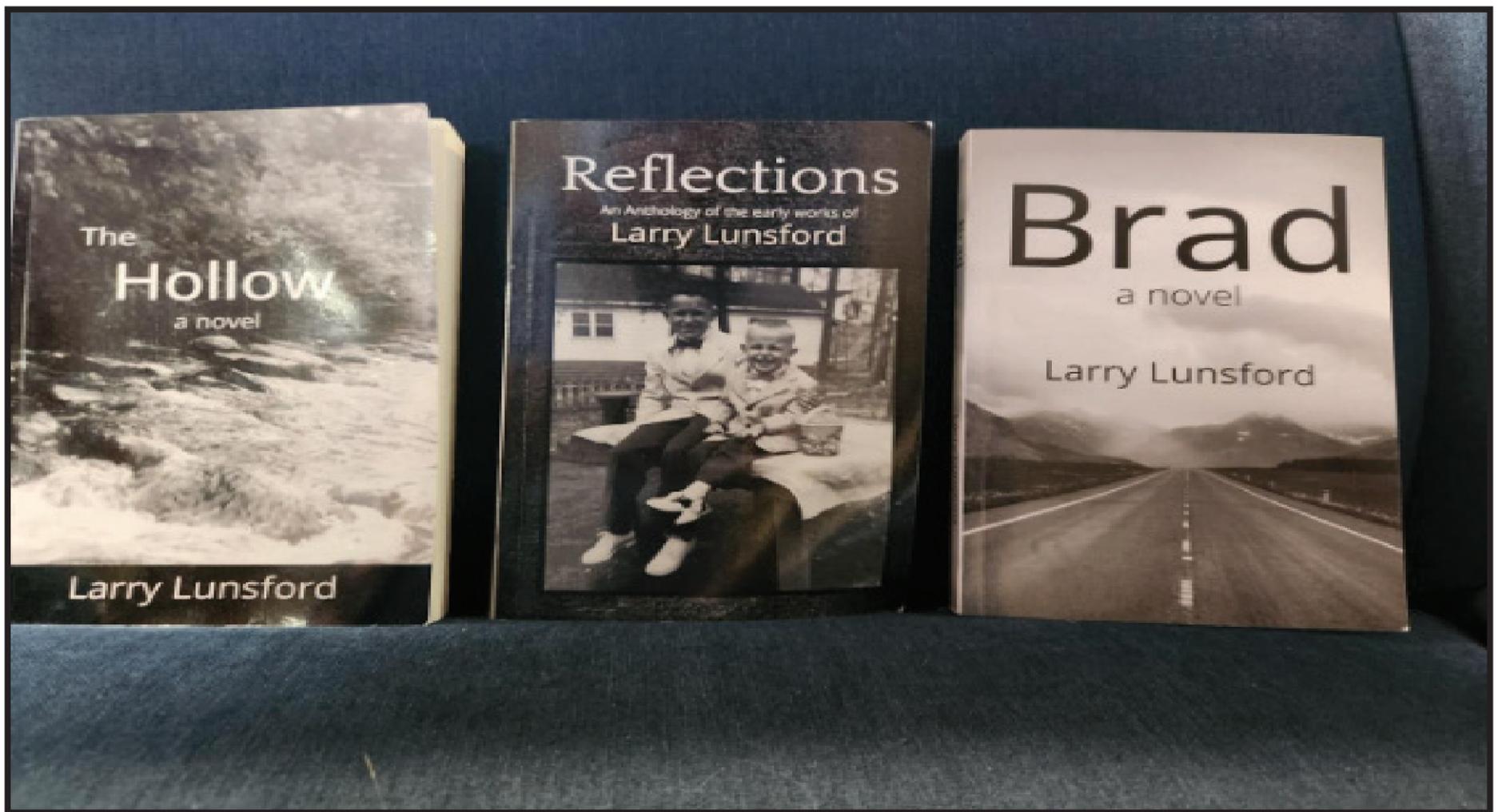
signed copy! It is also my favorite movie. At the University of Pittsburgh, I was the student activities advisor for Michael Chabon, who won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2001 for *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*.”

There is an energy to Larry Lunsford that is contagious. His influence as a college administrator is now widely spread across the next generation of collegiate leaders, former students who still value and seek his counsel. I know I would have loved to sit in his classroom if for nothing else than to feel the vibe, to watch an inspirer and motivator work his magic. It seems he never misses an opportunity to find the golden egg in whatever he pursues and to share the joy with others. I end this tale with evidence of Larry’s mantra and the way he has most assuredly lived his life.

“On the last day of class in the graduate classes I taught, I left the students with the following message from Lee Ann Womack: ‘And when you get the chance to sit it out or dance. Dance! I hope you dance! I hope you dance!’”

Editorial note: Larry Lunsford’s publications are available through Amazon Marketplace. ***

Thank you, Benita, for concluding the story of Larry Lunsford. He has led an amazing career and is still going strong.



Here are books Larry has published that are available on Amazon.com (Courtesy of Benita Albert)



Romans 2



Melvin Howard

(Romans 2:1-5) The ultimate standard of judgment: in the previous section, a scathing judgment was pronounced upon the ancient Gentile world. The Jews fancied themselves quite superior, but the apostle will dispute that premise. Just as the Gentiles were without excuse, so were the Jews---in fact, more so. While they “judged” (condemned) the Gentiles, they practiced the same sins. God does not judge superficially, but “according to truth” (v. 2), which is consistent with his

own nature. Those who condemn others while practicing the same sins will not be able to escape the divine judgment (v. 3).

The Jews, who yield themselves to sin, reveal their disgust for the Lord’s goodness to that nation over the centuries---and his forbearance and longsuffering in restraining his wrath for their wickedness (in murdering his Son). This judgment would be inflicted in just a few years with the Roman invasion in A.D. 70. How could they not realize that this divine goodness (manifested by restraint) was intended to lead them to repentance? The problem was with the nation’s hard and impenitent heart. By their rebellion they are treasuring up (piling up) an earned judgment in which they will experience the “wrath of God” on that day when “the righteous judgment of God” will be fully revealed. The language implies that many questions will be answered on that day---when every knee will bow and every tongue confess (14:11).

(Romans 2:6-10) judgment and human responsibility: through the term “works” is a dirty term in the larger sphere of “Christendom,” Paul contends that every person will be judged “according to his works”, his response to the revealed will of God (v. 6)---either positively or negatively). The will of the Lord, therefore, is that people patiently practice “doing well”; that they work and seek (persistently) the glory, honor, and incorruption of eternal life (v. 7). In contrast, those who “obey not the truth,” but obey “unrighteousness,” must suffer the wrath of God, which will descend upon every soul who practices evil. But there will be glory, honor, and peace to all who work good, both among the Jews and Greeks (v. 8-10). Four times in verses six through ten the importance of works (acts of obedience) are mentioned; twice obedience (positively and negatively) is referenced. This epistle does not ring with the mantra of faith only!

(Romans 2:11-16) judgment without respect of persons: there is no respect of persons with God. Both Jew and Gentiles will come under judgment, but each according to the law under which he lived. The Hebrews had a written revelation from Jehovah. The Gentiles had a lesser form of guidance. The Jews thus sustained a heavier responsibility; nonetheless, the Gentiles would be measured according to the standard they had.

The Gentiles did not have the Mosaic Law, but they nonetheless sinned; hence, they obviously were under some form of law (4:15; 1 Jn. 3:4). Those who refused to live up to the divine standard would perish (be lost). The Jews, on the other hand, would be judged by Moses’ law (v. 12). The implication is that Jewish judgment will be more severe because of its greater degree of illumination. More is required than simply hearing the law; obedience is demanded as well (v. 13). Though the Gentiles did not have the written law, some of them practiced, by the natural nudging of the conscience, the same moral principles that were resident in the Mosaic code. The “conscience” law either accused or excused them. The day will come, however, when God, by Jesus Christ, will judge the secrets of men according to the gospel preached by Paul (v. 16), the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2).

Romans 2:17-24) claims of the Jews: the apostle now chronicles some of the qualities in which the Jews claimed to excel: (a) they gloried in their name, boasted of their law, and were egotistical about their relationship to God: (b) they claimed to know his will, to approve excellent things, and to be instructed by a superior law; (c) they professed to be eyes for the blind and illumination for those in darkness; and (d) they could correct the foolish, instruct babes, and impart knowledge and truth (v. 17-21).

If such is the case, why do they not receive their own instruction? Do those who teach against stealing and adultery themselves commit the same? They vigorously protested idolatry, yet Hebrew history was punctuated with examples of idolatrous activity, and there may have been extant cases even now. (One can also practice idolatry in various ways (Col. 3:5). It is a shameful thing to “glory in God” and, at the same time, “dishonor” (v. 22-23). By their wicked lives, the Hebrews

caused the name of God to be spoken evil of among the pagan Gentiles, even as the Old Testament foretold (Isa. 52:5; Ezek. 36:20-23). These Old Testament texts appear to represent the Gentiles mocking the Jews, whose God appears unable to protect them from exile.

(Romans 2:25-29) the failure of the Jews: the Hebrews gloried in circumcision as a special sign that separated them from all others. The sign was God-ordained and had value---provided one pledged allegiance to obeying the law. If, however, one was a flagrant violator of the law, the outward sign was meaningless (v. 25). On the other hand, if the uncircumcised (the Gentile) kept the principles of the law, would not God honor his obedience? The implied answer is an affirmative (v.26). And would it not be the case that the Gentile who, by nature, kept the law, would, by his example, condemn the Jew who transgresses it? (v. 27). Indeed!

The true Jew, the genuine Israelite (Gal. 6:16), therefore, is not the one who merely has the sign in the flesh, but the one who has experienced, in a manner of speaking, a heart surgery. True Israelites are those who followed the spirit of the great patriarchs of the past, who humbly submitted themselves to the will of God, rather than those who profess to practice the letter, yet glory in the praise of men (Mt. 6). Instead, they will seek the glory of the Lord.

Col. 3:17 What so ever you DO in word or in deed do all by the authority of Jesus Christ. Faith only is not authorized by Jesus.

Gal. 1:19 If any man preaches any other gospel, let him be accursed; there is but one way Eph. 4:4-6 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

If you preach Jesus Christ; this will be the response from those who come to faith. Acts 8:35-39 “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.” Matthew 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Matthew 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Matthew 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Not knowing is a big error II Tim. 2:15

Mark 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. (Today this is called denominations).

Luke 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

John 8:38 -39 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham. Works of obedience.

John 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

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