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**- Job 37:6**



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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.

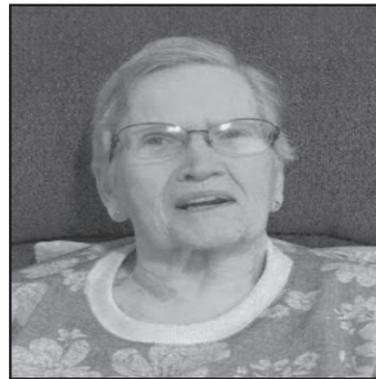
She is survived by her son, Jordan Hall; sister Wendy Duncan Potter (Tom Feezell); nephews William Michael (Jenny) Potter and Walter McKinley Potter II; special niece, Whitley Meadows Potter; Godmother, Lora Davis, and a host of cousins and friends.

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*

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.

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.

*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.*

### 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.*

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



— In Loving Memory —

**Robert “Bobby” Hicks, 61**



“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.

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.*

**Mary Lou Daugherty Lindsay, 78**



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

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 stjude.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.*

**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.

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.*

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.



## — 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.*

### 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; par-

ents 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.

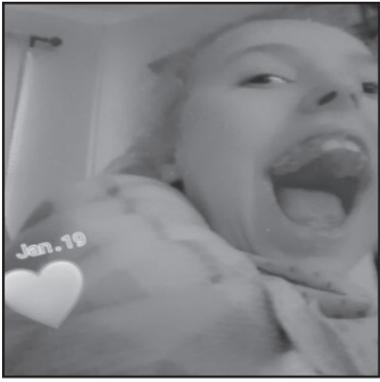
The family will receive friends Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-12:00 p.m. with Bro. Chris Bumbalough officiating. Interment will follow in the Choate Cemetery in Jamestown.

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



— In Loving Memory —

**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 Turnbull, 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.

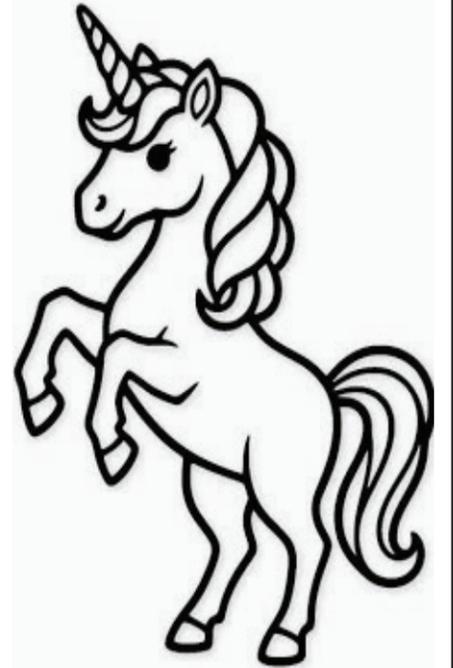
A great appreciation for all the wonderful doctors, nurses, caregivers, and EMT's that have been there for her throughout her thirteen years of life.

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.*



**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 Warburg 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. (Tamera 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.*



## — 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.

### Lettie "Lorine" Anderson



Lettie "Lorine" Anderson of Coalfield passed away peacefully, in her home surrounded by her husband, sons and her brother.

Lorine had resigned from Y-12 Federal Credit Union upon her diagnosis where she made many family-like-friends and

was an active member of Caney Branch Baptist Church. She loved her family and church family fiercely. Lorine was diagnosed with Stage 4-Pancreatic Cancer 3 years ago and went to battle without losing her precious smile, willingness to lend a hand, and most importantly, without losing or questioning her faith. Her diagnosis did not win but she has won, the ultimate gift of being healed with a new body with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by parents Robert and Mae (West) Carroll, Brother Michael Carroll, and Sister Carolyn Carroll, Nephew Devin Allen and Great Niece Alexis Allen.

Lorine is survived by her husband of 34 years, Rodney Anderson; sons, Darren (Samantha) Anderson and Isaiah Anderson; grandchildren: Madilyn, Mackenzie, and MaKenna Anderson; brother Richard (Hazel) Carroll; sisters-in-law: Michelle (Billy) Young, Kim (Tom) Borders, Darla Earls, and Brother-in-law Robert Anderson; along with a host of nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

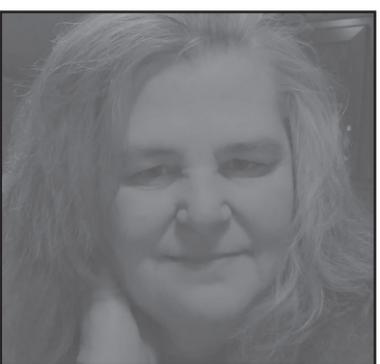
The family would like to thank her wonderful support systems, Niece/In-Home nurse Katie Carroll who worked tirelessly throughout her battle advocating for the better good of Lorine, Dr. Repine at Thompson Oncology, staff, and friend/nurse

Natalie Garcia, Sarah Cannon Research Hospital, as well as Amedysis Hospice for their dedication and commitment to her health and comfort.

The family will receive friends Monday January 19, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., with the funeral to immediately follow at 7:00, Bro. James Briggs officiating. The graveside service will be on Thursday January 22 at 11:00 at Anderson Memorial Gardens in Clinton, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lettie "Lorine" Anderson.

### 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.

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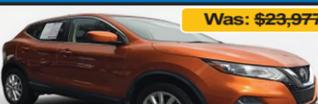
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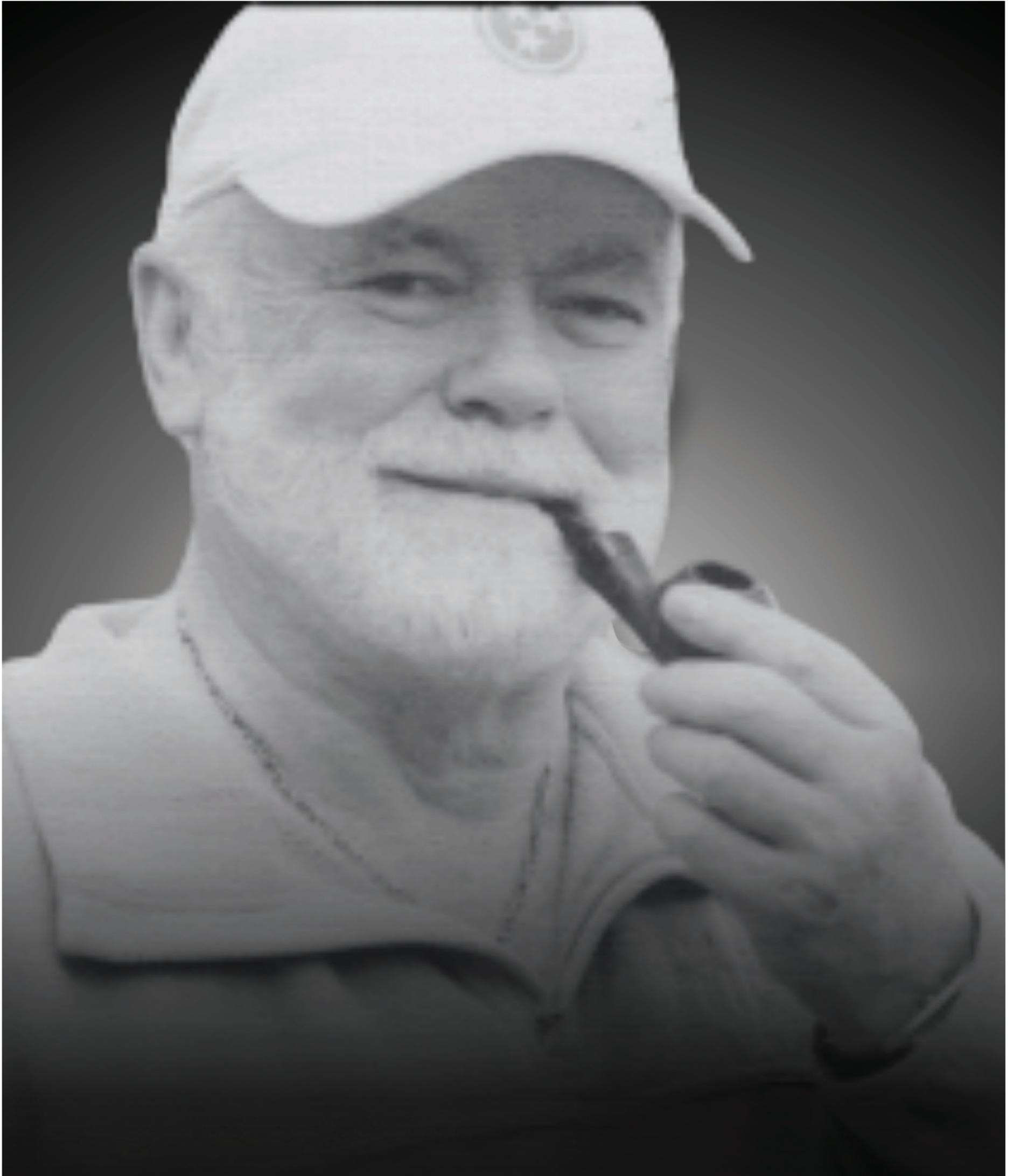
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**BILL R. DUNLAP, BORN OCTOBER 3, 1949, WAS A BELOVED HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND COMMUNITY SERVANT WHOSE LIFE WAS DEFINED BY DEDICATION, HARD WORK, AND LOVE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**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.**

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## Historically Speaking Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge - The Atomic Energy Commission (1953-1955)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Barbara Scollin, grandniece of Major General Kenneth D. Nichols, continues her series on his life.

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Ample reasons, most notably leadership skills, personality traits and qualifications, led to choosing General (then Colonel) Kenneth D. Nichols as Deputy District Engineer and subsequently as District Engineer of the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). The responsibility of his position during World War II was massive as he oversaw a workforce of both military and civilian personnel of approximately 125,000.

His Oak Ridge office became the center of wartime atomic energy activities. He also was responsible for internal security operations in the production facilities that helped keep the development of the atomic bomb secret.

Following the war, Nichols kept close watch over the MED's production facilities as well as atomic weapon stockpiles until handing over responsibility to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). In New York, assisting the American representative to the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission, Nichols made numerous presentations to UN delegates on certain treaty provisions that were very successful in gaining support for international control of atomic energy.

Ordered back to Washington, D.C., Major General Nichols was key in developing doctrine with the Pentagon and the U.S. Congress for the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons to protect our nation and allies. Serving as Chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP), Deputy Director of Guided Missiles, and other key positions, General Nichols played a major role in the development of missiles for delivery of nuclear weapons and what is today called anti-ballistic missile (ABM) defense.

Serving as General Manager of the Atomic Energy Commission 1953-1955, Nichols remained a fierce advocate of peacetime development of atomic power to meet and exceed our nation's growing energy needs. He assisted with the Atoms for Peace project and helped formulate the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

In this twenty-seventh installment of several articles covering the life and accomplishments of Kenneth D. Nichols, we learn of his retirement from the US Army and new assignment with the Atomic Energy Committee (AEC).

Before updating General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), in March 1952 in Paris, Maj General Kenneth D. Nichols extensively prepared for his scheduled 20-minute meeting. But Eisenhower (the Republican candidate running for the office of President of the United States), watching the New Hampshire primary elections, insisted Nichols spend the whole

day with him to answer various questions on atomic weapons and guided missiles.

After the election, Departing Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr. requested Nichols write his personal views (in three hours!) on the "Political and Military Implications of the Hydrogen Bomb"; the memo was read by the Secretary, the AEC and the Joint Chiefs of Staff as it provided a cohesive statement on the role of atomic weapons as a deterrence for war. Soon, Nichols would learn this deterrence statement almost mirrored President-Elect Eisenhower's views.

After his election, Eisenhower let it be known that atomic weapons were on the table, leading to an armistice truce with Korea signed on July 27, 1953. Nichols recalled, "Eisenhower had demonstrated that the threat to use atomic weap-



**Atomic Energy Commission Meeting, Santa Fe Operations (SFO). L>R: (Seated) D.J. Leehey, SFO; General Manager K.D. Nichols, AEC; P. F. Foster, AEC; Brig. Gen. K.E. Fields, AEC. (Standing-all SFO) R.G. Elliot; H.B. Fry; C.C. King; P.W. Ager; R.P. Johnson; D.F. Worth, Jr.; G.P. Kraker. January 1955, Albuquerque, NM. (Courtesy National Museum of Nuclear Science & History)**

ons, made by a president of the United States, with credibility and under the right circumstances, could stop a war, even though it might not gain a true peace. Apparently, the Chinese, the USSR, and the Korean Communists believed it. Credibility undoubtedly is a major factor making any such threat effective."

Eisenhower was about to make additional dramatic changes impacting many lives, including Nichols'. Eisenhower appointed Rear Admiral Lewis Strauss as Chairman and Kenneth D. Nichols as General Manager of the AEC. To accept the AEC (civilian) position, Nichols was required to resign or retire from the US Army and forfeit all Army retirement pay while working for the AEC.

Nichols discussed with General Matthew B. Ridgway his preference to remain in the Army; he would not volunteer for the AEC position. Doing as told by President Eisenhower, however, Nichols submitted, "As a matter of urgency... Retirement is requested on the basis that the higher authority has determined that my services will be of more value to the United States if I accept the position of general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission than if I remain on active duty in the Army. ..." After twenty-four years' service, his military retirement as a major general, effective October 31, 1953, at age 46, was with "considerable regret."

General Manager Nichols was warmly welcomed to the AEC by the Commissioners and Joint Congressional Committee members. Stacks of letters of congratulation from around the world were received. None were more welcome than letters from Manhattan Project associates. Here are a few of note:

Richard Burritt (formerly of Tennessee Eastman in the Y-12 facility) wrote, "...never did I hear any official or other individual speak of Col. Nichols except with respect and often some measure of affection. This is little short of miraculous. ... When you were appointed to your present position as general manager, as a citizen,

I breathed a sigh of relief."

Waldo E. Cohn (Chicago & Oak Ridge MetLab Biochemist; Oak Ridge Symphony's Conductor and Town Council Chairman) wrote, "Quite a few of the Project old-timers who are still in Oak Ridge were quite happy over the announcement that another old-timer --yourself-- was to become the general manager of the AEC. We felt that you, who helped get both the town and the work started, would be keenly aware of the many problems which affect this area of the AEC and of how best to deal with them.

"Our anticipation was heightened by the article in C&E [Chemical & Engineering] News last week (although the picture didn't look like the 'Col.' Nichols we knew in 1945-6!), and particularly the quotation in which you define your

new job as not policy-making but the translation of policy into action. That word, 'action,' is the keynote to our feeling, for if there is one thing the AEC needs and needs badly it is action. If you can supply it and get the machinery moving, you will indeed justify our reaction to your appointment."

Cohn then proceeded to provide "red tape" examples. Nichols responded with appreciation for Cohn's letter and said he read his comments "with a great deal of interest."

Norman Hilberry (Physicist and Arthur H. Compton's right-hand man at the Chicago MetLab) wrote on Thanksgiving Day, 1953, "Dear 'Col. Nick': ... When I heard the news over the phone, I let out a yell that was heard all over our building. It was a pure reflex cheer for me and for all the rest of us who have worked with you before and are still trying to plough ahead with the job. I think we all feel like railroaders whose company - due to financial reorganization - had been run by a president who was a financial genius but whose knowledge of railroading was confined to knowing how to press the pushbutton in a compartment to call the porter.

"When, in the fullness of time, the presidency reverts to an old time railroader again there's jubilation all along the line. Even if things don't get better they can be accepted because everyone knows that the man at the top knows what it takes to get an engine out of the roundhouse, the train made up and rolling. If "silly" things have to be done they must represent a real need because the big boss knows what it takes to run a train over the road.

"Those of us who have worked with you before know that for vision of what the future can be and for knowledge and understanding of what it takes to achieve the goal and for the courage and tenacity and managerial skill required to implement the approach, no one is better qualified - I doubt if anyone is nearly as well qualified - as Kenneth D. Nichols.

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“And so we welcome you back with deep satisfaction. The whole framework of operation is changed and I believe none of us expects miracles. But now we can work with a feeling that our own big boss is one of us; that he shares our hopes for the future and realizes as one of us what it takes to achieve those hopes. In short, as far as the future of the Atomic Energy program is concerned this is to me a day of real Thanksgiving.”

Nichols explained, “The General Manager is responsible for getting the work done and proposing policy to the Commission and in turn to the Joint Congressional Committee [JCC].

... One of the reasons I went over there was that the AEC distrusted the military and the military distrusted the AEC.”

Nichols’ objectives, agreed to prior to accepting the position, were: Develop a deliverable hydrogen bomb and improve fission weapons to meet the needs of the military. He said, “We were in a race with the USSR, more of a race than many of us realized at the time.”

Research and development as well as production of weapons was done by the AEC. New weapons, including the H-bomb, were developed by the Los Alamos and Livermore laboratories. The Teller-Ulam approach and the Greenhouse atomic tests at Eniwetok convinced the scientists, including Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, that the H-bomb was feasible. In Oak Ridge in an old Y-12 building (see 12th article), the first thermonuclear device small enough to be deliverable was exploded (Operation CASTLE).

Develop better relations with the Joint Congressional Committee.

Strauss and Nichols met Congressman W. Sterling Cole, the chairman of the JCC, weekly to seek political advice on working with Congress.

Advance the development of commercial thermonuclear atomic power and declassify information to make that possible.

This priority was personally key for Nichols agreeing to work for the AEC and would require changes to the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. Please see the upcoming 30th article. Halt the constant increase in the number of AEC employees and reduce bureaucracy.

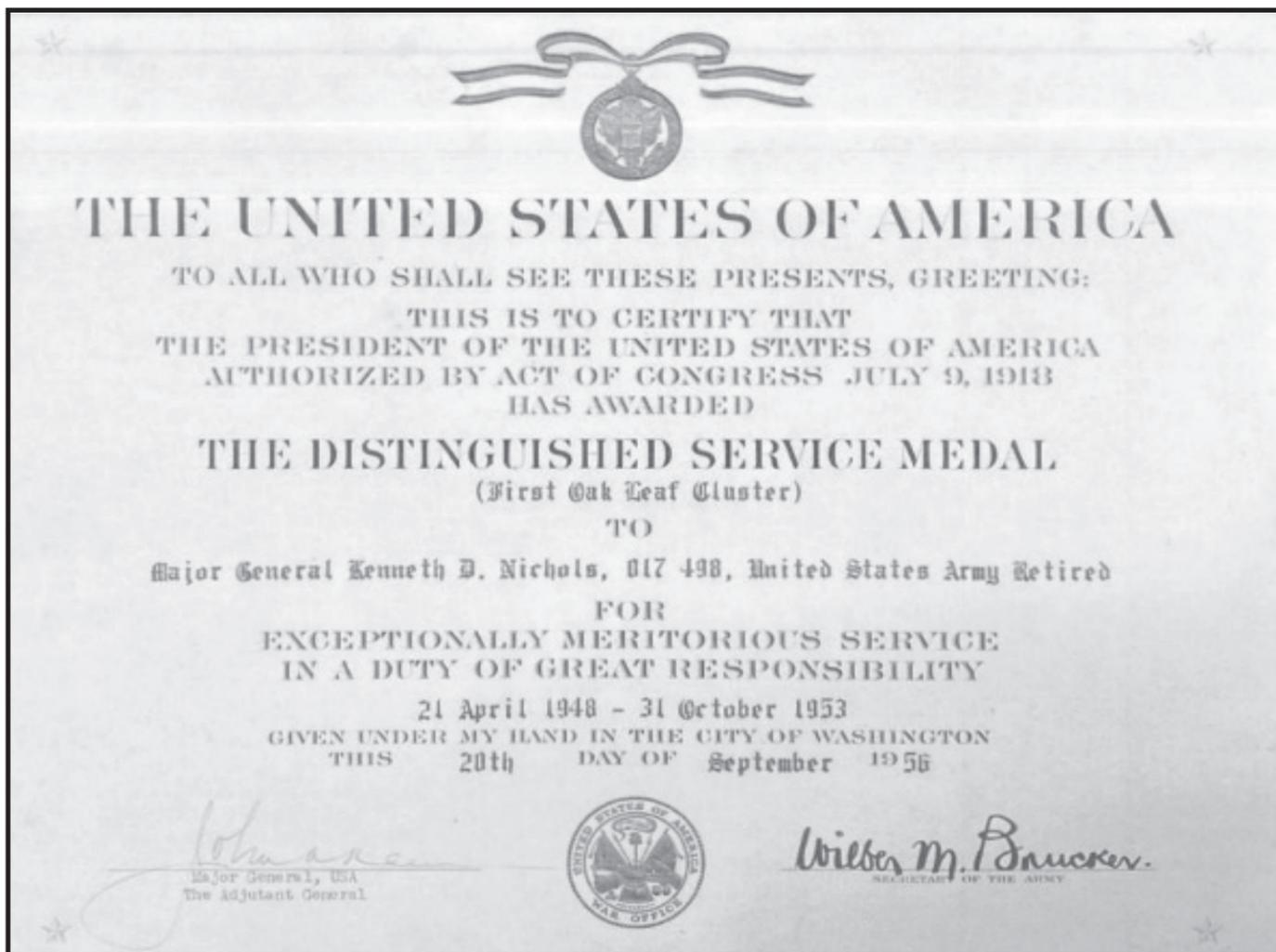
Upon appointment, Nichols traveled to each field installation, including Oak Ridge, to see the status of operations and hear first-hand accounts of successes and problems occurring. A faster decision-making process was enacted with less paperwork. As personnel vacated positions existing personnel were re-assigned. In addition, Nichols coordinated efforts with the House Appropriations Committee Chairman to reduce personnel by 5% in the fiscal year 1955 budget. Nichols eliminated New York operations after Oak Ridge managers agreed to absorb the work thereby reducing overall personnel.

And,

Select the type of reactor that would be



Major General Kenneth D. Nichols’ Retirement Parade (Courtesy K. David Nichols, Jr.)



**Maj Gen Kenneth D. Nichols (Retired) received his second Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) “For Exceptionally Meritorious Service in a Duty of Great Responsibility 21 Apr 1948–31 Oct 1953. In each of his various assignments, General Nichols met every requirement in a superb manner and repeatedly displayed broad professional knowledge, great tact, diplomacy, painstaking attention to detail, and unflinching energy...”**

(Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Office of History)

most suited for demonstrating an electric atomic power plant.

Nichols reviewed eight proposals and quickly determined the Rickover-Westinghouse pressurized water reactor developed for naval aircraft carriers was the best. After approval by the AEC, the Joint Congressional and House Appropriation Committees, his negotiations with Duquesne Light, Bettis Laboratory and Westinghouse went smoothly. The review and approval took less than 24 hours which “startled Congress” with the speed.

Soon a presidential Executive Order created another priority for Nichols.

Next up:

The Oppenheimer Hearing, Part 1 (1953)  
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Thanks for this Historically Speaking column and series goes to Barbara Rogers Scollin, grandniece of Major General Kenneth D. Nichols.

# Romans 3



**Melvin Howard**

(Romans 3:1-8) anticipated Jewish objections: Paul frequently anticipates objections to his reasoning and addresses them in advance. So it is with the case here. "If, Paul, as you have argued, the Jews and Gentiles stand on an equal footing before God, where is the advantage in being a Jew?" The answer is: "You had tremendous historical advantages. The oracles of God were entrusted to you." Paul considered the Old Testament documents to be inspired of God. Did the

fact that some Jews were without genuine faith nullify God's fidelity? Certainly not; the Lord's character is not altered by the failures of his people. The Creator remains true even if all men become liars (v. 3-4), just as it was written in the Old Testament (Psa. 51:4; 116:11).

Then, reflecting another Jewish quibble, the apostle paraphrases his antagonists: "If our (Jewish) unrighteousness highlights the righteousness of God (by way of the contrast), would not this imply that God is unrighteous to punish us with wrath for doing that which actually benefits him?" (v. 5). Paul's response is: "Absolutely not!" If the Lord is shown to be unrighteous by punishing the Jews, then by the extrapolation principle, he would be unable to judge even the wicked world. "Not even you," he seems to say, "would argue in such an illogical fashion!" "On the other hand, if it is the case that God's righteous credibility in punishing evil (even in his people) is acknowledged to be moral, why do my own people continue to condemn me as a liar and sinner because I rebuke their rebellion? (v. 7). Why am I falsely accused of teaching that men may do evil that good may abound?" The condemnation of Paul's critics is entirely just! (v. 8).

(Romans 3:9-20) the entire world under condemnation: Paul then asks: "Are we (Jews) better than they (the Gentiles)?" The answer is "No." The charge of universal sin-guilt has already been sustained. "All"---the entire human family---are under the condemnation of sin. The apostle then cites a variety of Old Testament texts (from the Psalms and Isaiah) that depict both the universality and horrible nature of human rebellion (v. 10-18). The Old Testament itself indicts the Jews as sinners. Human wickedness results from the Testament itself indicts the Jews as sinners. Human wickedness results from the reality that "there is no fear of God before their eyes." (Atheism claims there is no connection between belief in God and human conduct. Scripture disagrees and human experience reinforces divine testimony. To whatever extent unbelievers are good, it is not because of their philosophical system; it is in spite of it.)

In principle, the law speaks only to those amenable to it; and when it speaks, it condemns, because all rational people are lawbreakers. "All the world" is condemned by divine law, and is subject to Heaven's judgment. It thus is clear that all are under law. This includes the Jews who boast of their uniqueness in having a special law from God. But the Jew's own law condemns him, thus his mouth is stopped (v. 19). Where does this leave the Jews? Lost! For no one can be justified by keeping the law (since no law can be kept perfectly). The law could only provide "the knowledge of sin"; it could not remedy it (v. 20).

(Romans 3:21-26) Justification defined: The apostle now begins a discussion of the divine remedy for the human sin problem. "Now (in the Christian age v. 26) God's righteousness (his plan for accounting people as righteous) has been manifested." It is not a totally new concept, for it was prophetically announced in the "law and the prophets" of the Old Testament. It is the righteousness of God" (the divine plan for righteousness (1:16) that is accessible to all who desire it. But there are conditions: (a) It is obtainable only through faith in Christ. (b) It is universally available (to "all"). (c) It produces a state where the guilty are reckoned as "just." (d) It cannot be earned, but is freely bestowed upon those willing to receive it (Jn. 1:11). (e) It is not deserved, but is the result of divine grace. (f) It redeems (to set free by purchase from sin) (1 Pet. 1:18-19). (g) The process transpires within the "in Christ" relationship. Romans 6:3-12 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should

not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

Galatians 3:26-29 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

In the divine plan of redemption, the Father has set forth Christ to be a "propitiation" (v. 25; Heb. 9:5; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10) for sin. In the Old Testament the term referred to the covering for the ark of the covenant, upon which the blood of a sacrifice was offered for sin. Thus, Christ is represented as the one who, by his death, covers the condemnation and consequence of sin. In this gift God has shown his righteousness and forbearance---for the sins that appeared to have been "passed over" (ignored) in the Old Testament era. The access to the cleansing blood is "by means of faith," or as the Greek text has it, "by means of the faith." This could signify the kind of personal faith that one exercises in obedience to the Lord or "the faith" system, which embodies the historical reality of Jesus' death along with the required human response. The difference is negligible.

1 John 2:1-3 is written to the saved, those born again by water and spirit. (Jn. 3:5; Acts 2:38). The Holy Spirit is not making intercession for the alien sinners (Romans 8:27 "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." After the new birth Jesus becomes our advocate (Heb. 7:25).

This wonderful plan reveals God's righteousness at this "present season" (the Christian age). It explains how God's justice is preserved; yet, at the same time, he is able to justify the sinner who exercises faith in Christ. The death of Jesus was absolutely necessary in preserving the integrity of God. A perfectly holy being could not be faithful to his own nature (Hab. 1:13) and let sinful humanity go unpunished. An innocent victim had to pay the price. That was Jesus. This is one of the most important New Testament texts in understanding the reason for Christ's death.

(Romans 3:27-31) conclusion regarding justification: because of the previous facts, no human being can glory before God. Why is that? Because glorying has been excluded by the fact that no person can perfectly keep "law"; nor can the number of good works "piled up" ameliorate the sinful condition. What can? Only this: the "law of faith" (the gospel plan of salvation, which embraces the elements sketched above (v. 27).

One must conclude, then, that the sinner is justified by faith (the obedient faith (6:17-18); 1 Pet. 1:22) and not by works of law (v. 28)---either the law of Moses or the natural law under which the Gentiles lived. God is not the God of the Jews only, but of the Gentiles. The Lord is "one" (a unity without self-conflict); accordingly, he justifies both Jews and Gentiles in the same manner---by the faith centered in Christ (v. 30). Does our position on justification, namely that it is independent of perfect, legal compliance, nullify the validity of law? Of course not. It establishes the need of law in fulfilling the purpose for which it was designed. There is a "law of Christ" (1 Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2).

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