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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

## Happy Father's Day!

Ms Ivory and me would like to take a moment to say Happy Father's Day to our Pappy.

He is the kindest, most hardworking, football loving, Godly man we know.

He lives each day with a grateful heart and the man can do anything! He is the fixer of all things broken and the comforter-in-chief. Did I say, he can fix anything?

Eventhough, his hands are scarred rough and bumpy from a lifetime of work, they are full of gentleness. He is our rock and our safe place.

The patriarch of our family, what every man should be.

He even let's me and Ms Ivory snuggle with him in his chair and he sneaks us that yummy stuff called BACON and HAM! Shhh, don't tell Mimi.

Seriously though, every child should have a man just like Pap as their dad or grandpa. The world would be cleaner, safer, unbroken, with a lot more wuff, if there were more of him in it.

There would be fewer fish though, cause you know that man wuffs to wet his hook.

Any-woof, Happy Father's Day to our Pap and to all the other dads. We hope everyone enjoys making memories.

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



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— In Loving Memory —

**Elizabeth Terry Smith, 67**



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*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Elizabeth Terry Smith.*

Elizabeth Terry Smith, age 67 of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away on May 27, 2026, at Renaissance Terrace in Harriman, Tennessee.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dr. James Spencer Terry; mother Myra Frances Powers.

Elizabeth is survived by her children, Claire (Tim) Key, Kenric Smith, and Jordan (Mandi) Smith; her grandchildren,

**Emerson DeLaCruz**



Emerson is deeply cherished by his grandparents, Thomas Barnard, David and Lisa DeLaCruz, along with many other loving family and friends.

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*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Emerson DeLaCruz.*

With broken hearts, we announce the loss of our precious Emerson at 15 weeks. Though his time with us was brief, he was loved beyond measure by his parents, Brandon and Sarah DeLaCruz, and his brothers, Xander and Nathaniel.

**Psalm 123:1**

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

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

**Audrey Mae (Terry) Griffith, 99**



Audrey was a hard-working Christian, a very special lady that showed her love by the way she cared for her family and friends. Being married to a man whose passion was singing gospel music, she would take all six children and go, sometimes five or more times a week, but was never heard complaining. After her husband Lee's passing, she also sang with her son Jerry and The Griffith Family singers until she was 94. She is remembered as a strong caring mother, grandmother, granny and friend to all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Audrey is preceded in death by

her husband Lee Griffith; sisters Naomi "Oma" (Ray) Maden, Mildred (William "Bill") Dyer, Bessie (Walter) Richardson, and Thelma (Junior) Parton; brothers Jesse, Johnny and Paul.

She is survived by all six of her children Elizabeth Ann (Peter) Hodges, Roger Lee (Linda), Jerry Carl (Linda), Wilma Gail (Allen) Branstetter, Ira Lynn (Christy) and Lawrence Allen (Karen); grandchildren Michael, Melissa, Heather, Rebecca, Cynthia, Travis, James, Lorra, Andrew, Charlotte and Adam. She also has 26 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 26 at Pilot Mountain Baptist Church from 4:00 – 6:00 with funeral to follow at 6:00, brother Charles Webb and James Griffith officiating. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 11:00 am at Lane Cemetery in Lancing.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Audrey Mae (Terry) Griffith.*

Audrey Mae (Terry) Griffith, 99, went to be with her Lord on May 23, 2026. She was born September 29, 1926, in the Greasy Creek community of Morgan County, Tennessee, to John Wesley and Maude (Davis) Terry. She was a member of Pilot Mountain Baptist Church.



— In Loving Memory —

**Arnetta Ann Heidel Basler, 90**



Arnetta Ann Heidel Basler, age 90 of Wartburg, TN passed away peacefully June 4, 2026, at Roane Medical with family by her side.

Arnetta was born on her childhood family farm in the Joyner Community of Morgan County on November 1, 1935. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wartburg. She married James

“Louis” Basler of the neighboring farm in March 1954 until his death in 2023. To her family’s delight, she made delicious Noodles, Pies, and Pumpkin bars. She enjoyed giving handmade baby quilts and embroidered baby pillows to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many throughout her church family. She was known for telling you that “she loved you with a Bushel and a Peck and a Hug around the Neck.”

She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Thelma Heidel, husband Louis and infant daughter Rose Ann, Brother and sister-in-law Garland and Delonia Heidel, In-laws Fred and Macel Basler, Brother-in-law Bobby (Betty) Basler and Roy Basler.

She is survived by daughters Wanda (Johnny) Diden, and Carolyn (Bob) Jones all of Wartburg. Granddaughters Valerie (Dustin) Moore and their daughter Alice; Sarah Diden and her husband (Greg Tataryn). Grandsons Bobby Louis (Amy) Jones and their daughter Zoe; and Michael (Chadara) Jones and their children Jase and Navy. Sisters Ida Mae (Wayne) Hamby and Shirley (Benny) Parks. Extended family Hailey Ingram.

Services will be held at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Monday, June 8, 2026, with Rev. David Graves officiating. Receiving of friends 10:00 a.m., Funeral at 11:00 with burial to follow at the Wartburg City Cemetery.

Paul Bearers: Johnny Diden, Bobby L. Jones, Michael Jones, Dustin Moore, Greg Tataryn, Dustin Heidel and Honorary Paul Bearers Bobby G Jones, and PV2 Joseph Childs, Private Second Class, Army.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Arnetta Ann Heidel Basler.*

**William Edgar Lee “Eddie” Watson, 73**



William Edgar Lee “Eddie” Watson, born April 24, 1953, passed away on June 6th, 2026, at his home after a short illness, surrounded by his family.

He was a life-long resident of the Coalfield community. He graduated from Coalfield High School in 1971. He retired from Acme Block/Sequatchie Concrete, as a driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Lyonia Clark Watson; grandparents, William Huse and Blanche Watson and Rev. Harry and Lettie Clark.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Noe Watson; son, Tim (Claire) Watson of Alyth Scot-

land; daughter, Misty Nacole (Derrick) Daugherty of Wartburg; son, Jacob Tyler (Christina) Watson of Coalfield; and step-son, Neil (Susan) Noe of Coalfield. Grandchildren: Chloe Byrd, Aaron Watson, Madison Watson, Cameron Watson, Dylan Daugherty, Eli Daugherty, Elijah Watson, Cameron Osborne, and Zachary Noe. Great-grandchildren: Emersyn Byrd, Evelyn Daugherty, Owen Daugherty, and Daniel Byrd. Siblings: Sharon (Ralph) Schubert, Denise (Chris) Duncan, and Scott (Cheryl) Watson; special aunt, Gladys Kelly and 5 nephews.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 11th from 5-7 pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 7 pm with Bro. Dale Simmons officiating. A graveside service will be held on Friday June 12th at 10 AM in the Coal Hill Cemetery.

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

**Vaughn Sexton, 86**



Vaughn Sexton, born July 3, 1939, passed away May 31, 2026 in Douglasville, GA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louella Jones Sexton.

He is survived by his sons: Vaughn Allen (Stephanie) Sexton, Jr., of Eatonton, Georgia,

Robert Glen Sexton of Douglasville, Georgia; grandchildren: Christopher Aaron Sexton of Douglasville, Georgia, Scott Andrew (Haruka) Sexton of Tokyo, Japan; great granddaughter, Savannah Towa Sexton of Tokyo, Japan; brother Gerald Sexton of Lima, OH; and nephews Rory (Kathy) Sexton and Roger Sexton.

The family will be having a graveside service Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright.

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# 1 Corinthians Chapter 9



**Melvin Howard**

(1 Cor. 10:1-10) Examples of Apostasy from Israel's History: Paul wants the Corinthians to be reminded of certain incidents in Israel's history. The church had started with Jews, but Gentiles had been converted as well (Acts 18:4), and the instruction here assumes that the Gentiles also had developed a knowledge of the Old Testament. The Hebrews had left Egypt. They passed through the Red Sea, the waters piled up on either side of the mass of people, while the cloud was over them. In a manner of speaking, they were immersed in the cloud and sea and formally inducted into a leadership relationship with Moses (v. 1-2). Jehovah sustained them with manna and miraculously supplied them with water. They were even accompanied by the Messenger of the Lord (Ex. 23:20), who was identified as deity (Ex. 3:14). Paul indicates this was "the Christ" (v. 4). The past tense ("was Christ") instead of the present tense ("is") suggests this was the personal presence of the Lord, not the use of a metaphor.

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With most of these God was not pleased and they were "overthrown" ("slain" [Num. 14:16]) in the wilderness (v. 5). These "examples" (typological previews) were written for the benefit of Christians, who should not follow evil desires as the Israelites did (v. 6). Additionally, the people digressed into idolatry (Ex. 32:6). They engaged in fornication (Num. 25:1), which cost the lives of twenty-four thousand (Num. 25:9)---twenty-three thousand of which died in a single day (v. 8). Some suppose a number between twenty-three and twenty four thousand might have been rounded to either direction. Many put the Lord to the "test" (v. 9), and they perished by serpents (Num. 21:6); others "murmured" (v. 10) and were destroyed by a plague (Num. 16:41).

(1 Cor. 10:11-13) An Admonition to Corinth: the application is now made to worldly church members in Corinth. Jehovah's judgments upon his people should be a warning that his children now will not be spared when they apostatize from the faith. The apostle states these cases were recorded for the admonition of Christians who are living in the concluding "ages" (dispensation) of human history. He who imagines he is beyond the possibility of falling should take heed; he is not! Temptation is common to all, but none will be allowed to be overcome by it if he takes advantage of the Lord's providential ways of escape (Gen. 39:12; Heb. 4:16). The problem is, none of us ever does---not entirely at least.

(1 Cor. 10:14-22) Flee Idolatry: Paul again addresses the problem of idolatry, obviously a serious temptation for the saints in the idol-afflicted city of Corinth. He encourages them to act with the wisdom of which they were capable and to give close attention to his message. The apostle now enters into a brief discussion of the Lord's supper to be here used as an illustration---of both a likeness and a difference: (a) In partaking of a worship service, one is in communion with the object of his worship. This is true of Christian worship and idol worship. (b) In the observance of the Lord's supper, Christians are communing with Jesus Christ. Those in Corinth who were involved in idol worship were involved with demons.

The apostle mentions the two elements of the communion---the "cup" (metonymy for the fruit of the vine [Mt. 26:27-29]) and the bread. The order listed is thematic, not chronological. To "bless" the cup is the equivalent of "giving thanks" (Mt. 26:26-27); the words of thanksgiving do not alter the contents of the container. The dogma of transubstantiation is false. The plural "we" (v. 16) demonstrates that the action is congregational, not a priestly function of some administrator. In drinking the fruit of the vine and eating the bread, the Christians shares a communion with the Lord in this worship act. The two elements reflect the full complement of his sacrifice---the death of the Lord's body by the shedding of his blood. The uniformity of God's people in eating the communion supper each Lord's day (Acts 20:7) symbolizes the oneness of the spiritual body of the Savior, his church (v. 17). This sense of unity in worship should work to correct the factious spirit that troubled this church.

Paul extracts another illustration from the history of "fleshly Israel." In the sacrificial ritual of the Mosaic system, sacrifices offered upon the sacred altar were directed to Jehovah, and yet a portion was eaten by the people (Lev. 7:15-21; Dt. 12:5-7; 18:18). Thus, to eat of the sacrifices from the

altar, in a sense, was to commune with God. Is Paul suggesting that if one worships an idol that validates the idol as a real entity? Not at all. He had already declared that an idol is "nothing" (8:4). But the worship of idols in Greek mythology was the worship of "demons" (Acts 17:18; "strange demons"). Demons are underlings of Satan, the "prince of the demons" (Mt. 9:34). To partake of idol worship, therefore, ultimately was to engage in devil worship.

Christians must avoid any connection with the worship of Satan (v. 20). It is not possible for the child of God to be right with his heavenly Father and be involved with false worship. The "cup of demons" and the "table of the Lord" do not go together (v. 21)! The Almighty will not stand for it (v. 22). It is an inexplicable mystery that some church members entertain the notion that they can engage in unscriptural acts of worship with friends who are involved in corrupt religious systems characterized by will-worship (Jn. 4:24; Col. 2:23). See 2 Cor. 6:14.

(1 Cor. 10:23-33) Regulating brotherly conduct: Again (6:12) the apostle states that "all things are lawful," under his decision-making control; yet for expediency sake, some things must be avoided. "Liberty" is not a license to run over others and damage their hope of eternal life. One's free will must, to some extent, be limited by what edifies others. The Christian has responsibilities to his fellows. Verse twenty-four is elliptical: "Let no man seek his own good (exclusively), but the good of his neighbor (as well)."

A controversial circumstance now is raised. The "shambles" was a meat market near the Corinthian forum (the ruins of which have been partially excavated). Some of the meat sold there had been sacrificed by pagan priests on their temple altars. If a Christian went to the market for meat, must he investigate which meat had been involved in heathen ceremonialism and which had not? Paul says, "No." The consumer is not obligated to pursue the matter, because meat is meat; it has not been contaminated by where it has been. The conscience need not be bothered. The earth and everything in it is God's; the nature of the meat has not been altered by a pagan ceremony (v. 25-26).

Here is a hypothetical case. Suppose a Christian is invited into the home of an unbeliever and meat is served. Must he do a background check as to the history of the meat? Not at all. If he understands the previously advanced principle, he may eat with a clear conscience (v. 7). On the other hand, if another person says, "Do not eat this meat; it was sacrificed to an idol," one must conclude that his knowledge is deficient and his conscience would be wounded if the meat was consumed in his presence. The Christian should refrain from eating for the weak person's sake, not his own. The apostle confesses that his liberty must yield to the conscience of the weaker brother (v. 29). Why? (a) Because I do not want my brother to violate his conscience and sin. (b) Because I love him. It would be difficult for a spiritual person to offer thanks for food that he knew was about to seriously offend another and thus bring the reproach of "evil" upon himself.

This general proposition must ever be kept in mind: whatever one does, whether it is eating or drinking or anything else, it must be done for God's glory. Such should be the paramount goal of every human action. The Christian must strive not to be offensive to anyone---regardless of nationality, religious persuasion, or the lack thereof. Whenever possible, God's people should try to be pleasant to all, never compromising, but providing an exemplary atmosphere in which the gospel might take root and flourish. The selfless spirit would help in facilitating that environment. Paul's example created that atmosphere because he was following the example of Jesus (11:1). The Corinthians must imitate him. No arrogance here, just fact---recorded by inspiration.

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