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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
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# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

## Here Ducky, Ducky!

You guys know all about our nemesis, aka the Nasty Geese. Well, I gotta tell you about our other feathery visitors, The Mallard Family.

Ms Mary just wuffs them! She has fed them so well all 9 of the ducklings are almost the size of Mama Mallard!

You see, every year the Mama and Papa Mallards come back to our kingdom and make a nest across the lake. There, Mama lays her eggs. After hatching, she and Papa Mallard take great care of them. Before we know it the babies are big enough to make their way over, to our side of the lake. Ms Mary gives them a feast, all while Mama and/or Papa stand guard. When their little bellies are full, they go back to their nest. Sometimes, Mama or Papa come back to get some if the yummilicious bird seed in their belly.

Any-woof, we haven't saw Papa Mallard for about a week. We are worried about that little feller. I so hope nothing has happened to him. It's just not like him to not be around, especially with 9 babies to help Mama with.

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



**WEEKLY WEATHER**



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— In Loving Memory —

**Elizabeth Terry Smith, 67**



Grant Smith, Andrew Smith, Olivia Smith, Aubree Smith, and Wesley Smith; brother Mark Powers Terry.

A private disposition will be held at Happy Valley Memorial Park in Elizabethton, Tennessee at a later time.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Schubert Funeral Home, P.O. Box 326, Wartburg, TN. 37887 to assist with funeral expenses.

*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.

While our hearts ache in his absence, we find peace knowing he is now with Jesus - happy, whole, and being rocked by his Granny Maggie and his Papaw Johnny.

*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.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vaughn Sexton.*



## — In Loving Memory —

### Roy Wade Morgan, 75



Roy Wade Morgan, age 75, of Johnson City, TN, passed away on June 15th, 2026, at the Johnson City Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Born August 3rd, 1950, to Anita Greer Winnie Morgan and Roy Albert Morgan of Lansing, TN. He was a graduate of Wartburg High School.

He is preceded in death by his father, Roy Albert Morgan; mother, Anita Greer Winnie Morgan; son Justin Cory Morgan; brothers Gary and Ronnie Morgan.

He is survived by his wife Paula Morgan of Johnson City, TN; sister Elaine Pugh and Mike of Oakridge, TN; sister Lynita (Skeet) Loyd and Jerry of Lansing, TN; daughter April Henry and Bobby of Winchester, TN;

daughter Chasity Anderson and Kevin of Wartburg, TN; daughter Brandi Morgan and Ben of Elizabethton, TN; son Ethan Morgan of the home; daughter Sarah Simons of Johnson City, TN; daughter Hanna Shuff and Sir of Johnson City, TN; daughter Lauren Hayden and Taryn of Bluff City, TN; daughter Ashley Poe and Cody of Bristol, VA; son Mike Isham and Cynthia of Cleveland, TN; son Jeff Isham and Laura of Newport, TN; all his beloved grandchildren Christopher, Kadience, Brayden, Corey, Corrianna, Ryker, Cash, Erica, Caleb, Millie, Isaiah, Zach, Breanna, Kynlee, Kolsen, Camren, Nori, Chozen, and Sage; too many nieces and nephews to name but he loved you all dearly. He also held a special place in his heart for two dear friends, Mike Baines and Wayne Byron, whom he loved like sons. He cherished the bond they shared throughout the years.

A devoted outdoorsman, Roy Wade found great joy in the mountains. As a young man, his favorite hobbies were casting a fishing line in Greasy Creek or walking through the woods hunting deer and turkey all through-

out Sarvas Flats and Landrum Mtn. Spending time in the mountains brought him adventure and countless memories that he cherished throughout his life. He was always ready to tell a story from the mountains or a fishing tale to friends and loved ones.

In his golden years, nothing brought him greater happiness than spending time with his children and grandchildren. Some of their most cherished memories were made on the lake aboard his pontoon boat "Wet-Feet". Whether he was giving fishing lessons, pulling the kids on the tube, or tied up in a cove swimming, those moments reflected the joy he found in being surrounded by the people he loved most.

For over 40 years, he proudly served as a Lineman/Foreman at Pike and TVA, a career that was far more than a job—it was a calling. He took great pride in his work, helping keep the lights on for countless families and communities in many states over the years. He worked round the clock to restore power on storms such as the blizzard of '93 and Hurricane Helene. His

TVA coworkers were more than colleagues; they were family. The friendships he built over decades, being a lineman, remained some of the most treasured relationships of his life.

The streams, lakes, and mountains were his sanctuary on earth; Heaven is now his forever home. Though he has left this earthly life to be with our Lord and Savior, his memory lives on in every mountain sunrise, every turkey and deer in the woods, and every cherished memory shared by those who loved him dearly.

A service to celebrate his life will be held 4-6 p.m., Friday, June 19th, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Elizabethton, located at 212 E F Street Elizabethton, TN 37643,

The family will receive friends 5- 7p.m., Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at Schuberts Funeral Home, located at 1318 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887.

*Schubert Funeral Home  
is honored to serve the family  
of Roy Wade Morgan.*



### Michael "Darrell" Trout



Michael "Darrell" Trout of Crossville, TN, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on June 20, 2026. Darrell was a man who truly loved life and never missed an opportunity to share a laugh with those around him. His quick wit brought happiness to family, friends, and everyone blessed to know him. He was a retired Ironworker affectionally known as "Bluebird" from Local Union 384.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.C. & June Trout, brother Ronnie Trout and brother-in-law Junior Bowlin.

He is survived by wife Joani Trout; daughter Spring (Jerry) Picca of Jacksboro and son Jamie of the home. His beloved grandchildren Brett (Lindsey) Trout of Oakdale and Jordan (Cody) Duncan of Joyner;

great-grandchildren Lakynn & Shelby Trout and Adleigh & Reid Duncan.

Sisters Denise Bowlin of Morristown & Darlene (Mark) Kilby of Oakdale; sister-in-law Della Trout of Lansing, TN ;Aunts Helen Vawter of Centerville, OH and Mildred Summers of Valparaiso, IN; Nephews Doug (Michelle) Trout of Lansing, Derek (Heidi) Hamby, Blake Hamby all of Morristown and Brad (Alicia) Bowlin of Murfreesboro; niece Alyssa (Micah) Chitwood of Oakdale.

Special extended family Joe (Randi) Armes, Little Joe (Joni) Armes of Petros and Stephanie (Daryl) Kingsley of Coalfield

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 from 4-6 pm at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 6pm with Bro. Tyler Trout officiating. Interment will follow at the Old Petros Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Petros, TN.

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is honored to serve the family  
of Darrell Trout.*

# 1 Corinthians Chapter 11



**Melvin Howard**

1 Cor. 11:1) Christ's worthy example: Paul encourages the Corinthian saints to be "imitators" of him, but only to the extent that he himself was imitating Christ. No person is worthy of being an absolute pattern unless he has followed the perfect example of Jesus (1 Pet. 2:21).

(1 Cor. 11:2-3) The headship scale: This segment of Paul's letter is subject to much debate. (a) Is it designed to regulate public worship or not-church, societal conduct? (b) Is it grounded in culture or in historical principle? (c) Were the

obligations temporal or permanent?

In brief response: (a) Scholars are nearly unanimous that church worship is under consideration. (b) Most assume the apostle sought to regulate a cultural situation. If so, why is a worship environment emphasized? (c) The prevailing view is that the principle endures but the practice is obsolete. Some respectable scholars question how this could be, just as it is questionable how one might hold to the mood of the communion supper without retaining the memorial feast itself.

Paul admonishes the Corinthians to hold fast to the divine "traditions" (2 Thes. 3:6) delivered to them. The sacredly designed order of headship is: God, Christ, man, woman.

(1 Cor. 11:4-6) The application of the principle: "Praying" and "prophesying" are two elements of worship which summarize the full complement of constituents (communication from God and to God). The man who worships with his physical head covered dishonors his spiritual head. The situation for the woman is just the reverse; moreover, her action would be the equivalent of a woman shorn or shaven. Consistency would demand that if the woman does the former, she might as well do the latter.

(1 Cor. 11:7-12) Historical foundation; Mutual dependence: The basis for the instruction is grounded in creation history. (a) Man was created first, in the direct image of God. Woman came from man and is man's glory. (b) Woman was "out of" man and created "for" man, not the reverse. This is not meant to demean woman, but does reflect a divine order. (c) "For this cause" the woman should wear a token of her respect for man's authority on her head when worshipping in the assembly. The expression "because of angels" (v. 10) is ambiguous; it is sufficient to say that it relates to some spiritual matter, not to a local custom.

The two genders were designed to complement one another in their Christian roles. Woman initially came out of the man; subsequently, all men come by women.

(1 Cor. 11:13-16) Corroborating argument: Paul urges these Christians to think seriously about the matter. Is it proper for a woman to worship without the covering as her "sign of authority"? Even "nature," natural practice throughout the history of humanity, provides a supportive argument. If a woman lets her hair grow long, it is a glory to her, for such was given to her by God as a natural adornment. On the other hand, if a man grows his hair long, it is degrading to him. Should a critic argue against this apostolic case, he should recognize that he also stands in opposition the churches of God generally. It was not a mere local problem or requirement.

(1 Cor. 11:17-22) Problems with the Lord's Supper: This section begins a marked contrast in tone: Compare "I praise you" (v. 2) with "I praise you not" (v. 17). The former involved a misunderstanding in church decorum; the latter addressed a haughty, self-centered, factious spirit. Their "coming together" for the Lord's supper was seriously marred. The assemblies were tarnished by divisions (Rom. 16:17). Paul had censured party loyalties earlier (1:10), now he focuses on assembly dissensions. While heretical schisms are most unfortunate, at least one advantage results---those approved of God become "manifest," apparent. The "cream" does rise to the top (v. 19).

In a factious environment "it is not possible" to assemble in peace and partake of the communion supper in the tranquil mode God expects. Selfish ambition and elitism segmented these saints. What should have been a simple memorial service reflecting upon the Savior's death had become a common meal during which social classes had been segregated, resulting in some being left hungry while others were gorged (v. 20-21; 33-34). It was the opposite of the spirit of brotherhood unity. Their assemblies had abandoned the original purpose. It was a circumstance that did not justify praise, but rebuke (v. 22).

(1 Cor. 11:23-26) The communion as designed: The apostle's instruction regarding the communion supper had been received from the Lord (by inspired revelation). Jesus had instituted the communion celebration on the night of his betrayal. He had taken bread, given thanks, and distributed it, stating: "This is (a metaphor---this represents) my body, which is (about to be) sacrificed for you. This do (a command) in remembrance of me" (v. 24). "Remembrance" implies that when the supper was later engaged in

the church assembly, Jesus would not literally be there (contra the dogma of transubstantiation). The phrase, "as often as," does not signify that the communion is an option rather than an obligation; the point of emphasis is consistency in purpose. Subsequently, he took the "cup" (its contents) and instructed them to divide it among themselves (Lk. 22:17), stating that this was a symbol of the "new covenant" involving the shedding of his blood for the remission of sins (Mt. 26:28). By this sacred ceremony Christians proclaim their confidence in the efficacy of Jesus' death until his return (v. 26). It was not a temporal institution, it is to continue every first day of the week until Christ comes (Acts 20:7).

(1 Cor. 11:27-32) The consequence of corrupt worship: A severe warning is placed upon any who would engage in the communion supper "in an unworthy manner"---whether it be divisively, frivolously, inattentively, or capriciously. To do so is to be "guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord" (Heb. 10:29), a thought that should strike a note of terror in the hearts of some church members. Each person should "test" himself as whether his mental disposition accommodates this august act (v. 28). One who despises the person across the room, or who can't wait for an afternoon sports event, is light years from truth. To eat and drink without "discernment" of "the body" is to subject oneself to "judgment" or condemnation (v. 29).

Some consider the "body" a reference to the church. More likely it alludes to not properly reflecting upon the significance of the Savior's body as symbolized by the bread, the turning of the communion into a social feast instead of a memorial. In addition, Calvinists uniformly reject the idea that the "judgment" can be eternal judgment (yet see v. 27; Heb. 10:30). Many commentators see literal death visited upon the worldly Corinthians as temporal judgments for disciplinary purposes. To "sleep" (to literally die) in sin is hardly a disciplinary procedure. There is no postmortem salvation!

Consequently, if God's people would take inventory of their spiritual condition and correct their conduct, they would not be subjected to Heaven's judgmental wrath. If we do not attend to our soul problems, the Lord may chasten us (Heb. 12:10) to nudge us in the right direction that we may not be "condemned with the world" (v. 32). The verbal form reveals a distinct possibility. If this does not indicate that the child of God could be condemned along with the world, language has no meaning, and Paul's warning would have been deceptive.

(1 Cor. 11:33-34) Remedial recommendations: With a deep sigh for the welfare of this church, Paul draws a conclusion of admonition. "When assembly time comes, do not persist in your elitist fragmentation: (v. 21). A worshipping body should be united in their praise to God. Thus, they should worship together, instead of in artificially segregated assemblies. As for social meals, let these not be meshed with the communion memorial; you may satisfy your appetites at home. Do not turn your assemblies into an occasion deserving of God's judgment. He ominously notes there are other matters on his correction agenda, but these will wait until he addresses them face to face.

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