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Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Colorful Leaves

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I'm thinking this is starting to be a pattern.

You see, every year around this time, the day light seems to be a lot shorter and the weather is much cooler. No one is swimming in the lake anymore, either. What's up with that?

Is it just a coincidence that all of this happens the same time of year that the colors change on the leaves. Just like it did last year, and the year before... Hmm. I wonder if that has anything to do with it?
Mimi calls this time of the year, fall. Is that because the leaves are falling from the tree's?

I know one thing for sure. It sure is pretty. Ms Ivory and me just wuff playing in the pretty leaves and laying in the sun. So much so, I could take a nap and not even worry about the squirrels, playing in the yard.

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— In Loving Memory —

Martin Luther Newberry Jr., 89
United States Army Veteran



Martin Luther Newberry Jr., lovingly known as M.L., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on October 31, 2026, at the age of 89.

M.L. proudly served his country in the United States Army, a commitment he carried with honor throughout his life. Above all else, he was a devoted family man who found his greatest joy in the love of his family. He treasured every moment spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, creating memories that will be cherished for generations to come.

M.L. was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, Peggy Basler Newberry; his daughter, Lisa Ann Newberry Brewer; his parents, Martin Luther Newberry Sr. and Wissie Ethel (Adams) Newberry; and his siblings, Edna, Bill, Calvin, Raymond, Rena, Bobby, and Geneva Ann.

He is survived by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Debby Newberry of Hixson, Tennessee; his son-in-law, Christopher Brewer of Chattanooga, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, Sarah (Johnathan) Swanson, Grace (Cody) Floyd, Brenda (Kent) Clark, Chris Brewer, Jessica Brewer, Brandon Milsaps, and Chris Milsaps; several great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, and loved ones.

Though his presence will be deeply missed, the love he gave, the lessons he taught, and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His family takes comfort in knowing that his legacy will continue through the generations he loved so dearly.

Special thanks to Amedisys hospice for the care and compassion

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery (behind COG).

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is honored to serve the family
of Martin Luther Newberry, Jr.

Psalm 123:1

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,

O thou that dwellest in the heavens.



Lynda Jean Wilson, 75



Lynda Jean Wilson, age 75, passed away on October 28, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, compassion, faith, and a lifetime devoted to caring for others.

Born on December 24, 1950, in Norfolk, Virginia, Lynda was the daughter of the late Albert Westley Langley and Anna Rebecca Mole Langley. She was raised in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and later made her home in Deer Lodge, Tennessee, where she became a cherished member of her community.

Lynda dedicated more than 30 years of her life to serving others as a nurse at the Morgan County Corrections Department. Her career reflected the compassion that defined her as a person. She was a woman who was always on the go, always willing to lend a helping hand, and always looking for ways to make a difference in someone else's life. Her kindness and caring spirit touched countless lives throughout her years of service.

Lynda was also one of the founding members of the East Tennessee Gleaners Co-op, joining as its fourth member. Her involvement reflected her generous heart and her desire to help others and serve her community.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life. Lynda was a devoted Christian and a member of Meister Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Deer Lodge, Tennessee. Her faith guided her life, strengthened her through difficult times, and shaped the love and compassion she shared with those around her.

Beyond her work and service to others, Lynda found joy in the simple things that made life meaningful. She loved crocheting, sewing, and quilting, creating things with her hands that reflected her patience, creativity, and care. She also held a special place in her heart for her beloved dog, Piper, who brought her companionship and happiness.

Lynda was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David Raymond Wilson, whom she met while working as a nurse when he served as a guard at the prison where they both worked. Their paths crossed through their work, beginning a chapter of companionship that became an important part of her life. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Albert Westley Langley and Anna Rebecca Mole Langley.

Her greatest legacy lives on through her family. She is survived by her three children: Adam Ramsey and his wife, Heather Ramsey; Daniel Ramsey and his wife, Bridget Ramsey; and Linda Adelman and her husband, Jeremy Adelman.

She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren: Broderick Ramsey, Kherington Ramsey, Mackenzie Ramsey, Dravin Wilson, Ryan McNamara, and Trinity Alsum, who will carry her memory and the love she gave them throughout their lives.

Lynda will be remembered for her generous heart, unwavering kindness, strong faith, and tireless willingness to help others. She devoted her life to caring for people, whether through her work as a nurse, her service to her community, her church, or the love she shared with her family. She had a way of giving of herself without hesitation, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

Though her family and friends grieve her passing, they can find comfort in the faith she held so dear and in the hope of a joyful reunion one day. The love she gave, the lives she touched, and the memories she created will remain a lasting part of the legacy she leaves behind.

May she rest in the peace of the Lord until the day her loved ones are reunited with her.

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of Lynda Jean Wilson.

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— In Loving Memory —

Benny Lee Stewart
United States Army Veteran



Benny Lee Stewart, passed away October 23, 2026, surrounded by his family. Benny was a United States Army Veteran, serving his country from 1972-1975.

Benny is preceded in death by his son Jason Lee Stewart, father & mother-in-law Eason and Hazel Jones, granny Lizzie Hall, brother Gary Stewart and parents, Jimmy Stewart and Beulah Ashley.

Benny is survived by his wife Juanita.Daughters Tammy and Darren Barnett, Kimberly and Joseph Greenlee. Son Brian and Amber Stewart. His Granddaughters; Courtney and William Huntley, Ali and Chad Miles, Jessica and Harold Huffman, Kristin Barnett and fiancé Jake Cooley, Baylee Stewart & Sernity Stewart. Grandsons; Lukas Stewart and fiancé Tristyn Lindsey, Isaak Stewart and Hunter Lee Stewart. His Great Grandchildren; Emerson & Creed Huffman, Howard & Oliver Huntley, Elijah & Cadence Miles, Amirah Stewart & Linkeln Stewart.

Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews and friends, that knew if Uncle Benny was around, they were going to be entertained.

Brothers; Tim, Mike and Sam.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 7 pm with Bro. John Bonham officiating. Graveside services with full Military Honors provided by the American Legion Post 149 will be Wednesday 11am at Clear Creek Cemetery, Lancing, TN.

Pallbearers: Harold Huffman, William Huntley, Chad Miles, Jake Cooley, Brad Langley and Reagan Williams.

Honorary Pallbearers; Courtney Huntley, Ali Miles, Jessica Huffman, Kristin Barnett, Emerson & Creed Huffman, Howard & Oliver Huntley, Elijah & Cadence Mills.

The family would like to thank Quality Hospice Care for the care and compassion shown during this time.

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Marvin "Joe" Turnbill, 68



It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Marvin (Joe) Turnbill, age 68, who passed away on October 24, 2026, at his home in Oakdale, Tennessee, with his loving wife and son by his side.

Born on March 7, 1958, Joe enjoyed fixing things, working on cars, and reading. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and the laughter he brought to those around him. He will be remembered for his unique talents, his humor, and the many memories he leaves behind.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Trula Rayder, and his siblings Elizabeth Keathley, Carolyn McCormick, Kathy Prater, James Turnbill, Don Turnbill, and Wiley Turnbill.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Turnbill; his son, David Turnbill; his sisters, Mary Lyles of Oakdale and Anita (Robert) Hall of Lancing; his brother, David (Tammy) Turnbill of Harriman; and several nieces and nephews.

Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort in knowing that Joe is now home with our Lord, where there is no more pain or sorrow, only eternal peace. We hold close the promise of Heaven and the hope that one day we will be reunited again. He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered by all whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, and we will share details once they are finalized.

Until we meet again in Heaven, may he rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord.

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Philippians 1:21
For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.

Lloyd R. Gilmore Sr.



Mr. Lloyd R. Gilmore, Sr. passed away at his home on October 29, 2026.

He is preceded in death by his father Lloyd R. Gilmore, Sr.; father-in-law Forrest E. Langley, Jr.; brother-in-law Tim Langley; sister-in-law Donna Lay.

He is survived by his wife Diane Gilmore; son and daughter-in-law Ray and Jennifer Gilmore; granddaughter Dakota Gilmore; sister and brother-in-law Michelle and David Pereira; brother and sisters-in-law Keith and Sharon Cooper, Chris and Lynn Langley, and Jeff and Rhonda Langley; sister-in-law Barbara Murphy; mother Connie Gilmore; mother-in-law Virginia Langley and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family has chosen cremation, no services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of Lloyd R. Gilmore, Sr.



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— In Loving Memory —

Joel "Jody" Lee Griffith, 65



Joel "Jody" Lee Griffith, age 65, passed away, leaving behind a family who loved him dearly and memories that will forever be treasured.

Jody will be remembered by his loved ones as a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Though his time here has come to an end, the love he shared and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents Cassie (Miller) Jones and Lenard (Irene) Griffith; his brothers, Johnny Griffith and Tommy Griffith; and his nephew, Jimmy Hamby.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Karen Griffith, and mother-in-law, Jean Bunch. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy Hamby; his children, Amanda Woodall, Joel "Bub" Griffith, and Dawn Williams; and his nieces and nephews, Davie Hamby, Melissa Branstetter, Joanna Hamby, and Brian Hamby.

He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Anthony Beard, Ciara Vann, Hayden Beard (wife Alexis), and Cody Beard, along with a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members who will forever hold him close in their hearts.

Though words can never fully express the loss of someone so loved, his memory will continue through the family he leaves behind. He may be gone from our sight, but he will never be forgotten.

Forever loved, forever missed, and always remembered.

The family will receive friends Monday, November 9, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-12:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery in the Gobey Community, with Bro. Tim Hamby officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joel "Jody" Lee Griffith.

Eddie White, 80



Eddie White passed away peacefully at home, on Thursday November 5th, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Born on April 9th, 1946, to Jack and Emma Ruth White, in Petros, TN.

He was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Black Diamond Masonic Lodge #625 in Petros. He was a correctional officer at Brushy Mountain State Prison, where he retired after 30 years of service. And avid hunter and outdoors man, he could often be found in the mountains surrounding his home, preferring to live off the land when possible. He was involved in the local dirt track racing community for years and enjoyed watching Nascar. Once his grandchildren were born Eddie's focus shifted to them and they became his entire world.

He is Preceded in death by parents, Jack and Emma Ruth White.

Survived by brother Condon (Phyllis) White, of Petros. Sons Roger (Pam) White of Oliver Springs and Todd (Tiffany) White of Wartburg. Grandchildren Brandon, Cheyenne, Josh, Gage, Tyson and great-grandson, Elliot. He is also survived by several extended family and friends. The family would like to thank Meagan Adkisson for the amazing care she provided for our father and grandfather.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 10th, from 12-2pm at Schubert's Funeral Home. Funeral procession will leave Schubert's immediately following the receiving of friends with graveside services being held at the new Petros Cemetery, Cemetery Road (behind the Church of God on Hwy 116).

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Eddie White.

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Historically Speaking

Oak Ridge retired employees have gone 28 years without a cost-of-living increase

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I asked Dave Whitehead, President of Coalition of Oak Ridge Retired Employees, and Paul Wasilko, Vice President of CORRE, if they would like to have a Historically Speaking column address the history of the efforts by the CORRE to get cost-of-living again included in the pension. They agreed and have provided the following:

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Could you and your family survive if your pension did not include a cost-of-living adjustment for 28 years? For the 15,000 Oak Ridge retirees and their families who were a part of the Manhattan Project and helped win the Cold War this situation exists.

Due to inflation, $1.00 since the last increase in 1998 now needs to be $2.00 in 2026 to have the same purchasing power. These former employees with long tenure in retirement are trapped by this inflationary loss in purchasing power.

There is a major difference in the manner in which the original pension plan was administered and the manner in which today's plans are administered. The original plan adjusted for increased cost of living. The current pension plans do not.

To adjust for this loss, an annual cost of living increase tied to the federal inflation rate is needed. This approach would be consistent with existing pension plans for Department of Energy federal and Design Agency employees as they both receive pension increases that are tied to the annual cost of living increase. This inequity is not just and does not honor the service of these contractor retirees who actually performed the work for the nation.

Approximately $8.6M would be needed for a 2.5% Cost Of Living Allowance in 2026. DOE contractors do not have the authority to invoke actions that increase cost without prior approval from DOE. Recent discussion with the DOE Secretary of Energy indicated that the individual contractors would need to make the request via the annual budget process.

This action is currently underway by CORRE leadership, and they are awaiting a response. The details of this situation were highlighted during the annual CORRE meeting held at the Y-12 New Hope Center on November 6, 2026. Although local congressional offices were notified of the meeting, only one representative chose to attend the meeting in person.

The Coalition of Oak Ridge Retired Employees was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2002. The aim is to represent the interests of some 15,000 retirees and survivors receiving pension and retiree health care benefits from U.S. Department of Energy contractor-managed facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Additional information on this and other retiree issues can be found on the CORRE website at: . mycorre.org. A sample form letter is also included on this website that can be completed and sent to our local congressional representatives.

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Thanks Dave and Paul.



Audience at the CORRE annual meeting on November 6, 2026 at the Y-12 New Hope Center's Zach Wamp Auditorium (Courtesy of Paul Wasilko)



Dave Whitehead, President of Coalition of Oak Ridge Retired Employees, conducts the annual meeting (Courtesy of Paul Wasilko)

Galatians Chapter 6



Melvin Howard

(Gal. 6:1-5) Bearing burdens: The previous chapter concludes with an admonition to the churches to walk in harmony with the Spirit's leadership. This section provides some practical applications concerning how such is to be implemented. It is possible for any person to be "overtaken" in a trespass. A "trespass" is a deviation from what is right---perhaps a slip, rather than a resolute transgression. Overtaken may mean the brother was apprehended in the act, or, more likely, being caught up in the sin in a moment of weakness before having time to reflect. Such an unfortunate soul is not to be impulsively thrust aside by the more righteous. Instead, the most spiritual are to restore such a one. This is no task for those who are harsh in the way they generally interact with others. The restoration is to be with gentle care. The restorer cannot be condescending; he must reflect on his own potential vulnerability.

Verse two inoculates against the spirit if isolationism which in effect says: "I have problems of my own; I cannot burden myself with the concerns of others." The Christian must show concern and take time for the burdens of his kinsmen in the Lord (whatever they may be). As the poet John Donne wrote: "No man is an island." In so doing, one fulfills the law of Christ. While Christianity is not a system of legalism, we are under law to Christ (1 Cor. 9:21). Otherwise, the Christian could never sin. Where there is no law, there is no sin (Rom. 4:15; 1 Jn. 3:4).

The child of God must cultivate humility. If one thinks of himself higher than he ought (Rom. 12:3), he is self-deceived, injures his own credibility, and hinders his efforts for doing good. He should never even think of himself in terms of the grandiose! He ought to prove himself by what he does, not what he says. He should make the glorying resident in his work, not by words through which he compares himself to others. Let a man bear his own burden (v.5). There is no conflict between verses two and five.

(Gal. 6:6-10) Sowing and reaping: The theme of bearing burdens is continued, but with a different point of emphasis. This verse has to do with the relationship between those who are taught and the teacher. The student who is receiving a bounty of treasures from a teacher should feel the obligation to communicate with (fellowship with, assist (Rom. 12:13) those who teach them. The teacher spends much time and considerable resources in qualifying himself for this important task, and such should not go unappreciated. This theme is developed extensively in 1 Cor. chapter nine. One cannot, of course, reimburse every person from whom he has learned. But the principle is clear enough. Moreover, there are things to share beyond monetary remuneration, encouragement or assistance in other ways, The Galatian Christians may have had a problem in this area.

The law of sowing and reaping is set forth. What one sows in kind, that he reaps (Mt. 13:24). Similarly, what is sown in quantity is likewise reaped (2 Cor. 9:6). With reference to the kind portion of the equation, the principle applies beyond the material arena. Sowing to the flesh (fleshly indulgence) results in a crop of destruction. One example of such is illustrated by the bumper harvest of disease that has been garnered as a result of sexual promiscuity, both heterosexual and homosexual, as well as alcohol and recreational drugs. The wild side of life is profuse with consequences. One may have to pick-up-the-tab, even when forgiven.

On the other hand, those who sow to the Spirit shall of the Spirit (the Spirit is active in the redemptive process) reap life eternal (v.8). There are rich rewards for serving God now (contentment, satisfaction in helping others, etc.), but there also is life (communion with God) eternally, beyond one's temporary residence on this globe (1 Tim. 4:8).

In view of the eternal treasures which result from Christian fidelity, Paul encourages us to maintain diligence. There are many hardships in life (sickness, loss of loved ones, economic crisis, etc.); and terrible as these may be, they are temporary. We must not, therefore, grow weary and give in. Endurance pays. We must look beyond the calendar to the due season when the eternal reward is reaped. In the meantime, let us work whenever we are able, doing what is good toward all people, and particularly those who are needy Christians (v.10; Acts 24:17; 2 Cor. 9:13).

(Gal. 6:11-18) A closing word: Frequently Paul dictated his letters to a scribe (Rom. 16:22; 1 Cor. 16:21; Col. 4:18; 2 Thes. 3:17); in this case, he is personally writing the epistle---at least this latter section.

A final rebuke is launched at the Judaizers; their motive is challenged. By pressing the brothers to be circumcised, they are largely ambitious to make a show in the flesh by their converts, rather than the phony rationalization that they are protecting them from Jewish persecutions on behalf of the cross (v.12). Their facade is transparent. They adopt circumcision (as a matter of salvation obligation (Acts 15:1), but not even they keep the law (5:3). They practice a selective theology. One cannot but be reminded of Sabbatarians who insist that all Christians must keep the Sabbath. Yet they violate numerous Hebrew regulations pertaining to that ancient holy day (Ex. 16:29; 31:12; 35:3). The glory of the Judaizers' efforts is self-directed.

With humility, but firmly, the apostle distances himself from such self-aggrandizing methods. There is but one thing that should be the object of the Christian's glory, and that is in the cross of Jesus Christ, who died for us. Hence, the world stood as if permanently crucified to Paul, and he to it. This reciprocal crucifixion is a strong way of emphasizing that the cross of Christ (that for which it stands) marks a stationary barrier between this apostle of Christ and a this-world disposition. His goal is heavenward! You Judaizers are fixated on circumcision; I am enthralled with being a new creature. As many as are willing to live by this code, may peace and mercy be upon them, for they are the "Israel of God." Old Israel no longer exists as God's chosen people (3:29; Mt. 21:43; 1 Pet. 2:9)!

"Trouble me no more. I do not have to prove myself to anyone. My credibility is on my back---in the form of scars" (v.17; 2 Cor. 11:23). His concluding invocation is that Christ's favor might bless their spirit, them personally, as brothers in the Lord. So be it!

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