

The Messenger

Zion Presbyterian Church, Helvetia

Pickens Presbyterian Church, Pickens

SUMMER 2018

Oh, what a beautiful summer. If I live to be 110 years old, I can never get enough summertime. The sights, sounds, and smells, of a sunny summer day are a blessing to cure all, and to fill one's spirits with thanksgiving. I am hoping that each of you is enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends and making wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Summer is such a busy time, with lots of hard work to be done as well. Here's hoping that everyone is blessed with good health and happiness during these busy times.

Many thanks to **Jim Schneider, Jim Betler, and Alice Burky Phillips** for their donations to The Messenger. Your financial donations help with printing, paper, and postage for mailing. I really appreciate the help from **Doug Davis** for taking the time at the Helvetia Library to print, fold, and staple each Messenger newsletter. Once again, I am asking that folks PLEASE send me news of family and friends that may be of interest to our Messenger readers. We love to read about reunions, weddings, babies, graduates, fun family times, and your wonderful memories as well. Even though I send The Messenger four times a year, PLEASE send the news articles anytime. I look forward to hearing from you.

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ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia continues to have worship services every Sunday at 10:00. We also have Children's Sunday School twice a month at 9:15. Much appreciation to Joe McInroy for continuing to serve in finding pastors to preach each Sunday. We have had many wonderful sermons and are grateful to folks who come for worship service

each week. If you have not been to Helvetia church for Sunday worship, we would love to have you with us. If you are visiting locally over a weekend, please join us anytime.

The annual congregational meeting was held April 8, 2018. Rev. Charla Koerner opened the meeting with prayer. Alvin Burky was nominated to serve another term as Elder for the church. He will serve a three year term. Other discussions were adding a church Elder position, having Vacation Bible school, having another local person be familiar with the church chime system in the event that Kevin and Woody are out of town when the chimes need attention, the church treasury report, and the Helvetia Cemetery report. During the cemetery report, much appreciation was expressed to Dave and Lynna Loudin for their continued work and care of the cemetery grounds.

During the week of June 18, vacation bible school took place. Our theme was Splash Canyon. The lessons included Baby Moses in the river, Joshua leading the people through the Jordan River, Naaiman being healed of leprosy, and Paul being saved from the shipwreck. Each day between 19 and 24 children enjoyed lessons, music, dancing, crafts, snacks and of course lots of water games. The grand finale was a water slide. Many thanks to Doug Davis and Danny Daetwyler for engineering the exciting slippery slope. Many, many thanks to Iris and Doug Davis, Sherry Daetwyler, and our youth volunteer, Haley Parsons for their invaluable volunteer help. The large screen for videos was perfect, the many beautiful works of art done during craft time would not be possible without the patience and hands of Haley Parsons, and Sherry Daetwyler; and Iris certainly planned for the best, most fun water games ever. Thanks to all the parents for transporting their children. And many thanks for the generous donations that were given to make it possible for the church to have vacation bible school each year for our children.

HELVETIA CEMETERY

Dave and Lynna Loudin continue to take such exceptional care in keeping Helvetia Cemetery beautiful. Much appreciation to them for their hours of volunteer time in mowing and keeping the grounds so well taken care of each summer. The Helvetia Cemetery fund provides money to pay for fuel for the mowers, but all work is done by Dave and his wife as they volunteer several Saturdays out of their summer each year. The cemetery is a beautiful place to spend a few hours on a summer day. The picnic tables by the river, along with the benches, make a peaceful spot to relax and enjoy the quietness of nature. With the clearing of land done by the Loudins, there are

cemetery plots available. If anyone is interested, please contact Kevin Betler for more information. Also, donations to the cemetery's upkeep are always welcome so that the cemetery remains beautiful for many years to come.

HELVETIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The last week in June was the Helvetia Library's summer reading program week. The program was divided into two groups. There were the younger children with their group leader, Iris Davis and the older group was led by Doug Davis. There were about 8 children in each group daily. The children listened to a novel, did crafts, ate lunch, read short stories, and played games. The area youngsters enjoyed all the activities and many thanks go out to Doug and Iris Davis for organizing the summer reading program and having the activities for the children.

HELVETIA DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATION

HDRO will celebrate Swiss National Day on Saturday, August 4th, 2018. We will have a picnic at the pavilion at the Community Hall starting at 5 pm. We will be selling Bratwurst and Hot Dogs along with drinks, veggies and dessert. Around 6:30 the community singers will entertain inside the hall and we also hope to have the Folk Dancers there as well. Following the entertainment, there will be a traditional Helvetia Square Dance in the Hall from 8 to 11 pm. We look forward to seeing you there on August 4th.

Submitted by: Woody Higginbotham
HDRO President

HELVETIA FAIR

The 101 Annual Helvetia Fair will be held September 8th and 9th, 2018. The fair features an exhibit of canned and baked goods, home grown fruits and vegetables, flowers, crafts, woodworks and 4-H projects. If anyone is interested in entering exhibits, please bring them to the Helvetia Community Hall early Friday morning to be judged. The exhibit is open on Saturday and Sunday during the fair at the Community Hall. There will be foods sales at the community hall and vendors will be selling a variety of crafts and goods at the Star Band Hall and in the grassed area adjacent to the hall. A wonderful parade begins at 2:00 on Saturday followed by the program in the meadow featuring Swiss Folk Dancing, singing, and traditional Swiss music. There will also be a corn hole game competition. Also included in the fair is the Helvetia Mountain Run which is held on Sunday morning of the fair weekend. If anyone has contacts for new fair vendors, please send them

our way. Or if you'd be willing to help us volunteer for any part of the fair, please email helvetiafair@gmail.com

FOLLOW YOUR BLISS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Follow Your Bliss music festival marked its 7th year and was held the weekend of June 23, 2018.

This celebration began in 2012, by Phil McAvoy and his family as a tribute and celebration to their father, Rogers McAvoy, known to many as "The Professor". The festival features, live music, local beer, crafts and food vendors.

The preparation for the festival and all work is done by volunteers. The musicians also volunteer their time and talents. Follow Your Bliss Music Festival is held each year on the weekend following Father's Day. It is a weekend of great music, gathering of friends and family, and sharing support for our beautiful Helvetia Community. For information on the festival check out the Follow Your Bliss Facebook page where you can also see photos of the event.

OBITUARIES

Levi Vincent Lough, 96, of Medina, Ohio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior and to reunite with his wife Inis, the love of his life for over 64 years, on Thursday, January 25, 2018. He was born February 1, 1921 at Hodam Mountain, Hacker Valley, to Gilbert and Orpha Gay Cutlip Lough. Levi lived in Craigsville for many years and was a member of Hinkle Chapel. He was a hard working coal miner for over 34 years of his life. He loved working with wood and was a master craftsman. Three years after the death of his wife, he moved to Ohio where he lived with his daughter Kathy and son-in-law Woody until he entered Life Care Center of Medina in December of 2015. There he was dearly loved by all his caregivers and the Hospice Team. Levi is survived by his brother Alvin Lough; daughter Kathy and son-in-law Woody Knight; grandchildren Liana (Dave) Jenkins, David (Kay) Knight, Dennis (Tina) Knight, Terry Wayne Lough, and Christopher Lough; great-grandchildren Brandy Jenkins, Kelly Jenkins, Michael (Kelly) Jenkins, Jordan Lough, Crystal Lough, Christopher Lough, Jr., and Dillon Wayne; and great-great-grandsons Matthew, Gavin, and Logan Jenkins. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Inis M. Evans Lough; son Terry Lance Lough; brother Hilden Lough; and sister Trecie Coleman. Funeral Services were at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Brother Kenneth Ward provided words of encouragement and the eulogy. Interment followed in Big Run Cemetery, Diana.

Norma Lee Gain Williams, age 80 of Painesville Twp., died on January 31, 2018 at The Lantern of Madison. She was born on December 6, 1937 in West Union, WV.

Norma worked at Nemeth's Lounge in Painesville for over 40 years. She enjoyed crocheting, puzzles, fishing, and traveling.

She is survived by her sons, Stanley (Cheryl) Gain of Thaxton, VA, Alex Laszlo of Painesville, and Frank Laszlo of Painesville; grandchildren, Tia Trotta, Kindra Jones, Amber Shonquist, Lori Roberts, Amber Gain, Davon Quick, and Chelsea Laszlo; 16 great grandchildren; siblings, Dorothy Burner of Madison, Leroy Gain of Helvetia, WV, Sue Peck of Deerfield, TX, and Andrew Nyznik of Mentor. She is preceded in death by her parents, Stanley Gain and Pearl Nyznik; and brothers, Robert and Glen Gain. Visitation was February 3, 2018 with the funeral service following at noon at Johnson Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Painesville, OH.

Don Gloria "Donnie" Miles Betler, age 81 years, a former resident of Valley Bend and a resident of Kingwood, WV, passed away Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Preston Memorial Hospital in Kingwood. She was born April 12, 1936, in Buckhannon, WV, the daughter of the late Clyde Elmer Miles Sr. and Lillie Blanche Bonner Miles. She was married to Lawrence H. Betler who preceded her in death September 12, 2017. She is survived by one son, Stanford "Stan" Betler and wife Brenda of Kingwood and two daughters, Sandy Ketterman and husband Frank "Preach" Ketterman of Bowden and Kimberly Betler Lambert McLaughlin and husband Greg of Hickory, NC. One brother, Clyde Elmer "Tug" Miles, Jr.; five grandchildren, Calen, Jay and Clint Ketterman, Ashley Wyatt and Stephanie Ours; sixteen great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive. Also preceding her in death was her beloved dog "Rocky". Donnie had worked as a cook at Homestead School until her retirement. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Mill Creek and attended the Mill Chapel Church at Kingwood, WV. She was a 4-H leader, a West Virginia Charter Pin recipient and a state All-Star pin recipient. She enjoyed camping, traveling, dancing, and had been a member of the Helvetia Dancers. She loved her family but especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 am Wednesday February 7th, at Tomblyn Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Kisamore, Pastor Marshall Woods and John Wyatt officiating. Interment followed in the Pickens Cemetery.

Mr. Harley Daniel Booth, 87, a resident of Montrose, departed this life Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, in the Davis Medical Center at Elkins.

He was born Jan. 25, 1931, at Silica. On July 1, 1950, near Helvetia, he was united in marriage to the former Anna May Ramsey, who survives at their home in Montrose.

Interment of the cremains will be at a later date in the Pickens Cemetery.

Geraldine Cogar Hamrick, 74 of Mill Creek passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at her home. She was born May 26, 1943 in Diana to Roy D. and Ivy Olive Brooks Cogar and was a Licensed Practical Nurse. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her dog Muffy. Geraldine was a member of Markley Chapel in Huttonsville WV.

Geraldine is survived by her husband Wayne Bruce Hamrick; daughters Thomasa Penny (husband Robert) Kelley of Helvetia, Angela (husband Steve) Stefanov of North Carolina, and Melissa (husband Michael) Klahre of Morgantown; grandchildren Shane (Rachel) Starcher, Sgt 1st Class. Eric Kelley, Justin (Rachel) Kelley, Katrina Kelley, Ceirra Kelley, Jordan Stefanov, Christiana Stefanov, Brianna Stefanov, Evan Stefanov, Lana Stefanov, Ethan Stefanov, Sianna Stefanov, and Caleb Klahre; great-grandchild Jaden Kelley; sister Kathleen McCoy; and many other extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Ancil Cogar; sister Marelean Brady; Infant son; and great-granddaughter Brooke Ann Kelley. Funeral Services to celebrate Geraldine's life were held on Monday at 1:00 PM at the Dodd and Reed Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Young and Rev. Steven Stefanov officiating. Interment followed in McCoy Cemetery, Jumbo.

Bertha Jeanne (Sutton) Williams, age 91 years, a resident of East Dailey, WV passed away Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the home of her daughter, Constance Shaw in Silver Spring, MD. She was born January 14, 1927 at Helvetia, a daughter of the late William and Armeda Miller Sutton. On October 20, 1946 at Helvetia, she was married to Oliver "Red" Williams, Jr. who preceded her in death November 5, 2015.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Williams of White Post, VA and Stephen Williams of Beverly, WV; two daughters, Margaret Thomas of Frostburg, MD and Constance Shaw of Silver Spring, MD. Also surviving are two brothers, Joe Sutton of Clarksburg, WV and Leonard Sutton of Gallipolis, OH, two sisters, Jessie Summerfield of Rawlings, MD and Rosie Dulaney of Pickens, WV, eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Also

preceding her in death were one son, David Ray Williams; one sister, Betty Hicks and two brothers, George William Sutton and Franklin Sutton. Jeanne was a homemaker and had been a twenty five year 4-H Club leader. She was a member of the Valley Bend Presbyterian Church, an Elder of the church, held the office of President, and held other offices for the Presbyterian Women of the Church. She volunteered for the Pickens Improvement Historical Society for other 30 years with the Maple Syrup Festival A funeral service was held at 11:00 am Friday, March 9th at Tomblyn Funeral Home in Elkins. with Pastor Ann Fretwell officiating. Interment followed in the Pickens Cemetery near Pickens,

Theodore Elwood Koerner, age 90 years, a resident of Helvetia, passed away Friday, April 6, 2018. He was born, January 28, 1928 at Helvetia, a son of the late Paul Frederick Koerner and the late Myrtle Koerner. On February 6, 1954 in Elkins he was married to Shirley Jean Wilkins Koerner who preceded him in death April 9, 1980.

Surviving are three sons, Chesley Koerner, Moorefield, WV, John Koerner, Nutter Fort, WV and Loren Koerner of Concord, NC. Three daughters, Arvela Koerner, Elkins, Ivy Summerfield, Mill Creek and Rezena Roth of Elkins; one sister, Theresa Maienknecht, Sardis, Oh; twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive. Also preceding him in death was one sister, Pauline Hensil and one brother, Morgan "Pete" Koerner.

Mr. Koerner was a graduate of Pickens High School with the Class of 1946 and was a Veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War. He was employed as a Lumber Inspector for many years having retired from Ralph Harper Lumber Company. Although he worked in the Lumber Industry, farming was his passion. He was a lifelong member of the Zion Presbyterian Church at Helvetia. The funeral was at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia. Mr. Koerner's sons, Chesley, John and Loren conducted the funeral service and interment followed in the Pickens Cemetery. Presentation of the American Flag was made at the gravesite by members of the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard Program

Robert A. Lewis, age 74, of the Waterloo Road, French Creek, died Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at his home. He was born on May 6, 1943, at Holly Grove, a son of the late John Andrew and Myrtle Catherine Sayre Lewis. On August 28, 1964, he was united in marriage to Ursula Ziervogel Lewis, who preceded him in death on April 28, 2001.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by one brother Johnny Lewis. He is survived by one daughter Janice and husband David Shaffer of Jane Lew; two sons Brian Lewis and wife Amy Nicole of Clintwood, VA and Carl Lewis and wife Patricia Dawn of French Creek; two sisters: Wanda and husband Bill Andrews of Mineral, VA and Kathy Lewis and companion Delmas Rose of Myrtle Beach, SC; one brother, Lee Lewis and wife Carolyn of Bulltown, WV; grandchildren: Brandon Richards, Brianna Richards, Amber Lewis, Holly Lewis, Johnathan Lewis, and Mason Andrew Lewis; step grandchildren: Josh Bise, Hadley Bise, and Maddy Hayes; great grandchildren: Cameron Lowndes and Beau Richards; several nieces and nephews; his special companion, Cindy Ware, and "half daughter" Mandy Ware and "half granddaughter" Kenzie.

Mr. Lewis was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, a paratrooper, and bled for the 173rd Airborne. He was a life member of the French Creek DAV, Chapter 36, the VFW, and the Upshur County Honor Guard. He was a heavy equipment operator and was retired from the United Mine Workers. Hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with his family were very special times for Robert.

The funeral was held Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 2:00 PM, at the Pleasant Dale Community Church with the Rev. Robert F. Heavner officiating. Interment followed in the Pleasant Dale Cemetery, where the Upshur County Honor Guard provided military honors.

Denzil Allen (Dan) Neely, age 63, of Wilsontown, WV passed from this life on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at his home. He was born August 27, 1954, in Lorain, Ohio, a son of the late Mason L. and Dora B. Wilson Neely, who survives at Wilsontown. He was united in marriage on September 22, 1974, to Sharon Ann Schleuniger of Buckhannon who preceded him in death on November 8, 2009. In addition to his mother, Dan is survived by the following: one son, Brian Patrick Neely and wife Cara of Manchester, NH; three grandchildren: Camron, Collin, and Claire Neely of Moultonborough, NH; one sister, Rev. Vicki D. Sheppard and husband Richard of Bruceton Mills, WV; and several special aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Dan was a 1972 graduate of Buckhannon Upshur High School and the United Electronics Institute of Charleston, WV. He was employed by the WVDOT as an electronic technician. His passion for life was ever present. He loved riding his Spyder, fishing, and riding old country roads, was an avid HAM radio operator, loved antique automobiles (like his father before him), and hiking. Dan was a member of the

Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church, the Holly River Park Foundation, Franklin Lodge #7 A.F. & A.M. of Buckhannon, and HAM radio operators of America. The family would like to extend a special word of thanks to the folks and crew at the DOT that provided Dan always with support and grace during illness and the death of Dan's beloved Sharon. Private graveside services will be held at the Bailey Ridge Cemetery

Hildred Gay Powers Marsh, age 95, of the McCartney Road, Buckhannon, died Saturday, April 14, 2018, at her home. She was born on November 12, 1922, in Selbyville, WV, a daughter of the late Willard Lytle and Robert Hanline Powers. On November 23, 1943, she was united in marriage to Lemuel Dohr Marsh, who preceded her in death on March 9, 2000. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by three brothers: Raymond Dale Powers, Willard Lytle Powers, Jr., and Charles William "Bill" Powers. She is survived by three sons: Lem Marsh and wife Emma Lue of Buckhannon, Tim Marsh and wife Carol of Buckhannon, and Christopher Marsh and wife Karen of Dumfries, VA; seven grandchildren: Timothy R. Marsh, Jr., David C. Marsh, Daniel C. Marsh and wife Jamie, Megan Marsh, Emma Lea Marsh, Janeé Junkins, and Crista Marsh; five great grandchildren; one sister Mary Maxine Zemba of Leetsdale, PA; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Marsh was a farmer and the former postmistress and general store owner at Helvetia. She was a mail carrier for many years and loved to sew and crochet. A funeral was held April 17, 2018, with the Rev. Robert F. Heavner officiating. Interment followed in the Heavner Cemetery.

Orval S. Channel, age 86, of Ellamore, WV died Sunday, April 29, 2018 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, WV. He was born February 12, 1932, in Alexander, WV, a son of the late Oscar and Eula Samples Channel. On January 18, 1958 he married Agnes Shreve who preceded him in death on April 12, 2010. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Warren and Garfield Channel. He is survived by his companion Lee Hoover of Buckhannon; one son, John Edward Channel and wife Colleen of Grove City, OH; one daughter, Pam Channel and Ron Badgley of Columbus, OH; three step-sons, Bradley Hoover and wife Colleen of French Creek, WV, Darren Hoover and wife Chasity of Buckhannon and Jay Hoover and wife Tina of Bridgeport, WV; two step-daughters, Nancy Gibson and husband Tvonne and Lisa Arbogast and husband Alfred all of Buckhannon; one grandson, Chad

Channel of Grove City; one granddaughter, Chelsea Channel of Grove City; one step-grandson, Kevin Badgley and wife Hannah of Grove City; one step-granddaughter, Kristin Badgley of Grove City; two sisters, Acena Shelton of Hinkley, OH and Ruhama Grissom and husband Carmon of Brunswick, OH and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mr. Channel was a mechanic for Corhart Refractories, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a Christian by faith. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Buckhannon Fire Department and a member of the Upshur County R.E.A.C.T association and the V.F.W. Post 3663. Mr. Channel was an avid Mountaineer fan. The funeral was at the funeral home with Pastor Brian Sinclair officiating. Burial will follow in the Buckhannon Veterans Cemetery in Buckhannon. The Upshur County Honor Guard will conduct Military Honors at the graveside

Oscar Richard Malcomb, 94, a resident of Valley Bend, passed from this life Wednesday evening, May 2, 2018, at Davis Medical Center under the care of West Virginia Caring.

Richard was born Friday, June 25, 1923, in Helvetia, the oldest son of the late Oscar L. Malcomb and Minnie Betler Malcomb. He married his "little red-headed sweetheart," the former Joann Gay Bunner, on September 17, 1950. They would have celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in September. He is survived by his wife and their three children, Ronnie Richard Malcomb and wife Robin of Elkins, Kerry Gay Wilson and husband Steve of Elkins and Andrew Dean Malcomb and wife Christy of Valley Bend and two grandchildren, Christina Lynn Kelly and husband Matt of Fairmont and Valerie Elizabeth Malcomb of Austin, TX, two sisters, Carol Hill of Virginia Beach, VA and Joan Estep and husband Bob of Lexington, KY and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Preceding Richard in death besides his parents were four siblings, Luther Malcomb, Virginia Zumbach, Mae Gillispie and Bernardine VanGilder.

He graduated from Pickens High School in 1941, and he enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1946. He was a World War II Veteran who served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters aboard the destroyers USS Bainbridge and USS Crosley APD 87 during wartime and on the USS Billy Mitchell after the war. For being part of several successful operations, he earned a number of military honors, including the American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon and Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was proud and glad to have served his country. He worked in the lumber business as a

lumber grader and dry kiln operator and retired after forty years of service. Richard was an avid gardener who planted a large vegetable garden every year since moving to Valley Bend in 1966-67 and gladly shared his harvests with his neighbors. He was also an avid hunter, who especially looked forward to the first week of buck season at the camp in Sugar Creek with his sons and lifelong friends. Richard knew Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was a faithful member of the Valley Bend United Methodist Church for over fifty years, serving as a Sunday School superintendent, lay leader, board member and in other capacities for many of those years. The funeral was held at the funeral home. Richard's request for cremation will be honored and interment will take place at a later date.

Roscoe T. Gregory, age 82, of Rock Cave, the Selbyville Community, died Friday, May 4, 2018, at the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. He was born July 25, 1935, in Upshur County, a son of the late Kempton and Russie Morrison Gregory. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother Kenneth Gregory and one sister Ilene Tenney. He was united in marriage on February 10, 1957, to Vera Bunner Gregory, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter Sherri and husband Bobby Lipski of Lewisburg, PA; two sons: Rick and wife Darlene Gregory of Rock Cave and Mark and wife Terrie Gregory of Jane Lew; seven grandchildren: Adrianna, Ashley, Shane, Sarah, Rachel, Charity, and Shawn; four great grandchildren: Brinkley, Isaac, Jaxin, and Bexleigh; one brother Floyd Gregory of Rock Cave; one sister Shirley Pugh of French Creek; one brother-in-law Charles Tenney of Rock Cave; one sister-in-law Joy Gregory Loudin of Buckhannon; and several nieces and nephews. Roscoe was the owner/operator of Gregory Appliance for 54 years. He loved his family dearly and spending time with them. He enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, and country music and could play many musical instruments. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Funeral services were held on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 11:00 AM, at the Pleasant Dale Community Church with the Rev. Robert F. Heavner and Pastor Don Elmer officiating. Interment followed in the Pleasant Dale Cemetery, where the Upshur County Honor Guard conducted military honors.

Helen Frances Vogel Kramer, 88, a resident of East Dailey and more recently of Lavender Fields Assisted

Living in Beverly, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 11, 2018, under Hospice Care.

Born on April 8, 1930, in Buckhannon, she was first of three daughters of the late Alvie Frank Vogel and Carmella "Camille" Trimboli Vogel, who were original settlers of the Homestead settlement located in East Dailey. Her early childhood was spent on the Vogel family farm near Pickens.

Helen attended Homestead Elementary School. Even at a young age, she had no problem standing up for what she believed in. She had her mind set on one boy in particular and told all her friends: "there's that Harry, I am gonna marry him someday." She and Harry "Buck" Hull Kramer were married on October 2, 1953. He preceded her in death on September 26, 2016.

She graduated from Tygarts Valley High School in 1948 and worked as a cashier and bagger at a local grocery store where she made friends with everyone. She would later keep in touch with her extended family and friends writing letters and making phone calls to talk for hours. Upon marriage, Helen devoted nearly twenty years to her role as a loyal military wife, homemaker, and home chef to their sons during her husband's military service. Many of those years were spent traveling with three active boys from base to base as her husband served in the Air Force.

After retiring from the military, the family relocated and settled back in East Dailey. Sunday afternoons were special at the Kramer house - it was a time for the family relationships to deepen, to enjoy fellowship, and where values were passed to the grandchildren. She faithfully attended the Valley Bend Presbyterian Church located on the hill in East Dailey. She would always bring snacks for the kids, packing sugar cookies with Hershey Kisses baked in them in her pocketbook. Being part Italian, by 2:00 she would magically have true Italian meals coming out of the oven, including her world-famous homemade lasagna. Her roast beef, pot roast, and hamburger gravy with toast were special - according to her three sons and grandson.

Not only did she raise her own three boys, she also raised her grandson and was "nanny" to many others. Helen had no problem advocating for others. She had no problem giving advice and if you didn't like it she had no problem telling you how she felt. For many years, she volunteered at the Randolph County Senior Center in Elkins and enjoyed Scrabble with friends and daily crossword puzzles.

Surviving are three sons, Harry Alan and wife Denise of Glenmore, Randall Lane of East Dailey, and Steven Brian of Elkins; four grandchildren, Kadra Casseday and husband Adam, Karly Wallace and husband JC, Kary McAtee and husband Justin, and Curtis Kramer; and two great-grandsons, Vernon Roy

Casseday and Norman Wesley Casseday. She is also survived by sisters, Mary Margaret Miller of Elkins and Alice Kathleen "Katy" Bailey of Lorton, VA. She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Michelle "Shelly" Arber Kramer. The family would like to express their gratitude to Judi, Brett, and the staff at Lavender Fields for their wonderful care given over the past four years. In honoring Helen's wishes, services will be private and a memorial and inurnment will be held for Helen as well as her husband Harry at a later date.

Vera "Alice" (Tharp) Butko, 79, of Macungie, passed away Monday, June 4, 2018 at home surrounded by family. She was the beloved wife of Henry J. Butko, with whom she would have shared 34 years of marriage with in July. Born in Pickens, WV, she was a daughter of the late Birten and Josephine (Bird) Tharp. Alice was 1957 graduate of Webster Springs High School, WV and held many roles at Superior Tube in Colledgeville for 15 years. She was a member of the Boyertown YMCA where she made many friends and attended water aerobics and outings. She enjoyed being around her family at picnics and parties. Surviving along with her husband are her four children, Brian A. Stitt and wife, Anita, James C. Stitt and wife, Mary, Sharon D. Stitt and Tracey B. Stitt; six grandchildren, Boyd, Jr., Rodney, Shane, Orion, Katreya and Tyler; three great-grandchildren, Aaliyha, Lilly and Dakota; and 11 siblings. In addition to her parents she is predeceased by her son, Boyd I. Stitt, Sr.; a granddaughter, Stephanie; and three siblings. The family would also like to thank the Lehigh Valley Hospital & Lehigh Valley Hospice group for their professional & loving care. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Mann-Slonaker Funeral Home. Burial followed in Palm Schwenkfelder Cemetery.

Wellington Joe Sutton, age 92, of Lost Creek, WV, passed away suddenly on Wednesday June 6, 2018. He was born in Upper Glade, Webster County, WV, on November 15, 1925, a son of the late William Sutton and Armetta Bliss Miller Sutton. He was married to his wife Hannah Madge Toms Sutton on September 24, 1950, who resides at their home in Lost Creek. Mr. Sutton is also survived by two sons, Franklin L. Sutton and wife Karen of Nutter Fort, and Charles R. Sutton and wife Tanya of Bridgeport; three daughters, LaDonna Francine Fernandez Manley and husband Dave of Bridgeport, Catherine Elizabeth Floyd and husband Thomas of Lost Creek, and Joyce

Marie Musgrave and husband Gary of Bridgeport; and his daughter in law Vicky Sutton of Florida. 15 grandchildren, Melissa Simons and husband Danny, Krista Vassil and husband James, Jason Fernandez and wife Cindy, Brandy Sutton and companion Patrick, Ashlea Sutton and husband James, Chad Sutton and wife Jennifer, Franklin Sutton and wife Alexis, Casey Nicewarner and husband Josh, Tracy Butcher and husband Duaine, Tricia Dobbins and husband Jeremy, Tyler Musgrave, Preston Musgrave and wife Kerry, Harrison Musgrave, Alex Sutton and wife Laura, and Elliott Sutton; 15 great grandchildren, Kole Sutton, Wellington Sutton, Sydney Fernandez, Kaitlyn Fernandez, Dylan Dinaldo, Matthew Simons, John Michael Fernandez, Jackson Nicewarner, Sutton Nicewarner, Nina Nicewarner, Ryker Sutton, Samuel Dobbins, Zachary Dobbins, Connor Butcher and Alex Musgrave. Also surviving are one brother, Leonard Sutton and companion Kris of Ohio; and two sisters, Rose Delaney of Pickens, WV and Jessie Marie Summerfield of Rawlings, MD. He was also preceded in death by one son, William Joseph Sutton; one son in law, Mike Fernandez; four sisters, Bertha Jean Williams, Anna Sutton, Evelyn Sutton, and Elizabeth "Betty" Hicks; two brothers, Frank Sutton and George William Sutton; and eight brothers-in law, Oliver Williams, Charlie Delaney, Dave Summerfield, Henry Hicks, Charles Toms, Paul Toms, Bert Toms and Jimmy Toms.

Mr. Sutton was the owner and operator of C & J Coal and United Coals Inc. since 1979. He was also the owner of a trucking and dock facility at St. Marys, WV, The W.J. Sutton Company in Punta Gorda, FL and Green Mountain Reclamation Company in Charleston, WV.

He was a veteran in the U.S. Marine Corp serving in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the Hermon Lodge #6 AF & AM for over 50 years, a life member of the AAA Automotive Club for over 71 years, and WV Mining Reclamation Association.

The funeral service was held at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend John Koherner presiding. Entombment followed in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens where full military graveside rites were accorded.

LOREN DALE "BURR" METZNER, age 61 years, a resident of the Blackman Heights Community, Hambleton, WV, departed this life peacefully, Thursday afternoon, July 12, 2018 at his home with his loving family and under the care of Mountain Hospice. Christ has sustained Burr through twenty years of Ministry with Parkinson's and his

last six months with cancer. "God is Good". He was born Friday, April 12, 1957 at St. Mary's Hospital in Clarksburg, WV, a son of Lawrence Arnold Metzner of Stonewood, WV and Bernice Louise Crites Metzner, who preceded him in death July 2010. Also preceding Burr in death was an infant son. On August 1, 1976 at Stonewall United Methodist Church in Stonewood, WV, he was married to the former Susan Virginia Bilby, who survives.

Also Surviving are one son, Loren Michael Metzner and wife Erica Lynn of Cheat Lake, WV; one daughter, Michalla Daise Metzner and long-term-boyfriend Chad Wells of Parsons, WV; one brother, Larry Allen Metzner and wife Eleanor Terrell of Georgetown, DE and children: Chris, Craig, Tim and their families; one sister, Ladonna Marie Tucker and husband Gary of Clarksburg, WV and children: Jeremy, Jamie, Yancy and their families; brothers-in-marriage Charles Bilby; Michael Bilby and wife Sue and children: Michelle, Michalla, Tina, Crystal and their families; sister-in-marriage Janet Mullenax and husband Mark and son Philip and family; as well as numerous great nieces and nephews. He graduated from the class of 1975 from Roosevelt Wilson High school in Clarksburg, WV. He was blessed as a pastor serving at the Hamrick charge for years as his last appointment. Prior to becoming a pastor, he taught Sunday school at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and was an insurance agent and diesel mechanic in his earlier years. He was an involved member in both the Kairos prison ministry and NCWV-Emmaus Community. Burr wanted both of his churches, the Hambleton and Hendricks United Methodist Church, to know that he loved them dearly along with his friends and family. His greatest passions were hunting, fishing, gardening, and being outside. Raising beagles and hunting rabbits were a large portion of his younger years. He also greatly enjoyed brook trout fishing the mountains of Tucker County and camping on Shavers Fork. Burr's happy place, of course, was his garden. Heirloom tomatoes from generations before kept him with purpose and plenty of tomatoes and starts to share with everyone who entered his home. Final rites were conducted at the church at 1 PM on Wednesday. The Rev. Neil Parsons, lifetime friend and spiritual brother, will officiate and interment followed at the McNeeley Cemetery at Hendricks, WV.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

Justin and Kary (Kramer) McAtee were married on April 7, 2018 at the Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Church in Huttonsville, West Virginia. Kary is the daughter of Harry and Denise (Burky) Kramer of Elkins, West Virginia and the granddaughter of Vernon Burky of Helvetia, West Virginia. Justin is the son of Eugene and Kandi (Bosworth) McAtee of Mill Creek, West Virginia. The ceremony was officiated by Terry Burgess, and a reception was held at the Tygart Valley Fire Hall in Dailey, West Virginia.

Pickens School celebrated graduation with family and friends in the commencement ceremony on May 29, 2018. Graduating seniors were: Angie Scott, Dylan Booth, Jennah Abdon, and Alexis Sanders.

This is a beautiful memory sent to us from **Alice Burky Phillips** who now lives in Bluffton, South Carolina. "I was sobbing and tears ran down my cheeks as I read the "Decoration Day" article written by Jeanne Sutton Williams, which she so aptly wrote. I was very small, but I remember standing under a white hydrangea tree as we listened. A few years back my sister Irene and I went to visit graves. There were no signs of the hydrangea tree nor the markers. Irene recalled that the first markers were wooden with names and dates carved in the wood. We found the graves that were covered with vines that had been planted long ago. Pickens Decoration day seemed festive. I wondered why some graves were above ground with markers within a marble wall. One site had a tiny marble house. Mostly I remember frolicking through the grassy paths eating wild strawberries that grew there! I was sad when the community hired a caretaker. Long ago, before Decoration Day, families took soil and fertilizer to the gravesites. They filled in any hollow spots and covered the graves with soil and fertilizer. Flowers that came up each year were planted. There were daffodils, peonies, poppies, forget-me-nots, and more. On Decoration Day, usually each grave got a fresh geranium. The cemetery was a beautiful flower garden. Visiting families who came throughout the year could walk the paths and enjoy the beauty, while honoring their loved ones. Wild Sweet Williams that grew in the gassy paths and along the fences scented the air with their sweet fragrance. I am now 85 and have found these memories among the cobwebs of my mind!"

Thank you, Alice, for sharing this lovely memory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Swiss National Day Celebration. Saturday, August 4.

Helvetia Fair Saturday September 8 Sunday September 9

Helvetia Mountain Run. Sunday of Fair Weekend. September 9, 2018.

Helvetia Town Meeting. First Sunday in November. November 3, 2018. 2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone invited. November 22, 2018.

Saint Nicholas Day. December 1, 2018.

Also, please remember that the Helvetia Development and Restoration Organization holds a first Saturday of each month Square Dance at the Star Band Hall. The dances begin at 8:00 PM.

Here is a reminder from Helvetia's website of the area's upcoming events and contact information. Thank you, Dave Whipp, for always updating events and sending monthly reminders.

- Pickens Cemetery Decoration. Sunday of Father's Day Weekend. June 16, 2019.
- Follow Your Bliss Fest. Weekend after Father's Day. June 21-23, 2019.
<http://followyourblissfest.helvetiawv.com/>
- Swiss National Holiday. Saturday closest to August 1 (usually).
http://helvetiawv.com/Events/Swiss_National_Day/Swiss_National_Day.html
- Helvetia Fair. Second full weekend in September. September 8-9, 2018.
<http://helvetiafair.com/>
- Fasnacht. Saturday before Lent. March 2, 2019.
<http://helvetiawv.com/Events/Fasnacht/Fasnacht.htm>
- Pickens Maple Syrup Festival. Third Weekend in March. March 15-17, 2019.
<http://pickenswv.squarespace.com/maple-syrup-festival/>
- Pickens Ramp Supper. Third or fourth Saturday in April.
- Helvetia Ramp Supper. Last Saturday in April. April 27, 2019.
http://helvetiawv.com/Events/Helvetia_Ramps/Helvetia_Ramps.htm
- Pickens School Alumni/Senior Banquet. Saturday before Mother's Day. May 11, 2019.
- Helvetia Cemetery Decoration. Sunday before Father's Day Weekend. June 9, 2019.