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## LOCAL

## BELL

**Jessica Gay**, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, born August 20, 1922 in Lexington, Kentucky, passed away on March 14 in Naples, Florida, after a brief illness. Preceded in death by her parents James Gatewood Gay and Harriet McCreary Gay, three siblings Elva G. Gay, Robert M. Gay, and Elizabeth Gay Lewis, as well as her husband of 60 years, John A. Bell III. Mrs. Bell graduated from University of Kentucky with a degree in Journalism and worked in Louisville for WHAS writing the news. She then moved to New York for a job as a showroom model, later returned to Lexington where she met John Bell, whom she married in 1947. Mrs. Bell and her husband established Jonabell Farm, first on a leased portion of Hamburg Place before relocating Jonabell to property on Bowman's Mill Road. Mrs. Bell was active in many charities and other organizations. Along with Juliette Combs Trapp, Helen LeBus Mayes, and Carey Ellis, she helped establish The Blue Grass Ball to benefit the Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky. Named after the prestigious stakes race at Keeneland, this was the predecessor of The Lexington Ball, which continues to be one of the premiere annual charity events in Central Kentucky. As a member of a Lexington Directions committee, Mrs. Bell worked with Carolyn Murray-Wooley of the Dry Stone Conservancy, to initiate ongoing restoration and training programs with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to preserve and raise awareness of the historical stone walls along rural roads and farmland. The special markers located next to significant rock walls throughout the area are a result of this effort. Mrs. Bell was an accomplished gardener and spent countless hours with Garden Club of Lexington at Ashland Garden. She was an avid golfer, and her keen interest in people, places, and history spurred travel around the world. She maintained the philosophy that "one should never let schooling interfere with one's education." Some of the organizations to which Mrs. Bell belonged included Bluegrass Tomorrow, Lexington Directions, and McConnell Springs, and she served on several boards including of The Lexington School, Blue Grass Airport, Chrysalis House, and the YWCA. She was also a Life Trustee of The Lexington School. Mrs. Bell and her husband established the Bell Alcohol and Addictions Endowed Chair at the University of Kentucky. Recently, The Bell Chair with the Chrysalis House and with support from other individuals initiated the Mentoring Angel Program which was developed to help patients transition from UK Healthcare to the community. Mrs. Bell is survived by four children: Jessica Bell Nicholson (Joe Browne); John A. Bell IV (Nancy); James G. Bell (Wende); Bennett Bell Williams (John); eight grandchildren, James C. Nicholson (Maegan); Kelsey M. Nicholson; James Gatewood Bell, Jr. (Lauren); Tyler Bell Jones (Bret); Shelby Bell Gressett (Drew); John A. Bell V (Beth); Rhodes P. Bell; Laura R. Bell, and five great-grandchildren. The pallbearers will be her six grandsons. Contributions are suggested to the Bell Endowed Chair at the University of Kentucky, Office of Development, Sturgill Building, 120 Rose Street, Lexington, Ky. 40504, or to the charity of one's choice. Friends may call at home, 96 Chinoe Road in Lexington on Tuesday from 3-8pm. Graveside services at Lexington Cemetery at 11am on Wednesday. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Main Street, is in charge of the arrangements.




## CAPLE

**Dorothy Lee (Meme/Dot) Daugherty**, 92, passed this life to be with the Lord Friday March 15, 2013. She was the widow of William A. Caple. Born February 15th, 1921 in Bowen, KY to the late Patrick and Myrtle Vaught Caple and grew up in Danville, KY. Dot, in her early years worked as a book keeper for Farmer Supply in Danville, KY, and later was the book keeper for the Fair Store and C & D Auction Service, which her husband Bill owned in New Albany, IN. Dot was an active member of Culbertson Avenue Baptist Church, the CIA Sunday school class, she volunteered at the Floyd Memorial Hospital gift shop for some 3500 hours, and was an avid student of the Bible, leading and attending various Bible studies throughout her life. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, listening to books for the blind, and especially she enjoyed and loved her family. She was preceded in death by her daughter Sandy Harper, granddaughters Stephanie "JJ" Harper, Louthan and Amanda Sue Caple, brothers "June", Leon and Joe Daugherty and her sister Margaret Carter. Survivors include: Three sons: Rev. Dr. Bill Caple (Pat) of Lexington, KY, David A. Caple (Ann) and Robert L. Caple (Pam) all of New Albany, IN. Brother: Donald Daugherty (Wilma) of Nicholasville, KY. Sister-in-law: Desiree Daugherty of Louisville, KY. Nine Grandchildren: Dr. Alex Harper, Cynthia "CC" Zaino, Joshua Harper, James Caple, Christina Harrison, Ben Caple, "Abby" Auten, "Allie", and Amie Caple. 18 Great grandchildren: Lauren, Louthan, Matthew, Claire and Evelyn Caple; Nicholas and Jessica Harrison; Harper Lee; Callie and Mallory Zaino; Caleb, Sara, Lily and Willow Harper; Sydney and Alexander Auten; Presley and Phoebe Caple. Nieces and Nephews: Pam Evans, Chuck, John, and Tom Daugherty; Lynn Thomas, Tom and Mike Carter; Kevin and Marty Daugherty; Margaret Lee Isabell; Billy Joe and Barbara Daugherty. Reception of family and friends will be from 9am until 12pm Monday March 18th, with Service of Resurrection at 12pm Monday with Rev. Dr. Darrell James officiating at Culbertson Baptist Church 4007 Grantline Rd. New Albany, IN. 47150 Entombment will be in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park Chapel of Memories. Expressions in lieu of flowers to: Culbertson Baptist Church Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be made at: www.krafftfuneralservice.net



## GOVINDARAJULU

**Gayatri ("Gita") Gupta**, 76, of Albany, CA, and formerly of Lexington, KY, passed away on Wed, March 6. Born June 10, 1936 in Lahore, India (currently Pakistan), she took the bold step of coming to the United States as a single woman in 1959 to pursue graduate studies. In the course of her lifetime, Gayatri completed three Masters Degrees, one in Anthropology from the University of New Delhi, one in Sociology from the University of Minnesota, and an M.S.W. from the University of Kentucky. She completed all of the coursework for a Ph.D. in Sociology. Together, she and her husband lived and raised their family in Cleveland, OH, Berkeley, CA, and Lexington, KY. Gayatri

spent most of her life in Lexington, where she made many friends and impacted many lives. She was very involved in the lives of her three daughters, ensuring that they received a well-rounded education and had every opportunity to succeed. Gayatri taught Sociology courses at the University of Kentucky, served as the Director of a federally-funded job training program in Lexington, and was employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance in the Medicare claims unit. She worked as a social worker for many years with a home health care agency and a dialysis clinic. Gayatri had the unparalleled ability to make people feel at home and anticipate their needs. She was a fabulous cook and a wonderful hostess. She helped many people, from the clients she served as a social worker to new arrivals in Lexington, who needed help getting settled in an unfamiliar town. Gayatri will be remembered by many for her incredible zest for life, her unflinching humanity, and her resilience in the face of adversity. Her indomitable spirit was exemplified by the way she maintained her dignity in the last years of her life after suffering a massive stroke. Gayatri was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Zakkula ("Raju"), and is survived by her three children, Dr. Sushma (Leif) Magnuson (of Albany, CA), Sadhna (Michael) True (of Lexington, KY), and Dr. Usha Govindarajulu (of Jersey City, NJ); three grandchildren, Neil and Nina Magnuson, and Sitara True; and four siblings, Alankar Gupta, Ratna Prabha Gupta, Vijay Gupta and Priya G. Vadehra. The family wishes to thank all of the amazing caregivers who took care of Gayatri at Raksha Care Home in Albany and with Comfort Keepers in Lexington. The family held a private ceremony on March 12 in California and is planning a memorial service for a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Gayatri's memory to the National Stroke Association or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



## HALL

**Eunice Duncan "Plum"**, 81, devoted wife of Bill Hall, went home to the Lord, Friday, March 15, 2013. Born in Olive Hill (Carter County), KY, she was the daughter of the late Leslie and Myrtle DeHeart Duncan. A graduate of Olive Hill High School, with perfect attendance, she was a member and a former receptionist at Gardenside Baptist Church, where she was also active in the Linda Franklin Sunday School Class. In addition to her husband of 47 years, she is survived by her children, Billie Jo (Brett) Setzer, Nicholasville, Yvonne Hall, Knoxville, TN, Cristie Hayes, Anchorage, AK and Dwayne (Marsha) Hall, CO; sister, Nora Mae Lawson and brothers, Virgil Duncan, Arnold Duncan and Bunny (Jeannette) Duncan; grandchildren, Chelsea Hayes and Alex, Peyton, Laurel, Brooks and Savannah Setzer. The family would also like to give a special thanks to Plum's caregiver, Heather. Funeral services will be 1:30pm Tuesday at Milward-Southland, conducted by Rev. James Heard and Rev. Butch Vernon. Burial will follow at the Lexington Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Marvin Reed, James Berry, Ken Marshall, Lewis Riggsby, Joe Earlywine, Jonahs Creech, Kenneth Ginter and Carl Sword. Visitation will be 4-8pm Monday. Memorials may be made to Gardenside Baptist Church or Hospice of the Bluegrass. www.milwardfuneral.com



## HAMILTON

**Steven Thomas**, 31, died Thursday, March 14, 2013. Born in Elmira, NY, he was a son of Steven O. Hamilton (Ma Patti), Horseheads, NY, and Tammy Epling (Ken), Lexington. Survivors other than his parents are three brothers, Kip Baldwin (Jenny), Millerton, PA, Kenny Burrows, Harrodsburg, KY, and Markel Bixler, Lexington; four sisters, Heidi Phillips (Bob Graham), Tioga, PA, Destiny Burrows, Lexington, Cindy Alexander (Jimmy Potter), Wellsboro, PA, and Megan Pettit, Lexington; uncles and an aunt, Uncle Dave, Uncle Chuck and Aunt Paula; numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins; grandmothers, Susan Revet, Lawrenceville, PA, and Shirley Greenup, Frankfort, KY; and a grandfather, Sherman Epling. Funeral services will be 12:30pm Wednesday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home-Harrodsburg Rd. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 5-9pm Tuesday.



## HURST

**Leola M.**, 95, widow of George A. Hurst, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Born in Morehead, KY she was the daughter of the late William T. and Lyda Messer Caudill. She, her husband, and her family worked together to create the Hurst Music Company. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn H. Brown; her granddaughter, Ashley (David) Nastwold; and four great grandchildren, Parker, Gavahin, Preston, and Alexis Nastwold. A graveside service will be held 11am Mon at the Lexington Cemetery. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home - Main St. in charge of arrangements.



## JACKSON

**Harold E. Sr.**, April 26, 1931 - March 10, 2013. Army Sgt. Korean Vet. Wife Hilda Mae Lewis Jackson. Burial at Camp Nelson Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY.

## KIMEL

**Mary (Terry) Elizabeth**, 88, of Lexington, widow of William Kimel, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 14, 2013. Mary was the daughter of the late Herbert B. and Olga F. Lawless Popplewell, loving mother to three sons, Kris (Bridgette) Kimel, Lexington, KY, Rick Douglas Kimel, St. Petersburg, FL and Scott L. (Jenny) Kimel, Birmingham, AL; one surviving sister, Louise Barton, Lexington, KY; four grandchildren, Brittany Kimel, Charles Kimel, Kyle Kimel and Madison Elizabeth Kimel; and three great grandchildren, Slade Kimel, Jason Kimel and Harper Grattton. Born and raised in Jamestown, KY, Mary left shortly after high-school to pursue her passion, singing. After winning a vocal competition at WHAS radio in Louisville, Mary, under the stage name Kitty Stewart, embarked on a successful musical career that included singing nationally with name "big bands," such as Johnny Long, and live radio and the USO. After marrying, she and her husband, William, resided and raised three sons in South Miami, FL. A memorial service will be held at 12:30pm on Wednesday March 20, 2013 at Milward-Southland with a visitation beginning at 11am. www.milwardfuneral.com



## LEWIS

**Eldred**, 89, husband for more than 61 years to Ora Bolton Lewis, passed Saturday, March 16, 2013 in Lexington, KY. Born on February 25, 1924 in Livingston, KY, he was the son of the late Elisha and Nancy Belle Thomas Lewis. In addition to being retired from IBM where he was an engineer and tool and die specialist, Mr. Lewis was a Deacon Emeritus at Arlington Christian Church. He is survived by four children; Sharon (Patrick) McCartt, Sheila

Lowe, David Scott Lewis, all of Lexington, KY, and Sylvia (Kenneth) Riha of Cedar Rapids, IA; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one step grandchild; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Lewis; and five siblings, John, Ruby, Opal, Elmer, and Ola B. Funeral services will be Sunday night, March 17, 7:30pm at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home - Main St. Visitation will be Sun, 4:30pm until the time of service. An additional visitation will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 10:30am-1:30pm at London Funeral Home, 879 S. Main St., London, KY 40741. Burial will follow in A.R. Dyche Memorial Park, London, KY. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Arlington Christian Church, 1206 N. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40505 or Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504.




## MCCLANAHAN

**Betty Jo Hurt**, 76, wife of Guy McClanahan, died Friday, March 15, 2013 at the Hospice Care Center. Born April 25, 1936 in Garrard County, KY, she was the daughter of the late Cronley and Maggie Grimes Hurt. Mrs. McClanahan had been a long term private duty nurse. Survivors include a daughter, Patricia (William) Brumley, Nicholasville, KY; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; and a brother, T. Earl Hurt, Lexington, KY. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Springer; four brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2:30pm at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Rd. by Phil Richardson. Burial will follow in Blue Grass Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 5-8pm Sunday at the funeral home. Pallbearers will include; Robby Riddle, Greg Brumley, Lesley Hurt, Randy Huffman, Chuck Harrison, Byron Dansby, Greg Huffman and Brian Power. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504.




## MUENKES

**Sandra Jean Summers**, 76, widow of Phil Muenkes, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Hospice of the Bluegrass. She was born in Howell County, Missouri, daughter of the late Ed and Ferol Gilliam Summers. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis where she joined Zeta Tau Alpha and 32 years later she earned her MSW at U.K. She had three careers, first as a full-time parent, then as a technician in the U.K. Libraries System before retiring as a mental health professional from Bluegrass Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board. She was an active volunteer all her adult life working with civic, community and church organizations in the Lexington area since moving here in 1966. She belonged to the Cathedral of Christ the King and Pax Christi Catholic Churches, remaining involved with groups and ministries at both parishes. She most recently served on the boards of directors of Catholic Charities of the Lexington Diocese and of the Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass and as a diocesan delegate to the Kentucky Council of Churches. She is survived by her children Beth (Joe) Doench, Marty Muenkes (Bev Harp), Phyllis (Van) Inman, Carol

(Terry) Anderson, Joe (Theresa) Muenkes, and John (Marie) Muenkes, her grandchildren Andrea (Brad) Smythe, Rupert and Isaac Medford, Katie and Kevin Muenkes, Michael, Brian, and Regina Doench, Gayle (Preston) Oliver, Simone and Sarita Anderson, Lainey and Cassidy Muenkes, and her great-grandsons Finn and Liam Smythe, her siblings Anne (Tom) Whipple and Jim (Becky) Summers, Phil's sisters Peggy Van Well and Dorothy (Charles) Huelsmann plus numerous nieces and nephews. The Rite of Christian Funeral Outside of Mass will be 12 PM Monday at Pax Christi Catholic Church with cremation to follow. Visitation will be from 5-9pm Sunday at Milward - Southland. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Charities of the Lexington Diocese, 1310 W. Main St. (40508) or The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass, PO Box 910336 (40591) or the charity of your choice. www.milwardfuneral.com



## MURPHY

**Early Truman (E.T.)** passed away at age 94, on March 15, 2013 in Lexington, KY. Services for Mr. Murphy will be held at 1pm. Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, 312 Washington St., Frankfort, KY. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday at 11am until the service. The son of Brack and Ada Murphy, he was born on February 21, 1919 in Scott County, KY. He and his late wife, Betsy Juett Murphy, lived in Frankfort for many years before moving to The Lafayette in Lexington, KY. He was a farmer in Franklin and Scott Counties, had worked for the Kentucky State Government, and was a member of Capital City Christian Church. Mr. Murphy is survived by four daughters, Pat (Imants) Rizenbergs, Somerset, KY; Barbara Roberts, Naples, FL; Kathy Murphy, Louisville, KY; and Janie (Bob) Barton, Lexington, KY, and one son, Jim (Karen) Murphy of Lexington, KY. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, David (Penny) Rizenbergs, Jamestown, KY; Susan (Allen) Pippin, Cary, NC; Matthew (Jen Smith) Barton, Lexington, KY; Amanda Dunn (Todd) Wash, Frankfort, KY; Elizabeth (Matt) Winkler, Louisville, KY; Sarah Spaulding, Frankfort, KY; and Emily (Anders) Jorgensen, Stamping Ground, KY; and 13 great grandchildren. He is survived by sister-in-laws Marilyn Juett of Georgetown, KY and Maryann Juett of Winter Park, FL, along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Demaree Murphy, granddaughter, Carolyn Buckles, and a son-in-law, Kenneth Roberts. Pallbearers are David Rizenbergs, Allen Pippin, Matt Barton, Kris Buckles, Todd Wash, Matt Winkler, Anders Jorgensen, Chris Rizenbergs, and Nick Rizenbergs. Honorary bearers are Wayne and David Murphy. The family of E.T. Murphy wishes to thank all his friends at The Lafayette, including Hilma Irtz, for the love and support they have given him. The family also wishes to express appreciation to his caregivers Paula Cleveland and Doris Hughes for their devotion. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be given to God's Pantry, 1685 Jaggie Fox Way, Lexington, KY 40511; or a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared via the online guestbook at www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com

