

Obituaries



Betty Jo Helton Jenkins
March 16, 1936 - September 19, 2024

Betty Jo Helton Jenkins age 88 of Pricey Creek, in Salyersville, Kentucky passed away Thursday, September 19, 2024 at the Paintsville ARH Hospital in Paintsville,

Kentucky. She was born March 16, 1936 in Magoffin County, Kentucky to the late Sherman and Cassie Mae Hartsock Helton.

Survived by one son, Randall Ray (Debbie) Jenkins of Salyersville, Kentucky, one daughter, Josephine Morgan of Salyersville, Kentucky, one son-in-law, Eddie Francis of Salyersville, Kentucky, one brother, Billy Gene Helton of Salyersville, Kentucky, one sister, Elve (Raleigh) Jenkins of West Liberty, Kentucky, one brother-in-law, Bill Stapleton of Fairborn, Ohio, seven grandchildren, Tina (Gary) Fitzpatrick, Amy (Chuck) Music, Brandon (Leann) Jenkins, Kristie (Matt) Williams, Becky Jenkins, Josh (Michelle) Francis, Courtney Jenkins, five great grandchildren, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, Isaiah Stephens, Hannah Jenkins, Zoey Bailey, and Matthew Bailey.

In addition to her parents, Betty Jo is preceded in death by her husband Garland Jenkins, one son, Rocky Jenkins, one daughter, Deloris Francis, two brothers, Raney "Bud" Helton, Hassell Helton, three sisters, Joyce Stapleton, Ina Nell Lyon, Virgie Francis, one granddaughter, Brandy Francis, and one great- grandson, Gavin Music.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 22, 2024 from the Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel with Rick Howard officiating. Burial followed in the Goble Jenkins Cemetery at Pricey Creek, Kentucky.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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Basel Hall
April 19, 1953 - September 21, 2024

Basel Hall, 71, of Salyersville, KY, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2024, in his home surrounded by loved ones from a long battle with cancer. Born on April 19, 1953, to Junior and

Onie Phipps Hall, (whom both proceeded him in death). Basel dedicated much of his life to working as a foreman in the strip mining industry.

Basel shared a loving partnership with Mary Jenkins for 27 wonderful years.

He was a devoted father to Heather Renee Cheesman and her husband, Rick, of Florida, and Basil Neil Hall and his wife, Brittney, of Kentucky. He also cherished his role as honorary father to Shawn Castle and Mark Castle (who preceded him in death).

As a proud grandfather, he is remembered by seven grandchildren: Zack (Madison) Barrett of Texas, Gavin Arnett, Bryson Arnett, Tenisha Castle, Cayman Hall, Braylee Cheek, and Ryder Hall, all from Kentucky. He was also a great-grandfather to two beautiful girls, Rowan and Maeve.

Basel is survived by his sister Connie Gamble, brothers Berlin and Happy Hall, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to his parents, and honorary son Mark, Basel is preceded in death by four brothers, Darrell Hall, Virgil Hall, Ray Hall, Benny Hall, and one sister, Shirley Gay Perry.

Basel's warm spirit and dedication to his family and friends will be deeply missed.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 24, 2024 from the Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel with Dennis Marshall officiating. Burial followed in the Lacy Creek Cemetery, Lacy Creek Road, Kentucky.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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Mary L. Cook
February 26, 1946 - September 22, 2024

Mary L. Cook age 78 passed away Sunday, September 22, 2024 at her home. She was born February 26, 1946 in Salyersville, Kentucky to the late Alec Howard and the late Plina Smith.

Survived by two sons, Rick (Linda) Caudill of Staffordsville, Kentucky, Mike (Sherry) Cook of Marion, Ohio, two brothers, Harry (Linda) Caudill of Indiana, Henry (Susie) Howard of Salyersville, Kentucky, one sister, Erma Tackett of Indiana, three grandchildren, Heather (Matthew) Watkins, Sabrina (Shane) Back, Sydney (Doryan) Miller, four great grandchildren, Channing, Alexis, Landon, Piper, with a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in death by two daughters, Gretta Caudill, Shirley Caudill, two brothers, Frankie Howard, Ricky Lee Howard, and one sister, Chickie Lee Howard.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, September 26, 2024 from the Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel with Robert May officiating. Burial will follow in the Tackett Cemetery at Mine Fork, Kentucky. Friends may visit the funeral home any time prior to funeral services.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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ARRANGEMENTS PENDING

Teddy Cantrell
February 29, 1964 - September 24, 2024

Teddy Cantrell age 60 of Mash Fork Road, Salyersville, Kentucky passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at his home.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced later by the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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Magoffin County Fiscal Court Resolution honoring SERGEANT OVAL GRAY AMYX

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT OVAL GRAY AMYX AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF KY STATE ROUTE 1593 AS SERGEANT OVAL GRAY AMYX MEMORIAL ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Magoffin County Fiscal Court wishes to pay tribute to one of its native sons, Sergeant. Oval Amyx, who served his country with courage and valor during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Oval Amyx was a son of Magoffin County, born on October 5, 1914, on Johnson Fork; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Oval Amyx joined. the United States Army on January 30, 1940, and served with courage and distinction for more than four years. He was assigned to the 507th Infantry unit and participated in "Operation Overlord", the historic invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, that marked the turning point of World War II. He faced the enemy fire and the stormy sea and gave his life for the cause of freedom. He was reported missing for almost a month and then confirmed killed in action on July 2, 1944. His comrades told his family that he fell on the day of the invasion. His remains were returned home after the war; and

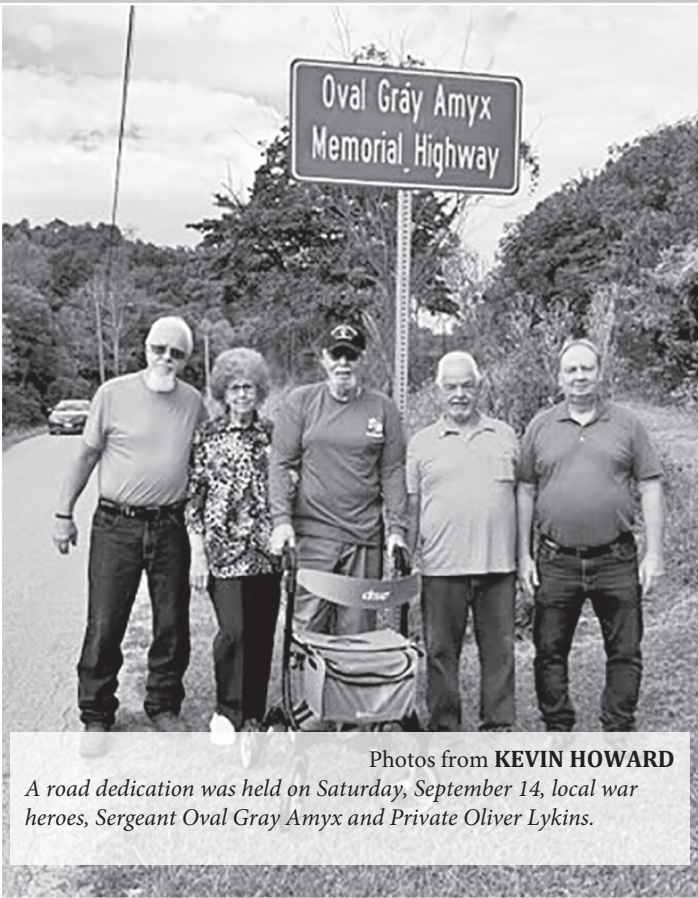
WHEREAS, for his valor and sacrifice, Sergeant Oval Gray Amyx was awarded the Purple Heart and many other honors; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Amyx did not live to see the victory he helped secure or to share his stories with his loved ones and friends. He now lies in peaceful sleep. in the hands of the Supreme Commander at the Amyx-Allen Cemetery on Grape Creek in Magoffin County, Kentucky.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the section of KY State Route 1593, from mile point 2.107 to mile point 2.569, be designated as Sergeant Oval Gray Amyx Memorial Road, in recognition of his heroic service and sacrifice. Adopted this 20th day of August, 2024.

Signed: Matthew C. Wireman, Magoffin County Judge/Executive

Darrel Ray Howard, Magistrate Dist. 1
Eddie Jenkins, Magistrate District 2
Samuel P. Bailey, Magistrate District 3
Attest: Renee Arnett Shepherd, County Clerk



Photos from KEVIN HOWARD
A road dedication was held on Saturday, September 14, local war heroes, Sergeant Oval Gray Amyx and Private Oliver Lykins.



Photos from KEVIN HOWARD
Over 40 people attended the ceremony honoring Private Lykins on Saturday, with the family donning custom shirts with his picture on them!



Magoffin County Fiscal Court Resolution honoring PRIVATE OLIVER LYKINS

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF PRIVATE OLIVER LYKINS AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF KY STATE ROUTE 1593 AS PRIVATE OLIVER LYKINS MEMORIAL ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Magoffin County Fiscal Court wishes to pay tribute to one of its native sons, Private Oliver Lykins, who served his country with courage and valor during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Private Oliver Lykins enlisted in the United States Anny on September 8, 1942, and underwent training as an anti-aircraft gunner at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and as an infantryman at Fort Edwards, Massachusetts, and Fort Gordon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Private Oliver Lykins was assigned to Co. F. 376th Regiment of the Third Army and departed for Europe in January 1945, where he faced fierce combat in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Private Oliver Lykins participated in the battle of the Hurtgen Forest, also known as the "Forest of Death", where he fought bravely against the enemy in difficult terrain and harsh weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, Private Oliver Lykins made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation and his comrades when he was killed in action on February 10, 1945, leaving behind his family and friends in Magoffin County; and

WHEREAS, Private Oliver Lykins was awarded the Purple Heart and other commendations for his heroic actions and his service to his country; and

WHEREAS, Private Oliver Lykins did not make it home to talk to loved ones and friends about his experiences of the war. The American Legion conducted the graveside service for Private Lykins. He now lies in peaceful sleep in the hands of the Supreme Commander at the Grape Creek Cemetery in Magoffin County, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Magoffin County Fiscal Court desires to express its gratitude and admiration for Private Oliver Lykins and to preserve his memory by naming a section of KY State Route 1593, on Grape Creek, from mile point 3.22 to mile point 3.65, as Private Oliver Lykins Memorial Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Magoffin County Fiscal Court that: Section 1. The Magoffin County Fiscal Court hereby honors the memory of Private Oliver Lykins and designates a portion of KY State Route 1593, on Grape Creek, from mile point 3.22 to mile point 3.65, as Private Oliver Lykins Memorial Road. Section 2. The Magoffin County Judge/Executive shall coordinate with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the appropriate officials to ensure that signs are erected reflecting this designation. Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval. Adopted this 20th day of August, 2024. Matthew C. Wireman, Magoffin County Judge/Exec.

Darrel Ray Howard, Magistrate District 1
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Attest: Renee Arnett Shepherd, County Clerk