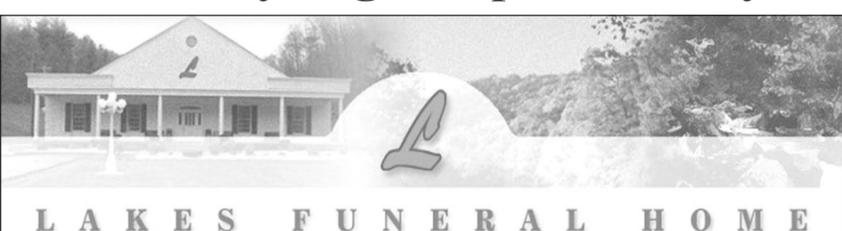


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## Tressie Abner

Mrs. Tressie Asher Abner, of Burning Springs, Kentucky, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at her home surrounded by love and her family's embrace. She was 94 years of age at the time of her passing, but she had held to a youthful flame that would not be put out even in the midst of the waves of old age. Tressie was born in Clay County on November 7th, 1925, the daughter of the late Henry and Polly Asher. She was preceded in death by her two husbands:



Sawyer Lawson and Beve "P.J." Abner; three sons: Paul Abner, John Lawson and Leon Abner, a granddaughter: AnnaJo Lawson; and two daughters in-law: Judy Lawson and Brenda Abner; one brother: Franklin Doc Asher; two sisters: Sally Inman and Viona Abner.

It is never easy to lose a loved one as it leaves a hole, an empty seat at the table or in mamaw's case, an empty recliner with a quilt that now will lay folded and a table where a cup of coffee used to sit at all times of the day. She was a mother, a grandmother, a friend; a smile that lit the darkest of days as her welcoming voice drew you in; but most importantly she served as the foundation that held a family together. She was always happy and grateful for the smallest things. She loved the little things that God gives freely that most don't stop to notice; always taking notice of every sunny day or finding solace in sound of the chirping of a newly hatched chick. She was sassy, strong, independent, conservative, and very stubborn! During her last few weeks, she had a long hospital stay in which the doctors had told us she would never be strong enough to make it through the night, let alone a 2-hour drive home as that is all she had wanted! Oh, were they wrong! She rallied and she fought, the doctors began to see changes in her health that caused them to shake their heads as she had been extremely sick. Soon, she was released and on her way home to spend the remainder of her days with those she loved so dear. Tressie had been full of life and adventure; even in her final months. She loved to go, hence her nickname "Roadrunner"! Her family can recall Sunday dinners where she prepared a delicious spread for them, but if Viona called and asked her to go somewhere, the stove went off and "Roadrunner" and "Railtail" was gone! Mamaw believed any meal could be prepared in 30 minutes and the stove only had two settings, off and high!

In her late 70s, she sat on her porch and fed turkeys that had wandered into the yard. She was not just feeding them; she was baiting them! One Sunday she decided it was time, taking a .22 and shooting into the center of them, hitting one! Dinner was served! She was a better shot than most men. She could not be summed up in just one category; she was so many things. She could be a tender kiss on the cheek, hard working hands that grew and canned food for her family, a grandma who spent many hours quilting quilts to give away with love, or a story teller that could capture any year with the tales of a lifetime. She leaves behind a lifetime of memories that her family will forever cherish as she is home now, with those she has missed for so long, family and so many friends, including her neighbor and in-law Ida Mae McQueen. We will think of her often and miss her always.

Left behind to cherish her memory are the following members of her family: Children: Henry Lawson of Manchester, Larry Abner of Fogertown and Donna McQueen and husband Bill of Burning Springs; Daughter-in-law: Jerry Abner; Grandchildren: Goldie Bennett and husband Jeff, Jason Abner and wife Sabrina, Beverly Abner, Neil Abner and wife Cassandra, Kyle McQueen and wife Hannah, and Lacey House; Great Grandchildren: Sarah Bennett, Caleb Bennett, Maddy Abner, Eli Abner and Gabe Abner; and her most faithful protector: "Little Dog." She also leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews family and friends.

You are cordially invited to a time of visitation with the family of Tressie Abner on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 after 6:00PM at the New Home Baptist Church located at 6055 S Highway 11, Manchester, Kentucky, 40962.

A funeral service to commemorate the life of Tressie Asher Abner will be conducted in the sanctuary of the New Home Baptist Church at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 with the Rev. Jeremy Abner and Rev. Mann Cobb officiating. She will be laid to rest at the Asher Cemetery with Jason Abner, Neil Abner, Joey Abner, Kyle McQueen, Caleb Bennett and Matthew Abner serving as Pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer: Her favorite son-in-law, Bill McQueen.

The Abner family would like to express their deepest heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Transitional Care Unit at UK Medical Center for their unwavering dedication, care and compassion for Mamaw during her stay with them. Their genuine hands of hope and healing will never be forgotten.

Lakes Funeral Home of McKee is entrusted with all arrangements.

## Robert Charles Gabbard

Robert Charles Gabbard was born June 6, 1948 in Madison County and departed this life Monday, August 17, 2020 at his residence, being 72 years of age. He was the son of the late Virgil Gabbard and Elsie (Lee) Flannery.

Charles is survived by three siblings, Emery Gabbard of Tyner, Carlos Gabbard of Gray Hawk and Joy Smith of Berea.

In addition to his parents, Charles was also preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn Graham.

Funeral service 2:00 Pm Thursday, August 20, 2020 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Farmer officiating. Burial to follow in the Farmer Cemetery. Pallbearers were Wendell Kilburn, Roger Truett, Terry Farmer, Randy Vickers, Eunice Jean Saylor, Ronnie Hicks, Jerry Clark, Jason Moore . Trevor Smith and Ellis Smith.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## William Desmon Peters

William Desmon Peters was born February 19, 1931 in Owsley County and departed this life Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond, being 89 years of age. He was the son of the late Herman & Ollie (Combs) Peters.

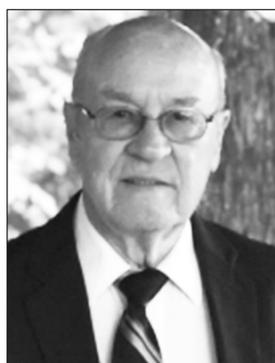
Desmon is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Green) Peters of McKee and by three children, Kathy (Mike) Smith of Nicholasville, KY; Connie (Mike) Roberts of Richland, VA; and Steve (Lynn) Peters of McKee, KY. He is also survived by a brother, Lynn (Reene) Peters of Dayton, OH and by two sisters, Murnetta Ingram of McKee and Nora (Tom) Evans of Lexington, TX. Desmon was blessed with six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Desmon was also preceded in death by a daughter, Corrinne Peters and by three sisters, Jean Moore, Anna Lois Hays and Geraldine Peters.

Desmon was a member of the Abundant Life Tabernacle.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Sunday, August 23, 2020 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Ashley Noe and Bro. Rick Centers conducting the service. Pallbearers: T.J. Evans, Jim Cody, Josh Smith, Todd Stuart, Jacob Hammons and Craig Green.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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## Feeding Kentucky Sources 28,000 Pounds of Ground Beef for Food Bank Distribution

Purchase funded by Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Hunger Initiative

FRANKFORT (August 24, 2020) – Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles has announced Feeding Kentucky has acquired 28,000 pounds of Kentucky Proud ground beef from Marksby Farms for distribution among Kentucky's food bank network. The purchase is funded by a historic donation Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company made to Feeding Kentucky in April of this year as part of the Kentucky Hunger Initiative started by Commissioner Quarles in 2016.

"When we started the Kentucky Hunger Initiative years ago, the goal was to build a network to connect farmers and agribusinesses to Kentucky's food bank system," Commissioner Quarles said. "This donation, bolstered by Kentucky Farm Bureau's amazing donation as part of the Hunger Initiative, is the perfect culmination of this work. Kentucky's workers and families are still struggling to recover from the government-mandated shutdown of our economy during COVID-19. Vulnerable Kentuckians affected by this global pandemic will now have more access to food for their families."

The purchase is possible due to a historic \$500,000 donation from Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company to hunger-relief charities as a part of Commissioner Quarles' Kentucky Hunger Initiative — an effort to bring together farmers, charitable organizations, faith groups, community leaders, and government entities to reduce hunger in Kentucky.

The donation, which was a response to rising food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, is the largest single private donation made as part of the Kentucky Hunter Initiative since it launched in 2016. The funds were divided into sizable donations to three local non-profit organizations – Feeding Kentucky, Glean Kentucky and Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry – as part of the Kentucky Hunger Initiative.

"The Kentucky Hunger Initiative continues to provide much needed food for Kentucky's hungry," Tamara Sandberg of Feeding Kentucky said. "We are incredibly proud to continue working with Commissioner Quarles, KDA staff, and Kentucky Farm Bureau to support our farmers and our struggling neighbors during this challenging time."

"Food insecurity is a battle facing many of our fellow Kentuckians, especially during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. That said, it is both important and rewarding to see our donation to the Kentucky Hunger Initiative used in ways that help families put Kentucky-raised, protein-rich food on the table," said John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance. "We continue to be very proud of our partnership with Feeding Kentucky through this program and, with today's beef purchase as a prime example, can easily see the tremendous assistance it provides to families in need across the Commonwealth."

The beef product was picked up by in Mount Vernon on Friday, Aug. 21, by "Service First," a company out of Elizabethtown. The product will be distributed to hungry Kentuckians by way of Dare to Care in Louisville; Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland in Elizabethtown; Purchase Area Development District out of Mayfield and Tri-State Foodbank in Evansville, which serves Owensboro. The three other regional food banks serving Kentucky received Kentucky-raised ground beef from Beef Solutions thanks to a Hunger Initiative event for Beef Month in May 2020.

This was not the first purchase of food with the historic donation. More than 10,000 pounds of pork sausage, 750 pounds of eggs, more than 4,000 pounds of cheese, and 1,028 boxes of mixed fresh produce were sourced from Kentucky producers and distributed by food banks across the Commonwealth since April 2020.

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