



Obituaries



WILENA H. STARK

Wilena Higginbotham Stark passed away Wednesday morning, May 31, 2017, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi. She was born in 1923 in the Methodist parsonage in Louise, Mississippi, the daughter of the Rev. C.Y. and Fannie Sarah Whittington Higginbotham. Wilena grew up in a number of towns where her father served as minister for the Mississippi Methodist Conference. She graduated from Johns High School in Rankin County in 1940.

After completing studies at Clark Business School in Jackson, she was employed by the Mississippi Forestry Commission for ten years as Secretary to the State Forester. It was here that she met Meredith Osborn (Mike) Stark, a Forestry graduate of Louisiana State University and a native of Bunkie, Louisiana, and Gulfport, Mississippi. Wilena and Mike were married in September 1945 at Galloway United Methodist

Church in Jackson. After four years as a district forester for the state Mike was employed with International Paper Company, while Wilena remained at the Forestry Commission. They moved to Lexington, Mississippi, in 1952 to establish Stark Timber Company.

During her 41 years in Lexington, Wilena (Wil) was active in the First United Methodist Church, serving as president of the United Methodist Women, as a member of the church's Administrative Board, as chairman of various committees and as a Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher. She was also a member of the Lexington Garden Club and the Lucky 12 Club. In addition to helping her husband in his business throughout the years, she was a caring wife, mother, aunt and grandmother and a talented hostess and homemaker. Her children remember fondly her seafood gumbo, shrimp creole, beef and pork roasts, delicious pound cake and fresh vegetables

from Mike's garden. Wil and Mike enjoyed traveling and she continued to do so after his death in 1986. She especially liked visiting the National Parks and several Elderhostels, including two weeks in Austria. Upon returning to Jackson in 1993 Wilena joined St. Luke's United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women, Wednesday for Adults and an adult bible study class. She spent her last years at The Orchard retirement home in Ridgeland, where she renewed friendships with prior acquaintances from around Mississippi and made many new friends, played bridge, enjoyed music performances and bingo and other activities and read on her iPad.

Mike and Wil were blessed with three children, Rebecca Stark (David Sachs) of Manhattan, Kansas, John Meredith Stark (Christy) of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and Katherine Landrum (Larry) of Florence, Mississippi. "Mama Wil" was grandmother to Benjamin Stark-Sachs and Jonathan Stark-Sachs of Manhattan, Kansas and Ann Stewart-Sachs of Stockholm, Sweden. Additional survivors include Christy's children and grandchildren in Tennessee, Texas, and Colorado; Larry's children and grandchildren in Washington and Idaho; her older brother John (Evelyn) Higginbotham of Brandon; younger siblings Sarah Halford of Meadville, Cole (Clara) Hig-

JAN JAMISON

Jan Jamison, 64, of Kosciusko, MS passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2017 of natural causes at Baptist Attala Medical Center in Kosciusko.

Funeral services were held, Monday, June 5, 2017 at Parkway Cemetery in Kosciusko. Winters Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

ginbotham, Jr., of Pearl, and Ralph (Kay) Higginbotham of Clinton; and her Higginbotham and Stark family nieces and nephews in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey and Maine. She was preceded in death by her husband M.O. Stark and her brother-in-law Wayne Halford of Meadville.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 621 Duling Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, in the Fondren neighborhood. A graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. the following day, Sunday, June 4, at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Starkville, Mississippi.

Parkway Funeral Home in Ridgeland, Mississippi, was in charge of arrangements. The family is thankful for the wonderful service provided by Wilena's many caregivers at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, The Orchard, Sta-Home Health, St. Joseph Hospice outpatient care, and Hospice Ministries. Memorials may be sent to St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Jackson or to a charity of your choice.

WILLIAM DANIEL BRETT

William Daniel Brett, 73, of Lexington, MS, passed away May 30, 2017, at his home. Mr. Brett was preceded in death by his mother Dorothy Pearce Brett. Mr. Brett is survived by his wife Sandra Hammett Brett of Lexington; three children, William Gregory (Anna Laura) Brett of Hattiesburg, MS, Camille Brett (Senn) Catchings of Madison, MS and Keith Hampton (Natalie) Brett of Atlanta, GA; and six loving grandchildren, Chance and Callie Catchings, Will, David, Andrew and Patrick Brett.

Visitation was held June 2, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Lexington. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lexington.

Memorials may be made in Danny's memory to the Hammett Educational Fund for the benefit of Central Holmes Academy or the charity of your choosing.

REBA NIXON MILES

Reba Nixon Miles, 96, died Friday, May 26, 2017 at her residence in Ridgeland. Graveside services were held on May 28, 2017 in Oak Grove Cemetery.

LINNIE MAE ROBY

Mrs. Linnie Mae Roby, 90, of Goodman, MS passed away Friday, June 2, 2017 of natural causes at St. Dominic Hospital. Funeral services will be held, Saturday, June 10, 2017 at St. James Church of Deliverance in Durant, MS with burial in Shady Grove Cemetery in Goodman. Winters Funeral Home in Kosciusko is handling the arrangements.

2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Centerville Community Water Association
PWS# 0250004
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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Middle Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Centerville Community Water Association have received moderate rankings in terms of susceptibility to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact W.E. Warren at 662.582.7364. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please join us at the annual meeting held on the second Tuesday of February at 7:00 PM at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2016. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2016, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/AQL/MRDL		Unit Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				MCL/AQL/MRDL	MCL/AQL/MRDL				
Inorganic Contaminants									
10. Barium	N	2015*	0.23	0.24 - 0.23		ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2015*	1.2	9 - 1.2		ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2012/14*	6	0		ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead	N	2012/14*	1	0		ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products									
81. HAAs	N	2014*	2	No Range		ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
82. THM (Total trihalomethanes)	N	2014*	5.49	No Range		ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	2016	1.2	8 - 1.5		mg/l	0	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2016. As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected however the EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In an effort to ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any missing samples prior to the end of the compliance period.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1.800.426.4791.

The Centerville Community Water Association works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.



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Holmes graduate

earns pharmacy degree

Anthony Russell of Jackson is one of six hundred fifty-nine students graduated from Union University May 20 during spring commencement services of the 192nd graduating class at Oman Arena.

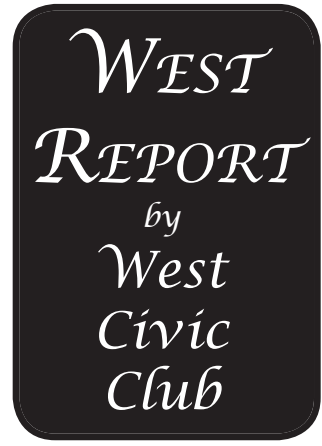
Russell, who is the grandson of the late Bruce and Minnie Colbert of Tchula and a graduate of S. V. Marshall High School, graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Gregory Wills, dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, gave the commencement address, emphasizing to the graduates the importance of remembering.

"Remembering is more than an exercise of intellectual capacity," he said. "To remember is a moral act."

As part of the ceremony, the first class of students from Union's EDGE program received their post-secondary certificates of completion. The two-year program, which began in 2015, exists to give students with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to have a college experience.

Located in Jackson, Tenn., Union University is a liberal arts-based university affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Founded in 1823, Union is the oldest institution relating to the Southern Baptist Convention.



Hello everyone! West Public Library will be having its first summer program this Friday June 9 at 10:00 a.m. We will be having Freedom Ranch with exotic animals! I am extending sign-up one more day and giving out summer T-shirts until they run out, if you check out five books or more.

May was a busy month for Glyn and Inez Dickerson. Their grandson Alex Borst graduated from Ole Miss, Cum Laude and his sister Allie Grace finished her first year in pre-med with a grade of 4.0. Their granddaughter Emilee Branch was married to Charles Stevens at the beautiful Beau Jardin Gardens in Natchitoches, LA with a large group of family and friends in attendance. Emilee is finishing her nursing degree and Charles is employed with the Bossier City, LA Fire Department.

Billy and Carolyn Tate celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on May 20 in Vicksburg. The highlight of the day was attending the Ballet and Tap recital of four year old great-granddaughter Lauren Rae Davis. On Saturday night they were treated to a family and friend cookout by granddaughter and her husband, Kassey and Gerald Ray Davis.

Visiting with Billy and Carolyn Tate this past week was her mother Mrs. Allene Peters of Louisville. They had an enjoyable time, shopping, eating and relaxing.