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Lori Pryor is presented the teacher of the month award for West School.

## Pryor teacher of month

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A 25-year veteran of teaching, Lori Pryor, is the October Teacher of the Month at DeKalb West School.

"I feel honored and loved," says Pryor, who is in her 26th year at DWS and third as the school's computer teacher. In addition to her normal devotion and dedication to the job, the former third-grade teacher volunteered to return to the third-grade classroom again at the start of this school year while Rachel Desimone was on maternity leave

the first nine weeks.

"I figured it was easier to get a sub for computer than one to set the tone for the beginning of third grade," Pryor says. "After about two weeks I got 'my groove' back and loved it. I really will miss it."

Still, she enjoys teaching the entire student body about the computer world.

"I get to connect to all of the students PreK through eighth," said Pryor. "I was always afraid of the older ones, but actually they are my favorite age group. I also enjoy not grading papers all weekend."

"Mrs. Pryor is always looking for and trying new tasks with her students," says Principal Sabrina Farler. "She challenges them daily to help prepare for high school and careers."

In addition, Mrs. Pryor teaches English as a Second Language and has returned to Cumberland University for licensing in that area. For the last six years, she's served as an academic coach. She's also worked the after school program for about 18 years and Read Night in the library for about eight years. A few years ago her peers chose Mrs. Pryor as Teacher of the Year to represent DWS at the county level.

Second-grade teacher Whitney Brejle who was formerly a student of Mrs. Pryor remembers several fun events in her classroom.

"She let us have a wedding outside during play time for two love birds in the class," Brejle fondly recalls. She also says Mrs. Pryor used to let them produce their own West school version of a newscast and let the students take on the teaching role for one lesson at the end of the year.

For part of her honor, Pryor received a free meal from the White Possum Restaurant in Smithville.

## OBITUARIES

### Violet Jo Cantrell Hall Domanski, 93

Violet Jo Cantrell Hall Domanski, 93, passed away peacefully Oct. 17 at the Dominion Village at Poquoson assisted living and memory care facility in Yorktown, Virginia after a 12-year battle with dementia.

Jo was born August 20, 1925 in the Keltonburg community of DeKalb County, graduated from DeKalb County High School in 1944, and then lived in Detroit, Mich., from 1944 until she moved to Virginia in May of 2011. Jo was a member of the First Baptist Church located at 16428 Nine Mile Road, Eastpointe, Mich.

Jo worked in the Detroit automotive industry where she met her first husband, Elmer Bell Hall, from Silver Point. Jo and Elmer were married July 15, 1950 and shared their experiences and enthusiasm for life with many friends and family prior to his death, July 14, 1975. Later, Jo married Fredrick Domanski on May 12, 1990 with the wedding ceremony being performed by her late nephew, Rev. Bill Lassiter. Jo and Fred enjoyed traveling extensively during their retirement years prior to Fred's death, Oct. 31, 2005.

Jo was a loved and loving individual that brought a high level of commitment and joy to family and friends. Her positive and uplifting personality leaves an indelible memory for those that were fortunate to have known her.

Jo is the last surviving member of her immediate family which included her parents Walter Hamilton Cantrell and Eva Hennessee Cantrell and five siblings: Lorene Judkins (Willie), Hilda Lassiter (Ernest), Wilma Moss (Beecher), James Cantrell, and Homer Cantrell. Jo is survived by four nieces and nephews: Nadene Judkins Hostettler (Arlington, Texas), James Moss (Yorktown, Va.), Bill Moss (Goodlettsville), and Jo Ann Moss Hess (Rio Vista, Calif.).

In addition to family, Jo had many friends in Michigan, and this was particularly the case for the close and long relationship she had with the family of the late Kenneth and Maxine Carey and their two daughters and families: Barbara Pierce (Printess) of Macomb, Mich., and Mary King (Harry) of Spring Hill. Also, acknowledgment is made of the loving care and help provided by her neighbors, Denice and Otis Keith, during Jo's earlier stages of dementia and the subsequent care by the Dominion Village staff at both Williamsburg and Poquoson, Va.

A graveside service will be conducted at the DeKalb Memorial Gardens in Smithville by Rev. Bill Robertson at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, and Violet Jo's cremated remains will be interred adjacent to that of her first husband, Elmer Hall.

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### Joyce Saylor Farless, 76

Joyce Saylor Farless, 76, passed away at her daughter's residence in McMinnville Saturday morning, Oct. 13.

She was born March 1, 1942 to her late parents, James Oscar and Nellie Elizabeth Braswell Saylor. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by brothers, James Olan Saylor and Clarence Auburn Saylor; sisters, Ruby Nell Ferrell and Glema King.

Ms. Farless was a retired factory worker and was affiliated with the Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Rita Lanier of McMinnville, Kathy Dye of McMinnville, Jeffery McClaran of Kentucky, Lori Jones of Colorado, and Dori Perry of Ind.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday Oct. 16 at DeKalb Memorial Chapel with Michael Hale officiating and burial following in Whorton Springs Cemetery. Pallbearers included Jeff McClaran, Chad Rosa, Eddie King, Dustin King and Wayne Brown.

DeKalb Funeral Chapel of Smithville was in charge of the arrangements.

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### Neil Dudney, 86

Neil Dudney, 86, of Smithville passed away Tuesday evening, Oct. 16 at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville.

Neil was born Oct. 5, 1932 in Jackson County, to his parents, the late John Lyman and Ruby Mae Birdwell Dudney. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Lester Dudney and Charles Clark Dudney.

He graduated from Jackson County High School and received a BS in Agriculture from Tennessee Tech University. His first job with the government was a substitute rural mail carrier for 5 years with the Gainesboro Post Office. In 1957, he began work with the USDA Soil Conservation Services in Linden. He later transferred to Lawrenceburg and then to Wartburg. While working in Wartburg, he married Emma Jean Wilmoth on January 6, 1962 and they became parents of twin girls, Janet and Susan. Neil was transferred to Smithville in August 1967 working as District Conservationist. In 1979 he received a certificate of merit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for outstanding performance of duties, one of only two given in the state. In 1987 he retired from the Soil Conservation Service after 30 years.

He has been involved in other areas of the community through the years. He served as a member of the Board of Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Center Hill Academy and Lions Club. He helped make major improvements to Green Brook Park in 1979 and helped establish the Smithville Day School. Neil has been a member of the Church of Christ since being baptized at the Whitleyville Church of Christ in 1948. Since being in Smithville, he has served as a deacon for 12 years and an elder for 18 years at the Smithville Church of Christ. He was very involved with the Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree from the beginning in 1972, where he began as a sound technician and later served as the President/Coordinator for 16 years until 2008. Mr. Neil Dudney was a man that loved God, family and community and dedicated himself to all three.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 56 years, Emma Jean Wilmoth Dudney of Smithville; twin daughters, Janet (Brian) England of Smithville and Susan (Brian) Berry of Cookeville; four grandchildren, Dr. Laura England (Brandon) Ross, Brandon (Sara) Shaw, Ethan (Rachel) Shaw and Dylan Shaw; two great-grandsons, Carson Shaw and Charles Ross; sister-in-law, Frances Dudney Crowder; niece, Linda Dudney and nephew, John Dudney.

Funeral was conducted Friday, Oct. 19 at the Smithville Church of Christ with Dan Gulley officiating and burial following at DeKalb Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers were Scott Cripps, Kevin James, Casey Midgett, Jason Poss, Rob Willingham, Harrell Tolbert, Joe Ruch and Justin Nokes. Honorary Pallbearers included Elders of the Smithville Church of Christ - Clay Farler, Shawn Jacobs, Billy Willingham, and Russell Watson.

DeKalb Funeral Chapel of Smithville was in charge of the arrangements.

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### Frances E. Thomas, 84

Frances E. Thomas, 84, of Nashville passed away Oct. 16.

Frances was a member of Saturn Drive Baptist Church and retired from Nortel.

She was preceded in death by husband of 52 years, James F. Thomas; parents, Garland and Lillian Reeves Evans; siblings, Lucille and Robert Evans, Jane Grandstaff and Sue Squires.

Frances is survived by son, Randy (Susie) Thomas; step granddaughters, Amanda (Matt) Smith and Sarah (Justin) Tackett; step-great-grandsons, Eli and Jake Tackett and step-great-granddaughter, Lucy Smith.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday, Oct. 21 at Woodbine Funeral Home. Rev. Joe Coleman officiated with interment in the Hillview Memorial Cemetery in Alexandria.

Woodbine Funeral Home of Nashville was in charge of the arrangements.

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### JAMES ERNEST WINCHESTER, JR.

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One day we will see you in that place up in the sky.

We can all be there together in that sweet by and by.

Many things have changed since you left, of some you'd be so thrilled.

Graduations, great grand kids, and even goals and accomplishments fulfilled.

As you know, with time, all things change and cannot remain the same.

But missing you and hoping to see you again is still a goal for which we aim.

THANK YOU SMITHVILLE  
for all the cards, gifts and love  
that you have sent my way. It's  
been a great 34 years. I miss  
you already.

Karen Carpenter

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