

# OBITUARIES

## Oleta Hale, 86

Oleta Hale, 86, of Smithville passed away Monday afternoon Sept. 24 at her daughter's residence. She was a member of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, worked in a bakery, a shirt factory and was a homemaker.

She was born to her parents, the late Houston Gray and Ella Mae Ashford Hobbs. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bud Hale; brothers, Arnold Hobbs, Harrison Hobbs, Bill Hobbs, Sammy Hobbs; sister, Juanita Ferrell; son-in-law, Larry "Horse" Ferrell.

Survivors include daughter, Starr Ferrell of Smithville; grandchildren, Jarrod Dodd of Liberty, Sherranna (Bobby) Walker of Winchester; great-grandchildren, Hunter, Ava and Sophia Walker; nieces, Brenda Gregory, Frances (John) Clark, Debbie (Jack) Tauber, Anita Ferrell, Robin Ferrell, Judy Pack, Sandra (Mike) Tisdale, Murriana Herman; nephews, Doyle Hobbs, Wilburn (Janice) Hobbs, Steven Hobbs; brother, John Hobbs of Liberty; daughter-in-law, Frances Shultz.

Funeral Service was held Thursday Sept. 27 at DeKalb Funeral Chapel with Bros. Leonard Herman and Michael Hale officiating and burial following in DeKalb Cemetery. Pallbearers included Jarrod Dodd, Wilburn Hobbs, Doyle Hobbs, Jack Tauber, Bobby Walker, David Cantrell, Hunter Walker, and Mike Dodd.

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

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## Florence Marie Waggoner, 99

Florence Marie Waggoner, 99, passed away Oct. 1 at her residence. She was born in Huntsville, Ala., and lived in Rutherford County for the past 25 years. Florence attended Bible Church of Jesus.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, Hall and Willie Florence Parton; husband, Joe Waggoner; son, Alvie Ray Waggoner; brothers, Sterling Parton, Ralph Parton, Frank Parton, and Roscoe Parton; and sister, Evelyn Vicks.

She is survived by her sons, J.D. (Pat) Waggoner, Danny (Louise) Waggoner; daughter, Joann Williams; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be noon until time of chapel service at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4 at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Murfreesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

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## W. Doyle Smith, 95

W. Doyle Smith, 95, died peacefully on Sept. 25 at NHC Healthcare. He was a resident of the Webb House Retirement Center,

He is survived by his children, Barbara and Jim Wall, Brenda and Dr. Doug Hooper of Smithville and Al and Toni Smith of Huntsville, Ala.

In addition to his children, he is survived by his grandchildren, Bryon, Brooke, Daniel, Justin and Matt, and three great-grandchildren, Victoria, Caroline, and Knox.

A native of Smithville, he was born Feb. 22, 1923 to Isaac A. and Callie Smith. He was preceded in death by his wife, Melford Stone Smith. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Othel Smith and sisters, Alvilda Hendrixson, Beulah Hendrixson, and Maurene Tramel, and a grandson Robert Allen.

He graduated from DeKalb County High School in 1943. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Following his service, he attended Tennessee Technological University and graduated earning a B.S. in agriculture.

After graduation, he was a representative for the Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative and the Agrico Chemical Company. His career made a significant change when he was asked to relocate to Ohio. Instead of relocating, he accepted a position at DCHS subsequently becoming assistant principal and eventually Director of the Vocational School.

He and his wife created a scholarship at Tennessee Tech given each year to a DCHS graduating senior. With this endowment lives of young people will be forever changed just as his was as a young adult after the war.

After retirement he was elected to the executive board of the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association and served the local chapter in many capacities.

He was active in civic and community organizations serving on the Caney Fork Electric Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Liberty Masonic Lodge #77. He was also an active member of the American Legion serving many years as the Girls and Boys State coordinator.

He was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church, the Friendship Class, and he served on various committees.

Funeral service was held Friday, Sept. 28 at Love-Cantrell Funeral Home. Larry Green and Dr. John Carpenter officiated with burial following in DeKalb Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers were Doug Hooper, Jim Wall, Bryon Brown, Justin Hooper, Matta Smith, Chris Norton and Brooke Norton.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home of Smithville was in charge of the arrangements.

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## Varena Paris Thompson, 96

Varena Paris Thompson, 96, of Brush Creek passed away Friday, Sept. 28.

Mrs. Varena was born Aug. 20, 1922 in Brush Creek, daughter of the late Edgar Campbell Paris and Levia Ballengar Paris. She was also preceded in death by siblings; Estes Paris, Alton Paris and Virginia Oakley; sister-in-law, Oma Dale Webster; and brother-in-law, Edward Thompson. Mrs. Varena married L.V. Thompson on Dec. 18, 1943 and he preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 1996.

Mrs. Thompson graduated from Gordonsville High School in 1940 and then later from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. She worked for the Smith County School System for 30 years until her retirement in 1984, spending most of her tenure at Gordonsville Elementary School. Mrs. Varena also taught at Donelson Elementary School and Woodbine Elementary School. She was a longtime faithful member of the Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Charles Prichard of Brush Creek, and Renee and Ray Wisdom of Alexandria; grandchildren, Stan (Michelle) Prichard, Stephanie (Greg) Fish, Stein Prichard, Logan Clark, and Morgan Clark; great-grandchildren, Dalton (Caroline) Fish, Spencer (Victoria) Prichard, and Shelby Prichard; sister, Betty Jo Hackett Manning of Alexandria; brother-in-law, Bob Oakley of Brush Creek. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service for Mrs. Thompson was conducted from the Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Monday, Oct. 1. Dusty Desimone and Dennis Croslin officiated. Interment followed in the Union Hill Cemetery.

Bass Funeral Home of Gordonsville was in charge of arrangements.

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