

# Martin Luther King Jr.'s message lives on

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Though his voice was silenced nearly 50 years ago, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of non-violence still resonates and inspires.

More than a half-century later, in a world full of contentious politics, one of King's memorable quotes remains relevant. It's from his book "Strength to Love," first published in 1963:

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

On Monday during Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the AP asked people in the cities where he was born and where he died to consider his words and talk about what they mean for today's world.

Some were interviewed in Atlanta, home to King's Ebenezer Baptist Church congregation and his office where Xernona Clayton organized protest marches

and fundraisers. Others reflected on the quote in Memphis, in front of the Lorraine Motel balcony where King was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

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hate in the world we live in today. You can't fight violence with violence," said Mike Conley, a guard for the Memphis Grizzlies of the NBA.

"When people come and want to inflict hurt on somebody, you can't come back and do the same to them," Conley said. "Otherwise, we're in this

never-ending spiral that we're in the middle of right now."

"This is a time of moral reckoning in our nation. We must choose to stand

on the side of light and love," said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.



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## OBITUARIES

### Roy Alvin Nunley, 92



McMinnville resident and Warren County native Roy Alvin Nunley, 92, was born June 20, 1925 and died Jan. 13 at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro following an extended illness.

A self-employed nurseryman, a United States Army veteran of World War II and member of Hebron Church of Christ, he was the son of the late Cheatam and Emma Jennings Nunley. He was married to Eva Jean Roberts Nunley, who preceded him in death. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Raymon Nunley and grandson, Terry Wilmore.

Mr. Nunley is survived by one daughter, Sandra Wilmore of Smithville; two grandchildren, Melissa Fuson of Smithville and Amy Cordell of Christiana; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 15, at Hebron Church of Christ with Chris Perry officiating. Burial followed at Hebron Cemetery with full military honors administered by the VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com)

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) Jan. 17, 2018

### Lloyd Neal Pistole, 66

Lloyd Neal Pistole, 66, of Lebanon passed away Friday, Jan. 12, in Murfreesboro. He was born Sept. 27, 1951 in Anaheim, Calif.

He was a 1969 graduate of McMinnville City High School in Tennessee where he spent his boyhood years. Neal graduated from Middle Tennessee State University where he majored in French, history, and art. He was retired from many years of library service at MTSU. He was also previously employed at Stones River Battlefield.

Neal was an avid lover of history, especially his family history, anything related to the Civil War era, and Ireland. For many years he was involved in Civil War reenacting and made many close friends. He had a special love of Ireland, especially the Aran Islands, and traveled there extensively. He was also involved for several years with the Boy Scouts of America. Neal was also a talented artist whose favorite medium was pen and ink. He once was commissioned to do art work for the old Readyville Mill. His art has been displayed at the Parthenon in Nashville.



Neal is survived by his mother, Mertie Pistole Clemons of McMinnville; children Niles Alex Pistole of Murfreesboro and Elizabeth Nealy Pistole and her fiancé Sean James of Knoxville; stepsons, Jacob Schoenly of New York City, N.Y. and Luke Schoenly of Chattanooga; sister, Scarlett Stout and her husband Phillip of McMinnville; brother, Larry Pistole and his wife Tere of St. Stephens Church, Va.; nieces, Tara Mitchell Mielnik of Old Hickory and Susan Stout Gatlin of Cookeville; nephews, Alex Bennett Pistole and Tyler Scott Pistole of Virginia and Jonathan Stout of Murfreesboro; cousin, Tommy Markum of McMinnville; aunt, Ima "Tip" Pistole of Oklahoma; special friends, Ike Gatlin, Eric Martin, Patrick Craddock, and John Harding; and many others. He was preceded in death by his beloved father, Alex Pistole; loving grandparents, Loyde and Edith Swindell; stepfather, Lannie Clemons; and great-nephew, Mitchell Patrick Mielnik. Neal was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, and friend and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life was held Monday, Jan. 15, at The Experience Community Church. Friends are invited to share their remembrances of time spent with Neal. Memorials may be made on Go Fund Me to help Niles and Nealy scatter Neal's cremated remains in Ireland as was his wish. An online guestbook is available for the family at [www.woodfin-chapel.com](http://www.woodfin-chapel.com).

Woodfin Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) Jan. 17, 2018

### Amanda Jean Wanamaker, 34

Amanda Jean Wanamaker, 34, of McMinnville passed from this life unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 10.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Don and Jean Preston and Jake Wanamaker.

Amanda is sadly missed and survived by her mother, Dana Wanamaker; father and stepmother, Randy and Brenda Wanamaker; sister, Gail Hobbs Wanamaker; two nieces and one nephew, Alexa and Joe Austin and Layla Beth Hobbs; grandmother, Isabell Wanamaker; three aunts, Darla Shelley, Dawn Wagoner and Rhonda Lewis; four special cousins, Billy Preston, Kyla Harris and Mike and Larenda Stephens; special friends, Natasha Bryant, Beth Slaughter and Kacie Nunley and godmother, Anita Wanamaker.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, in High's Chapel with Jason Brown officiating. Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) Jan. 17, 2018

### Maxie Helen Roller, 90

Maxie Helen Roller, 90, of Rock Island, passed away Monday, Jan. 16 at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville.

She was born Oct. 25, 1927 to her parents the late, Roy Potter and Sarah Annie Lappen Cantrell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Herman Roller; two children, William Earl and Eddie Herman Roller; daughter-in-law Jeanne Pelham Roller; one sister, Tressa Cantrell Young; four brothers, Lee Harmon Cantrell, Robert Cleburn Cantrell, Willie Atwood Cantrell and Charles Hugh Cantrell.

Ms. Helen was a faithful member of New Union The Baptist Church and retired from Southwestern Nursery Supply Co. She leaves to cherish her memory, three sons, Larry (Rhonda) Roller of Michigan, Steve Roller of Rock Island and Danny (Paula) Roller of Rock Island; special daughter, Jana (Buddy) Patterson of McMinnville; grandchildren, Tracy (Jeff) Miller, Tammy Roller, Stephanie (Billy) Alford-Roller, Gunter Roller, Sarah (Matt) Wilson, Mary Elizabeth Roller and Luke Patterson; great-grandchildren, Kurtlin and Haley Miller.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at DeKalb Funeral Chapel with Bro. Frank Randolph officiating and burial to follow at Keltonburg Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 12 to 8 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. In addition to flowers, the family asks donations be made to Lighthouse Christian Camp in her memory.

DeKalb Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) Jan. 17, 2018

### Leon B. Gillentine, 93

Leon B. Gillentine, 93, of McMinnville died Monday, Jan. 15, at Raintree Manor Nursing Center.

He was born July 20, 1924, in McMinnville, was a longtime resident of Niles, Mich., where he began work at the Studebaker Corporation, eventually retiring as a plumber and heating and air conditioning contractor, was a licensed pilot, an avid traveler, and was a member of the Church of Christ at East End. Mr. Gillentine was preceded in death by his parents William Tee and Vera Brewer Gillentine, wife Jessie Ruth Martin Gillentine, sister, Maxine Antis, and brothers, Ray, Jess, J.B., and W.T. Gillentine, Jr. Survivors include sisters-in-law, Lorena Hillis, Martha Martin, and Juanita King and brothers-in-law, Sam (Gerry) Martin and Harold (Claudia) Martin. Many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends also survive.



Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Ray Weddington and Kevin Key will officiate. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery. The Gillentine family will receive friends Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com).

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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### Hardy Harrison Woodlee, 58

Hardy Harrison Woodlee, 58, a McMinnville resident and Warren County native, was born June 24, 1959 and died Jan. 13 in Vanderbilt University Medical Center following an extended illness.

He was a construction worker and son of Betty Massar of McMinnville and the late Edwin Harrison Woodlee. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, William Harrison and Leota Woodlee; maternal grandfather, Sam Anderson; and maternal grandmother, Mildred Anderson Davis.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by sister, Sharon Woodlee of McMinnville; brother and sister-in-law, Marty and Beth Woodlee of McMinnville; four nephews, Eric Pendergraph of McMinnville, Kyle Wright of Cookeville, Lucas Woodlee of the United States Army and Shawn Woodlee of McMinnville; niece, Samantha Woodlee Ferrell of McMinnville; and three great-nieces, Kirra Ferrell, Serenity Woodlee and Chloe Pendergraph.

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at High Funeral Home. Inurnment will be held at Armstrong Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

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## Haile Adams to compete for state Fairest title

BY MARGARET HOBBS  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Warren County Fairest of the Fair Haile West Adams will represent Warren County in the annual Tennessee Fairest of the Fair Pageant this Friday.

The pageant is just one of the events featured at the 95th annual Tennessee Association of Fairs Convention taking place at the Music City Sheraton in Nashville. She will be competing with 54 other contestants representing their respective counties.

Adams is the 19-year-old daughter of Gina and Larry York,

"I'm looking forward to it for two reasons," said Adams. "We got together in November and I got to meet a lot of the girls then, so I'm looking forward to seeing them again and of course being able to represent my county."

Adams and Burks have made many preparations for the convention, everything from having head shots made, to working with various coaches, and finding the perfect dress.

"I'm just so blessed to get to do this and I appreciate so much support from my family and the community," said Adams. "This is so much fun, and I'm enjoying all the good things that go along with the experience."

Adams will be participating in various activities at the convention, and will have private interview sessions with the judges Friday morning. A fun aspect of the pageant is a shoe competition where the contestants transform a shoe into something that represents their philosophy.

"We had so much fun with this project," said Adams. "We have made a tractor from my shoe with a girl in the driver's seat. This is my way of saying women can do anything they set their mind to."



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