

OBITUARIES

Sunny Adair Davis

Sunny Adair Davis passed away shortly after noon on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Although his life on the earth was short, Baby Sunny was a blessing to his family, friends, and to the countless others who prayed for him from the moment he began his life Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. The journey with Sunny wasn't always easy, but it was incredibly beautiful. Baby Sunny beat the odds and was born 15 weeks early at Erlanger Hospital. When Sunny took his first breath, there was no doubt he was fearfully and wonderfully made. His family is so thankful to have had the opportunity to hug, rock, read, and sing to him. They were also blessed with countless miracles as Sunny grew from 1-pound, 6-ounce baby to a strong 14-pound warrior. His big brown eyes matched those of his sister, Layla's, his sweet gentle spirit was like his mother, and his strong never give up attitude was just like his father. He fought hard, but his tiny lungs were unable to sustain his life. However, his sweet footprint in this world can never be denied. Sunny was a charmer from day one. He quickly caught the hearts of his doctors, nurses, grandparents, aunts and uncles, especially his "Sissy Megan" and two sweet cousins, Madalyn and Ruthie.

Sunny is survived by his loving parents, Matt and Rachel Davis, sister Layla; grandparents David and Janie McBride, Les and Regina Davis; great-grandfather, Pete Walling; aunts and uncles, Megan McBride Dodson and Patrick, David Davis and Sherry, Pete Davis and Tammy, Elaine Coats, and Michael Davis; and many cousins.

Funeral service was Saturday, Aug. 25, at Oak Lawn Funeral Home with Donald Haston officiating. Burial followed at Jericho Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a fund called "Sunny's Purpose" has been set up at Citizens Bank in Sparta. Throughout Sunny's life, the Davis family has been blessed with an outpouring of support. It is their desire to bless others in time of need in honor of their little Sunshine.

Online condolences may be made to the family at oak-lawnmemorial.com.

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Norman Jessie Warren, 77

Norman Jessie Warren, 77, a native of Cannon County, passed from this life Thursday, Aug. 23, at NHC HealthCare in McMinnville.

Norman was born Friday, June 13, 1941 in Woodbury, the son of the late Jake Warren and the late Hester Walker Warren. Norman is survived by two sisters Sepal Pedigo and husband Rex of McMinnville, Carol Gunter of Short Mountain, brother J.L. Warren of Short Mountain, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Norman was preceded in death by brothers Ernest Warren and Harold Warren, sister Lucille Stanley, nephew Steven W. Stanley, brothers-in-law John "Aubrey" Gunter and Steve Stanley.

A graveside service was Saturday, Aug. 25, at Blues Hill Cemetery located at Short Mountain Road, McMinnville, Tenn., 37110 with Chris Moore officiating. Online condolences may be made to the family at gardensofmemoryfuneralhome.com.

Gardens of Memory is in charge of arrangements.

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Elsa Josefa Mullican, 85

Elsa Josefa Mullican, 85, a Rock Island resident, passed away Aug. 25 at St. Thomas West Hospital. She was born May 6, 1933 in Linz at the Danube, Austria.

She was a retired employee of Magnetek, member of Mt. View Church of Christ and daughter of the late, Franz and Theresia Noesslbock Mistebacher.

Ms. Mullican is survived by children and spouses, Louis D. Mullican of Rock Island, Vera and Kenny Kuhn of Rock Island, Sam and Charlotte Mullican of McMinnville; four grandchildren and spouses, Josh Kuhn of Rock Island, Haley and Jordan Hutchison, Brad and Letitia Mullican and Jessica and Jody Denney, all of McMinnville; three great-grandchildren, Maxton Denney, Austin Mullican and Oaklen Hutchison; two sisters, Martha Reiting and Mini Richtsfeld, both of Austria; brother, Fred Noesslbock of Austria; and numerous nieces and nephews in Austria.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, in High's Chapel with Joe Solomon to officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery on Hwy. 30. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 12 p.m. Thursday until the time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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John Alden Bragg, 93

John Alden Bragg, 93, passed away Aug. 19, 2018. He was born to the late John Roy Bragg and Chloe Adcock Bragg. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Crane Bragg and sister Virginia Roy "Joy" Bragg.

His paternal and maternal ancestors were among the early settlers of Middle Tennessee, having come from Virginia and North Carolina when Tennessee first reached statehood. Mr. Bragg's younger years were spent at his family home in McMinnville and on his father's nursery/farm, Cumberland Valley Nurseries, where he worked as a boy. He attended McMinnville city schools, graduated from Sewanee Military Academy, and was inducted into the Army during World War II. In January 1944, he was sent to New Caledonia, in the South Pacific, to become a member of the 147th Regimental Infantry Group, which was attached for much of the war to the Marine Corps. Its mission was to follow the Marines as they invaded islands in the Pacific Theater, and to secure each island, bringing it to garrison status.

During his time in the Pacific War, Mr. Bragg was engaged in three major battle campaigns: the Admiralty Islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. For this service he was awarded three battle stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star. In 2001, for his service in World War II, Mr. Bragg became the 11th recipient of the Dr. Joe Nunley Memorial Award, presented at MTSU to a distinguished Veteran of World War II, who is known also for his service to others. Returning from the war, Mr. Bragg went to the University of the South at Sewanee, TN, graduating with honors. He was a member of the Order of the Gownsmen, of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and of the Red Ribbon Society. He did his graduate work at the University of Virginia and at MTSU.

In 1950, he joined the faculty of Battle Ground Academy as an English, Spanish and history teacher, and as a tennis coach. In that same year, a college fraternity brother introduced him to Octavia Jane Crane of Mt. Pleasant, TN, whom he married at the end of the school term. In 1955, the couple had a daughter, Rebecca, their only child. Mr. Bragg would spend his adult career at Battle Ground Academy, a span of 40 years. At that time, it was the longest tenure in the history of the school. After serving as teacher, department chairman and assistant headmaster, he was elected in 1969 as the academy's ninth headmaster and held that position until he retired in 1990. During his administration he put the school in sound financial condition for the first time in its history, creating, with his board's approval, a substantial endowment; he changed the school from a boarding/day school operation to a day school; he reinstated coeducation after a 50 year absence; he dramatically increased the enrollment, enlarged the faculty and staff, remodeled buildings, built new ones, and introduced many new and noteworthy educational programs.

In 1988, the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools recognized Mr. Bragg for his Outstanding Contribution to Education. In 1990, the Franklin Lions Club named John Bragg its Educator of the Year. Also in 1990, Tennessee Gov. Ned Ray McWherter awarded him with a citation for his "40 years of faithful service to, and in the best interests of, the highest traditions of the state of Tennessee." In 1998, the BGA Board of Trustees dedicated the English and History building on the new campus as Bragg Hall, honoring both John and Jane Bragg. Mr. Bragg had long sought more regional and national recognition for BGA and he succeeded in the 1960s by helping showcase the academy's annual Tug of War on NBC's Huntley and Brinkley national news program. He did so again at the Academy's Centennial Celebration in 1989, when Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Tip O'Neill, gave the commencement address: all three of the major nation networks covered the event in Franklin. Continuing the school's Centennial Celebration, Mr. Bragg appeared with his student body on ABC's "Good Morning America" program, standing on the school quadrangle,

shouting to the nation "Good Morning America from Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, TN." This was played throughout the news media in the nation.

That year he also instituted the Faculty Hall of Fame and the Sports Hall of Fame. John Bragg's retirement years were spent at his Franklin home and at his home on the Tennessee River, where he enjoyed fishing and hunting, his lifelong passions. He held membership at First Franklin United Methodist Church, where he served for a time on its Board of Stewards. He was a member of the Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 7, the Scottish Rite, and the Al Menah Shrine. He was a member of and past president of Franklin Noon Rotary Club, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He also served on the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce.

Since early childhood, John Bragg had been a constant reader. In later life he read fiction, the classics, mysteries, historical novels, biographies, and autobiographies, rode his motor scooter on a regular basis throughout Franklin and Williamson County, and kept up with his grandchildren's lives, but always he was interested in Battle Ground Academy, his school, where he spent his adult life. His friend and former student, Dr. Robert Foote of Hartland, Vt., wrote a poem on the eve of the Academy's Centennial Celebration, describing the 100 years of love and labor of its students. The following lines depict not only their feelings, but John Bragg's as well:

*When we
Decades hence are gone
And all we treasure
Dissipated with our prejudice
And son and daughter come
To take the measure of our century,
Let them say this: "They strove
For honor, they hoped for grace,
Their struggles are written
In this rich place*

Among Mr. Bragg's survivors are daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Bragg (Marc) McNamee, grandson David Bragg (Elizabeth) McNamee, granddaughter Jane Crane McNamee, great-grandson Marc Raymond McNamee, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. The family wishes to express its sincere thanks to the staff of NHC Place - Cool Springs and Alive Hospice for their loving care and attention to Mr. Bragg.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted 3 p.m., Aug. 27, at First United Methodist Church, 120 Aldersgate Way, Franklin, TN 37069, and visitation with the family will be 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the church. Honorary pallbearers are: the BGA Board of Trustees, past and present; all students of classes of 1950 through 1990; all faculty and staff from the same period; Douglas and Jan Darby, Robert and Harriet Sewell, Douglas and Julie Fisher, Patricia Charron, Tom and Charlotte Cone, Bob and Gerri Steltjes, Glenn Adams, Harry Lee Billington, David Wood, Billy Grimes, Bill Cherry, Bill Armistead, Bob Armistead, Eleana McCoy, Thomas P. Bragg, Ellen Finney, Padge Beasley, Charles H. Warfield, Richard Tippens, Nick McCall, Rob Foote, Anne Rutherford, Larry Stumb, Tom Taylor, Skipper Phipps, Jimmy Patterson, Irwin McKee, Tom McKee, Warren York, John Colton, John Oxley, James Beard, Larry McElroy, Charlie Brown, William (Bunny) Akin, Bill Ramsey, Glenda Marshall, Carol Sensing, Kevin Smith, Dudley West, Anne Clark Foster, Jan Buckner Herbert, Cathy Buckner Hoover, Martha Buckner, Sheila Fleming, Jimmy Rippey, Margaret Callihan, John B. Lynch Jr., Dan Parsons and Harriett Keyes. Memorials may be made to the BGA Endowment Fund or First United Methodist Church.

Williamson Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (615) 794-2289, www.williamsonmemorial.com.

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Jamie Randall Prosser, 54

Jamie Randall Prosser, 54, a resident of McMinnville, passed away Sunday, Aug. 12.

He was born Oct. 27, 1963 in Tullahoma to his late parents, Huey Orbie Prosser and Barbara Ann (Eslick) Prosser. He was the owner and operator of his own furniture restoration business for many years, operating in Warren County, Coffee County and Texas. Many describe him as a master craftsman in furniture restoration.

He was married June 20, 1985 in Dallas, Texas to Patrice D. Thompson, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Mara Prosser of McMinnville, grandson Tyler Crimm of McMinnville, brothers Johnny Clyde Prosser of Tullahoma, Rober Ross "Bobby" Prosser (Sharon) of Tullahoma, Huey Orbie Prosser of Tullahoma, sister Vickie Lynn Prosser Ashley of Winchester, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Floccena Yvonne Prosser Sherrill.

Mr. Prosser will be cremated and no funeral services will be held.

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Jane Marie Johnston Jones, 73

Jane Marie Johnston Jones, 73, of McMinnville, formerly of Lawrenceburg, passed away Thursday, Aug. 23, at her residence.

She was a native of Lawrenceburg and retired from Vilex. She was preceded in death by parents Joe Lee and Alma Howard Johnston; husband Alden Lee Jones; two brothers Huford Johnston and Willie Bruce Johnston; and one sister JoAnn Johnston Gooch.

She is survived by one son Michael Jones (Sherry) of McMinnville, one daughter Renate Holland (Darrell) of McMinnville, three grandchildren Samantha Jones and Antonio Jones, both of McMinnville, and Shelby Goodin (Shane) of Woodbury, one great-grandchild Barrett Goodin of Woodbury, one brother James Johnston (Marilyn) of Columbia, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are being handled by Neal Funeral Home, 231 N. Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg, Tenn. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at Neal Funeral Home. Funeral service will be conducted at Neal Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Sunday with Chad Moore officiating. Interment will follow at Lawrence County Memorial Gardens with her late husband, Alden Lee Jones, cremated remains in Lawrenceburg. Online condolences may be sent to www.nealfuneralhome.net.

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