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Allen Buford Grider

Allen Buford Grider, 95, of Louisville, died Sunday December 2, 2018 at his residence. A native of Russell Co., KY he was the last survivor of 12 children.

He was a Navy Veteran of WWII where he served on the USS Minneapolis during the Pearl Harbor attack, fought in 7 battles with the Pacific Fleet earning a Purple Heart, and was on board of the USS Navarro at the signing of the Peace Treaty in Tokyo Bay. He was also the owner of Advance Drywall Company and was a member of Douglas Hills Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anna Faye Grider; sons, Michael (Teresa), Stuart (Nelson), and Barry S. (Leah) Grider; and grandsons, Hunter (Cassie), Tanner, and Eric Grider.

A Funeral Service was held Thursday December 6, 2018 at Ratterman Funeral Home 12900 Shelbyville Rd East Louisville with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Expressions of Sympathy in lieu of flowers can be made to Kosair Charities or Wounded Warriors Project. RattermanBrothers.com



Gwendolyn Dunbar Conn

Gwendolyn Dunbar Conn, 92, died December 28 at the Williamsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center in Williamsburg, Ky. She was born and raised in the Caney Fork Creek community of Russell County, Ky to the late Corbin Dunbar and Flona Popplewell Dunbar. She is preceded in death by one brother and four sisters, Quentin Dunbar, Roberta Morrison, Colleen Perkins, Gyla Harrison and Elaine Davidson.

She worked as a homemaker, medical assistant and caregiver to the elderly. Gwen was a devoted Christian, a gifted singer and a musician and remained active in worship services as her health permitted.

Survivors include her son Joseph L. Conn; son-in-law Richard L. Mowery; thirteen nephews and nieces and their families. They are Barry Michael Dunbar, Lisa Finch, Randy Davidson, David Davidson, Marsha Costner Parrish, Kathy Cutler, Larry Perkins, Sherry Smith, Mick Perkins, Rita Wiggington, Steve Wiggington, Royce Wiggington, and Ron Morrison. (Gwen is also survived by her dedicated caregiver of eight years, Kay Partin.

Funeral services for Gwendolyn Conn was held at 11:00 am, Friday, January 4 at the Bernard Funeral Home in Russell Springs, Ky., with Bro. Jason Davidson officiating.

Interment in the Square Oak Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hershel Atchley, Richard Atchley, Barry Michael Dunbar, Randy Davidson, Mick Perkins, Larry Perkins

Memorial contributions suggested to donor's favorite charity.

Bernard Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Jeffery Garland Scales

Jeffery Garland Scales, 62, of Russell Springs, died Friday, December 28, 2018 at the Russell County Hospital. He was born November 3, 1956 in Cincinnati, OH. He is preceded in death by his father, Garland Scales.

Survivors include his mother, Virginia Scales, Russell Springs; brother, David Edward Scales, Russell Springs

Funeral service for Jeffery Garland Scales was held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the Bernard Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jeff Griffin officiating.

The family request contributions to Hospice of Lake Cumberland or American Cancer Society.

Bernard Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Paul Bell

Paul Bell, 91, of Noblesville, IN, died Tuesday, December 25, 2018. He was born August 27, 1927 in Jamestown to the late, Elmer and Ima (Johnson) Bell. He is preceded in death by his wife Emma Bell; two sons Steve and Kenny Bell; daughter Kathy Appleby; four brothers Hobert, J.D., James, and Roy Bell; four sisters, Emma and Madeline Appleby, Christine Johnson, and Ada Elsey.

He was an Iron worker

Survivors include a daughter, Connie Boggs of Noblesville, IN; ten grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

Religious services were held at 1:00 pm, Sunday, December 30th at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel in Jamestown with Bro Phillip Miller and Bro Leon Simpson officiating.

Interment in the Jamestown Cemetery

H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel was in charge on arrangements.

Randy Wooldridge

Randy Wooldridge, 77, of Russell Springs, died Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at the Russell County Hospital. He was born July 7, 1941 in Russell County to the late Edward & Ella Butcher Wooldridge.

Randy retired from Fruit of the Loom, was a Deacon and member of Clear Fork Baptist Church, and a bass singer with Crossroads Quartet for 38 years.

Survived by cousins, his Church family, and friends.

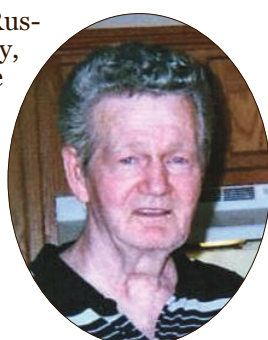
Funeral service for Randy Wooldridge was held at 10:00 am, Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the Clear Fork Baptist Church with Bro. Joe Sullivan and Bro. John Wilson officiating.

Interment in the Salem Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Vernie McGaha, Brian McGaha, Dave Powell, Randy Hart, Tim Owens, Arlin Godby Bernard Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Harry Taggart

Harry Taggart, 79, of Russell Springs, died Saturday, December 29, 2018 at the Springfield Nursing Home in Springfield, Ky. He was born October 8, 1939 in Springfield, Ohio to the late Maurice & Reatha Sizemore Taggart. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria Childress.



He was a carpenter.

Survivors include two daughters, Tonya Taggart, California, Denise Taggart, California; five grandchildren; one great grandson; one brother: Robert D. McElwee, Kettering, Ohio; two step sons, Vernon (Sylvia) Daniel, Russell Springs, Michael Daniel, Russell Springs

Funeral service for Harry Taggart was held 12 Noon Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Bernard Funeral Home with Bro. Stan Milby officiating.

Interment in the Thomas Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Thomas Blevins, Calvin Overstreet, Michael Daniel, Dalton Richards, Marcus Richards, Mark Richards

Bernard Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Francis Adalene Bolin

Francis Adalene Bolin, 89, of Jamestown, died Monday, December 24, 2018. She was born March 2, 1929 in Jamestown to the late Stanley and Ada Pearl (Mann) Marcum. She is preceded in death by her husband Menneth Bolin; daughter, Joyce Bolin; son, Jerry Bolin; two sister, Julie Coe and Kay Skinner; two brothers, Forest and Roy Marcum.

She was a Homemaker

Survivors include a son, Kenton Bolin of Jamestown; daughter, Betty (Wayne) Gaskins of Russell Springs; four brothers, Keith Marcum of Jamestown, Mitchell Marcum of Jamestown, Doug Marcum of Jamestown, and Cyrus Marcum of IL; four grandchildren, Mark and Austin Bolin, Jill Adamson, and Brian Gaskins; two step grandchildren Dwayne Bolin and Belinda Wooldridge; seven great grandchildren; nine step great grandchildren; one step great great grandchild.

Religious Service were held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, December 29th at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel with Bro Michael Carnes and Bro Mike Bunch officiating.

Interment in the Murray Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Adamson, Stone Bolin, Dwayne Bolin, Michael Marcum, Jeff Marcum, and Keith Marcum

Honorary pallbearers were Phillip Marcum, Gary Marcum, Steve Marcum, Josh Marcum, and Chester Chapman.

H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Naomi Wells

Naomi Wells, 90, died Wednesday, January 2, 2019 of Cumberland Nursing & Rehab in Somerset. She was born November 12, 1928 in Pulaski County to the late Walter & Ona Wilson Wells. She is preceded in death by 3 husbands (Leonard Whittle, William Hutchens and Ellis Nester), 5 sisters (Verda Wilson, Elizabeth Morrison, Ina Harris, Tina Wilson, Retha Fern Wilson) and 1 brother, Vertis Wells.

Naomi retired from Westinghouse in Union City, Indiana. Naomi enjoyed gardening, doing crafts, attending church and spending time with her many nieces and nephews. Naomi was also a faithful member of Grace Baptist Church.

Naomi is survived by brother-in-law, Odell Morrison and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Naomi Wells was held at 11:00 am, Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Bernard Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Caleb Shirley officiating.

Interment in the Union Cemetery.

Bernard Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Rondal C. Rexroat

Rondal C. Rexroat, 93, of Russell Springs, died Sunday, December 23, 2018. He was born June 7, 1925 to the late Hershel and Sedalia (Bernard) Rexroat. He is pre in death preceded in death by three sisters, Vivian Gassway, Verlene Flanagan, Jean Hill and one brother Ralph Rexroat.

He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Merlene (Hoover) Rexroat of Russell Springs; daughter, Debbie LaFavers of Russell Springs; three sons, Charles Fred Rexroat of Russell Springs, Randy Rexroat of Columbia, and David Rexroat of Jamestown; brother, H.F. Rexroat of Russell Springs; nine grandchildren; host of nieces and nephews; special caregiver Peggy Tarter.

Religious Services were held at 1:00 pm, Friday, December 28th at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel with Bro Bobby Conner officiating.

Interment in the Ridgecrest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Flanagan, David Aaron, Mark Rexroat, Adam Rexroat, Andy LaFavers, and Phil Pierce.

H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

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Financial Focus

Review Your Fixed-income Strategy as Interest Rates Rise

When interest rates rise, the value of your fixed-income investments, such as bonds, will typically fall. If this happens, how should you respond?

First of all, it's important to understand this inverse correlation between interest rates and bond prices. Essentially, when interest rates rise, investors won't pay you full price for your bonds because they can purchase newly issued ones that pay higher rates. So, if you sell your bonds before they mature, you could lose some of the principal value.

You may be seeing a price drop among your bonds right now, because interest rates generally rose in 2018 and may continue to do so in 2019. While you might not like this decline, you don't necessarily have to take any action, particularly if you're planning to hold these bonds until maturity. Of course, you do have to consider credit risk – the chance that a portion of the principal and interest will not be paid back to investors – but unless the bond issuers default, which is usually unlikely, particularly with investment-grade bonds, you can expect to receive the same regular interest payments you always did, no matter where rates move.

Holding some of your bonds – particularly your longer-term ones – until they mature may prove useful during a period of rising interest rates. Although long-term bond prices – the amount you could get if you were to sell these bonds – tend to fall more significantly than short-term bond prices, the actual income that longer-term bonds provide may still be higher, because longer-term bonds typically pay higher interest rates than shorter-term ones.

To preserve this income and still take advantage of rising interest rates, you may want to construct a "bond ladder" consisting of short-, intermediate- and longer-term bonds. Because a ladder contains bonds with staggered maturity dates, some are maturing and can be reinvested – and in a rising-rate environment such as we're currently experiencing, you would be replacing maturing bonds with higher-yielding ones. As is the case with all your investments, however, you must evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

You can build a bond ladder with individual bonds, but you might find it easier, and perhaps more affordable, to own bond-based mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) that invest in bonds. Many bond funds and ETFs own a portfolio of bonds of various maturities, so they're already diversified.

Building a bond ladder can help you navigate the rising-rate environment. But you also have another incentive to continue investing in bonds, bond funds or ETFs – namely, they can help diversify a stock-heavy portfolio. If you only owned stocks, your investment statements would probably fluctuate greatly – it's no secret that the stock market can go on some wild rides. But even in the face of escalating interest rates, bond prices generally don't exhibit the same sharp swings as stocks, so owning an appropriate percentage of bonds based on your personal circumstances can help add some stability to your investment mix.

As an investor, you do need to be aware of rising interest rates, but as we've seen, they certainly don't mean that you should lose your interest in bonds as a valuable part of your investment strategy.

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