

Betty Nell Moran Compton, 84

Mrs. Betty Nell Moran Compton was born Nov. 21, 1936 in Green County, to the late Coys and Lela Christine Adkins Moran. She departed this life Friday Jan. 8, 2021 at the Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville. She attained the age of 84 years, one month, and 17 days.

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Friendship Separate Baptist Church in Louisville. She was a factory worker for General Electric and Fruit of the Loom. She was united in marriage to her husband, Ernest Delbert Compton, who precedes her in death.

Besides her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by one son, Darrell Ray Compton; one sister, Angela Moran.

She is survived by one daughter-in-law, Sarah Compton; two grandchildren, Noah Matthew and Ally Nicole Compton, all of Louisville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Patsy Moran, James Thomas and Sheila Moran; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Geraldine and William Milby, Eddie Mae and Ralph Lobb, Glenda and Larry Thompson and Christina and Nick Milby, all of Green County, plus, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.



Betty Nell Moran Compton

Funeral services will be held January 16, 2021 at Foster-Toler Curry Funeral Home in Greensburg with Bro. Robert Adkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove of the Nollyn Association Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: David Thompson, Keith Thompson, Tom Thompson, Ronnie Moran, Larry Thompson, Timmy Milby.

Honorary Pallbearers: Noah Matthew Compton and Ally Compton.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy be donations to the Oak Grove of the Nollyn Association Cemetery Fund. These can be made at the funeral home.

Online Condolences: www.fostertolercurryfh.com

Renita Brewer Turner, 65

Renita Brewer Turner of Greensburg, the daughter of the late William and Nevia (Atherton) Brewer was born May 1, 1955 in Larue County, and departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 at her home.

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Otter Creek Baptist Church and was a former cook.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Turner; a daughter and a son, Pamela Bennett of Campbellsville and Chris Brewer of Larue County; a brother, Val "VC" Brewer.; six grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.



Renita Turner

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Brewer and a sister, Debbie Brewer.

All services will be private.

L.R. Petty Funeral Home in Campbellsville in charge of arrangements.

Paula J. Eubank, 64

Paula J. Eubank, 64, of Columbia, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 at U.K. Bluegrass Hospice Care Center in Lexington.

She was born July 28, 1956, in Adair County, to the late Hall and Eva Willis Johnson. Paula was a member of Columbia Church of Christ, taught in the Adair County School System for 17 years and was owner of Hallmark for many years.

Survivors include, husband, David Eubank of Columbia; three sons, Dave and his wife Erin Eubank, Eric and his wife Tina Eubank all of Bowling Green and James Allen Eubank of Columbia; god-daughter, Teresa Eubank of Columbia; three sisters, Peggy Ellis, Connie Stone & Becky Rogers all of Columbia; eight grandchildren, Daw-



Paula J. Eubank

son, Dylan, Olivia, Ava, Carson, Eli, Stella & Lacie Kay; two god grandchildren, Andrea & Sylvia, several other relatives & friends.

Walk-thru visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia Church of Christ with a Celebration of Paula's life starting at 1 p.m. with Dean Roach and Mike Ellis officiating.

She's a fighter

Woman with local ties recovering after life-threatening battle with COVID-19

Note: Kim Spalding, who happens to be my husband's first cousin, lives in the Calvary community of Marion County, a few miles past the Taylor County line. Spalding, a familiar face to many, has worked in Taylor Regional Hospital Radiology for many years. Kim tested positive for COVID-19 Sept. 22 and has just recently reached the uphill road in recovery. This is her journey, as written for the Lebanon Enterprise. - Crystal Cecil



Kim Spalding

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His wife lying in a hospital bed, fighting for her life, Jeremy Spalding did the only thing he knew to do in times of crisis: He prayed.

"There's not much else you can do," Jeremy said.

Six days after testing positive for COVID-19, his wife, Kim, was sent to the University of Kentucky Hospital. The disease had quickly taken its toll on the 42-year-old mother of three. At one point, she was given only a 10 percent chance to live, and doctors didn't think she would survive the night.

But, for those who know her, Kim is a fighter, determined to overcome any odds stacked against her. Now, more than three months after contracting COVID-19, she is proof that miracles do happen.

According to Jeremy, Kim first tested positive for COVID-19 on Sept. 22. She only experienced mild symptoms in the beginning.

"On that Sunday, Sept. 20, was the first time she really had any kind of symptoms," he said. "It was more like allergies, stuffy nose, mild little cough, but nothing major. From there until that Thursday, she was really fine."

However, Kim's symptoms gradually became worse. That Friday, her cough started to become aggressive.

"She would throw up, she was coughing so much," Jeremy said. "She had a pretty good fever, too."

That Sunday, Sept. 27, Kim began to have difficulty breathing and was admitted to the ER at Taylor Regional Hospital, which is where she worked and likely contracted the virus, Jeremy said.

The next day, Kim was intubated, put on a ventilator and sent to the University of Kentucky Hospital. On Oct. 2, her lungs collapsed. On Oct. 3, she was also placed on ECMO, which pumps blood outside the body to a machine that removes carbon dioxide and sends oxygen-filled blood back to tissues in the body.

Jeremy never imagined his wife's condition would decline as rapidly as it did.

"At her age? Absolutely not," he said. "Even when she got it, we weren't concerned. It took off real quick."

To make matters worse, Jeremy and his daughter, Emily, tested positive for COVID-19. Thankfully, though, they only had mild symptoms.

However, the worst part,

according to Jeremy, was that Kim had no family by her side when she was at her worst with COVID-19.

"It's awful," Jeremy said. "Even the nurses told me that's the worst part. Those patients in that kind of shape, they can't have any family with them."

Finally, on Nov. 3, following Kim's second negative COVID-19 test, Jeremy was able to be by her side.

Kaitlyn, their oldest child, said watching her mother battle COVID-19 was one of the most terrifying experiences of her life.

"The constant ups and downs and everything just being a giant question mark on how it was going to turn out, I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy," Kaitlyn wrote in an email to the Enterprise. "The doctors told us up front that there was always a chance she wouldn't recover. Having that thought in the back of my mind constantly, relying on settings and numbers on machines to try and determine how well she was doing, and just not being able to see or talk to her, it was all so overwhelming."

Kim has always been a fighter, according to Kaitlyn, and her mother's battle with COVID-19 has only reinforced that.

"She never gave up and I'm so proud of her for fighting so hard to come back home," Kaitlyn said. "I couldn't imagine my life without my mom, so just hearing the progress she makes each day is a huge relief."

Emily said she's missed the little things with her mother.

"I've always been really close with my mom," Emily wrote, "and not having her around to do our normal activities just kind of left me feeling alone and incomplete. It was absolutely terrifying, just seeing how quickly it affected her and all the twists and turns of bad days and good days. We never knew what to expect, and we learned not to get our hopes up."

Kim's sister, Nicole Abell, started a Facebook group—Prayers for Kim Spalding—where she provided daily updates on her sister's condition. The outpouring of love and support for Kim, both through the Facebook page and other places, has been overwhelming.

"She has so many people praying for her," Nicole said.

"There's people from different states, people we have no idea who they are, and they say they come on there every day to see how she's doing. It's like that warmth and kindness that helps you get through, too."

Nicole said her faith has helped her through this ordeal.

"Without that, I don't know what I would do," Nicole said. "It's made my faith just a little bit stronger. God would be like, 'I'm still here. I'm still with her. Don't lose hope.'"

At one point, Nicole and Kim's other sister, Kathy, were told that, if Kim survived, she would not be the same person.

"The doctors said, 'She's not going to be the same sister you knew,'" Nicole said. "Her oxygen was in the 30's for about an hour to an hour and a half. We don't know how it affected her brain."

However, Kim is proving the worst predictions wrong.

"She talks to you," Nicole said. "She jokes around with you. It's the small things. She's pretty much the same Kim we knew. That just shows me, that's God. Only he can provide that for us."

Kim is simply a miracle, according to Nicole.

"From where she was to where she is now, none of the doctors thought she was going to be here, let alone in the capacity she is," she said. "She's improved a whole lot, yet we know she still has a long way to go."

On Nov. 20, Kim was taken off ECMO. On Dec. 22, Kim's feeding tube was removed from her nose, and on Dec. 28, the ventilator was removed from Kim's room. Also on Dec. 28, Kim took five steps on her own. On Dec. 29, she had her trach taken out.

Kim was moved to Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Elizabethtown Jan. 8, from Select Specialty Rehab in Danville where she received respiratory rehab. The family says her approximate stay will be two weeks, and she will hopefully head home.

On Dec. 17, a special day, Jeremy received an early Christmas present from Kim. While sitting in his boss' office at Hendrickson, Jeremy received a phone call. Jeremy looked at his phone and saw Kim's name on the screen.

"I thought the nurses were calling on her phone, so I answered, and it was her," Jeremy said. "She said, 'I can talk.' And, I said, 'Yes, yes you can.' It was pretty cool. That's the first time we had heard her voice since we left Taylor Regional. We talked for a couple minutes, and I told her she could call me anytime."

While Kim knows she has a long way to go, she is thanking her lucky stars to be where she is in her recovery from COVID-19.

"I'm really weak and tired," Kim told Nicole recently. "When I got up to sit in a chair, I noticed my legs are getting stronger. I'm very blessed, and I know I have God by my side."

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Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
Thou shalt not covet.

(Exodus 20:3-17)