Obituaries/Editorial

Mildred Little Perkins, 86

Mrs. Mildred Little Perkins, of Campbellsville, daughter of the late Clifford and Lola Smith Little was born March 3, 1935 in Taylor County, and departed this life Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at the Taylor Regional Hospital. She was 86 years, one month and 17 days of age

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church. She was a retired beautician and tax preparer. She was a member of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association and the Red Hatters.

She united in marriage to William E. "Pete" Perkins on Jan. 13, 1973 who preceded her in death Feb. 9, 2018.

Survivors include one daughter and sonin-law, Gayle and Ricky Newton of Campbellsville; a son-in-law, Alex Boone of Lexington; a step-son and stepdaughter in-law, Jim and Valerie Perkins of Greensburg; four grandchildren, Patrick and Stephanie Newton of Arkansas, Andrew Newton and Cassie Perkins of Louisville, Ali Boone and Catie Boon, both of Lexington; one stepgrandchild, Ed and Sarah Perkins; three sisters and a brotherin-law, Wanda Merritt of Campbellsville, Audrey and Lawrence Gupton of Greensburg, and Linda Little of Washington; one brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Dorothy Little of Campbellsville; and a host of other relatives



Mildred Perkins

and friends.

Mrs. Perkins was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Cash Boone; a brother, Harvey Little; and a brother-in-law, Bobby Merritt.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 23, 2021 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Campbellsville with burial in the Campbellsville Memorial Gardens. Vistation was held at the Gupton-Landrum Funeral Home in Greensburg and at St.Andrew United Methodist Church.

Pallbearers: Grandchildren.

Honorary Pallbearers: Ladies Prayer Group at St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

Gupton-Landrum Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The family has asked that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Make Today Count Organization, which can be made at the funeral home.

For online condolences visit www.gupton-landrum.com or Facebook.

Sandra Lee Shirley, 55

Mrs. Sandra Lee Shirley was born August 8, 1965 in Green County, to Eva Vibbert Robertson and the late Lemuel "Buck" Robert-







Crystal Cecil Record-Herald Staff

Monday was hard. April 26 leaves me feeling... empty. It's my least favorite day of any given year.

My brother, Chris, passed away on April 26.

I feel most people have a "dreaded" date.

This year was extra hard.

For those of you that don't know Amy Chapman, she is a kind individual who lost her son last Thursday. Matthew Chapman was 23 and battled health conditions during his short life. Amy works for the Green County School District and has a huge heart; I would be surprised if she didn't know a little something about each student she crosses paths with.

This weekend, my friend Jennifer and I took a couple of care baskets to Amy's home, a few gifts the GCIS PTSO felt she might need to make a life a little more manageable in the coming days.

We completed the package with one of our favorite photos of Amy and her son... one taken while fishing; smiles were bright.

It was the perfect photo.

As I hugged her, she said she knows Matthew is in a much better place—a place of no sickness. His health is now perfect.

While this is such



Knowing I was his world, makes living in this world a tiny bit easier. But I wonder, what would he think of me...? of my kids? I wonder who he would be.

an enlightening realization, it's hard to accept.

What a life this is.

I never quite understood what my mother went through when my brother died. I have heard many stories, and I have tried to empathize to the best of my ability. He was 12.

My son is 10. I understand a little more each year.

As we were driving away Saturday, both overwhelmed with emotion, I told Jennifer,

'I don't know what I would do. I wouldn't want to live any-

more."

And I truly would have no desire.

I like to think I am a strong person. I can think of a million of life scenarios that I can handle. In fact, I've probably played out several thousand 'what ifs' from every corner of this life I live. If something happened to one of my children...

No. There is zero strength.

I am thankful for their health and I say a prayer daily for their well-being.

On April 26, every year, that prayer gets a bit more earnest.

God always has a plan. I know that. I've always known that.

His plan for my brother was big, I'm certain.

"God needed Chris to keep me in line," I've often thought and said. I am probably not far from the truth.

I've been on a narrow path a time or two... or a hundred; no doubt he's my guardian angel.

12 years old. Only a little boy.

I'd love to know who he would have grown to be.

As a teenager, it would've been wonderful to have his advice. Fairly certain I got it a few times via answered (and unanswered prayers).

He would've made an amazing husband.

Cute as a button at 12—for sure he would grow to be even more handsome.

Bet he'd be handy, much like my husband. Chris liked to fix stuff and tinker around– never idling.

1,000% guarantee he'd drive a red car a fast one.

He'd still be a Cardinals fan, much to my disapproval.

I bet he'd be the best uncle to my kiddos.

He'd be proud of Cayden, his namesake, and come to every ballgame.

Conleigh would be spoiled and the apple of his eye, because she's a miniature me– and I was his world.

Would he have loved Monday's weather as much as I did?

What would his favorite cupcake flavor be?

He would be sarcastic and smart, no doubt. Witty.

Loving, he'd be the hug-giver.

And I bet he'd be difficult sometimes, like me.

I bet we'd be best friends.

Crossword Puzzle

son. She departed this life Friday, April 16, 2021 at her home, having attained the age of 55 years, 8 months, and 8 days.

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was of the Baptist Faith. She was united in marriage to Selby Wade Shirley, who survives. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Taylor Regional Hospital.

Besides her father, she is preceded in death by one sister, Sharon Kay Robertson and son-in-law: Anthony Wade Worner.

Besides her mother and husband, she is survived by her son, Dustin Wade Shirley of Greensburg; one daughter, Tracy Lynn Shirley Worner of Summersville; one sister, Missy Huff of Columbia; four grandchildren, Anna Marie Worner, Brittnay Lynn Worner, Jessica Lee Worner, Levi Curtis Wade Shirley; Plus, a host of relatives and friends.

Sandra Shirley

Funeral services were held April 23, 2021 at the Foster-**Toler-Curry Funeral** Home with Bro. B.J. Huff officiating. Burial followed in the Maple Hill Community Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chris Bennett, Bobby Vibbert, Jeffery Scruggs, Damean Scruggs, David McAllister, Gary Ballenger.

Honorary Pallbearer: Nathan Scruggs

The family has requested that donations to be made to the Maple Hill Cemetery Fund and these can be made at the Foster-Toler-Curry Funeral Home.

Online Condolences: www.fostertolercurryfh.com



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- 10. Sweeties 12. Competition
- 13. Measures electrical resistance
- 14. Psychotherapy researcher 15. Causes injury to
- 16. Open 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Hebrew calendar month
- 19. Whale ship captain
- 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident
- 33. Expression of disgust
- 34. The government has many
- 36. Small constellation
- 37. Northern Indian city
- 38. The best pitchers
- 39. Naturally occurring solid
- 40. Apple computers

- 41. Portuguese city
- 44. Ancient Greek war dance
- 45. More reliable
- 48. Sailboat
- 49. Newspapers
- 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The __ of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work

Answers found on page 12A

- 17. Possesses
- 18. Accept
- 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM May
- 24. US battleships circa 1939
- 25. Greek alphabet letter
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 29. Top lawyer
- 30. Fiddler crabs
- 31. Intolerant
- 32. Persons that cause extreme fear
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. Capital of Ghana
- 38. Famed ballplayer Hank
- 40. Emphasizes insignificance
- 41. Light-colored
- 42. Distinctive smell
- 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
- 47. One point north of due east