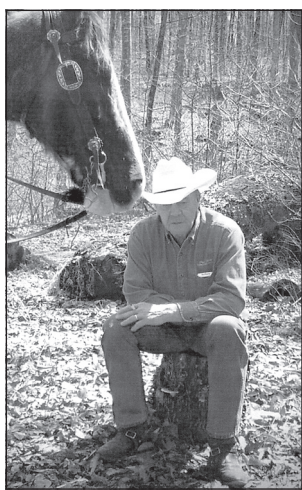


OBITUARIES

Roger Dale Blair

Roger Dale Blair, 75, Russell Springs, passed away Monday, March 7, 2022, at UK Medical Center in Lexington.



Born on September 18, 1946, he was a son of the late Marion and Emogene Blakey Blair. He was a retired Master Sergeant of the United States Army, a Vietnam Veteran, and a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient. He was a retired auctioneer and real estate broker, as well as a passionate cowboy. He loved horses and he rode at every opportunity – rain, snow, sunshine, and even by moonlight, on a night ride. He also liked listening to music. If you were lucky, you would even see him kicking up his heels as he enjoyed a good country and western dance.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Judy Flatt Blair; two daughters, Anna Hope Hanson and Summer (and Ron) Beaty; five granddaughters, Morgan (and Brandon) Kerr, Ashley Antle, Candace (and Elliott) Benningfield, Shelby (and Jason) Russell, and Hannah Bell (and Cody Roberts); two step-granddaughters, Valley Beaty and Scarlett Beaty; four great-grandchildren, Aedan Abell, Liam Brown, Ellora Russell, and Elaina Benningfield; a special daughter by choice, Christina (and Tim) Howell; granddaughter, Taylor (and Corey) Clark; grandson, Logan Howell; great-granddaughter, Abijah Jones; two brothers, Dean Blair and Larry (and Patricia) Blair; two sisters, Marilyn (and Randy) Ford and Lesa (and David) McDonald; a host of nieces and nephews; life-long friends, Joe and Brenda Shircliff, and a very special young man, James Ray.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Ann Delk.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 11, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Bro. Bodie Emerson officiating. Burial with full Military Honors followed in Wolford Cemetery.

Camila P. Murray

Camila P. Murray, 58, Jamestown, KY, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville, KY. Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 11, 2022, at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel in Jamestown, KY, with Bro. Tony Stephens officiating. Interment was in Jamestown Cemetery.

James A. Hammond

James A. Hammond, 59, Russell Springs, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Russell County Hospital. Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel in Jamestown, KY, with Bro. Jerry Smith officiating. Interment was in Dixon Cemetery in Jamestown.

Carol H. Richards

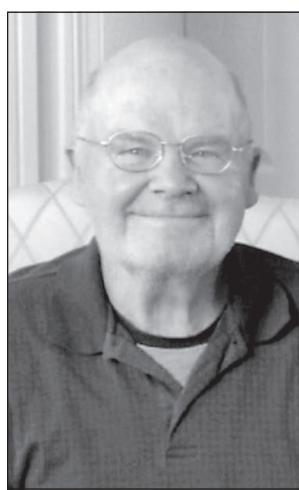
Carol H. Richards, 74, Jamestown, KY, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Jean Waddle Care Center, in Somerset, surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2022, at Jamestown First Baptist Church with Bro. Scott Russell officiating. Interment was in Ridgcrest Cemetery in Jamestown.

Obituary Policy:

Obituaries must be submitted by a licensed funeral home or a copy of one previously published in order to be placed on the obituary page. Funeral providers determine the size and content of all obits provided to our newspaper and most others. This newspaper continues to offer a free posting as well as various upgrade options.

Danny Wayne Hill

Danny Wayne Hill, 71, Russell Springs was born December 25, 1950, in Russell County. He passed away March 12, 2022, at his home.



He was a machinist and farmer. He attended Main Street Church of God. He was well-liked by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Hill; a sister, Bobbie Kay Schoner; two sisters-in-law, Mary Hill, and Ruth Hill; and six nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Billie Adese Hill; and two brothers, Anthony Hill and Victor Hill.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home with Brother Chris Fields officiating. Burial followed in Bernard Ridge Cemetery.

An online guestbook is available at www.bernardfuneralhome.com.

Gary R. Marcum

Gary R. Marcum, 64, Jamestown, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2022 at his residence.

Funeral Services were held 1:00 pm Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel with Bro. Wendell Roberts and Bro. Garrett Crawford officiating. Burial was in the Murray Cemetery, Jamestown.

Ola Jean Bottom Prock

Ola Jean Bottom Prock, 95, Indiana, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Hendricks Regional Hospital, Danville, Indiana.

Funeral services were held 4:00 p.m. Friday March 11, 2022, at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon Chapel. A graveside service was held 3:00 p.m. Saturday March 12, 2022, at McBeath Cemetery, Russell Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International or American Cancer Society.

Local arrangements were entrusted to Bernard Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.bernardfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Carol Browning

Phyllis Carol Browning, 80, Russell Springs, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. Funeral services were held 12:00 p.m., CST, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Bro. Carroll Egnew officiating. Interment was in Russell Springs City Cemetery.

Barbara Gossett

Barbara Gossett, 68, Russell Springs, passed away Monday, March 7, 2022, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home. Burial followed in Dixon Cemetery.

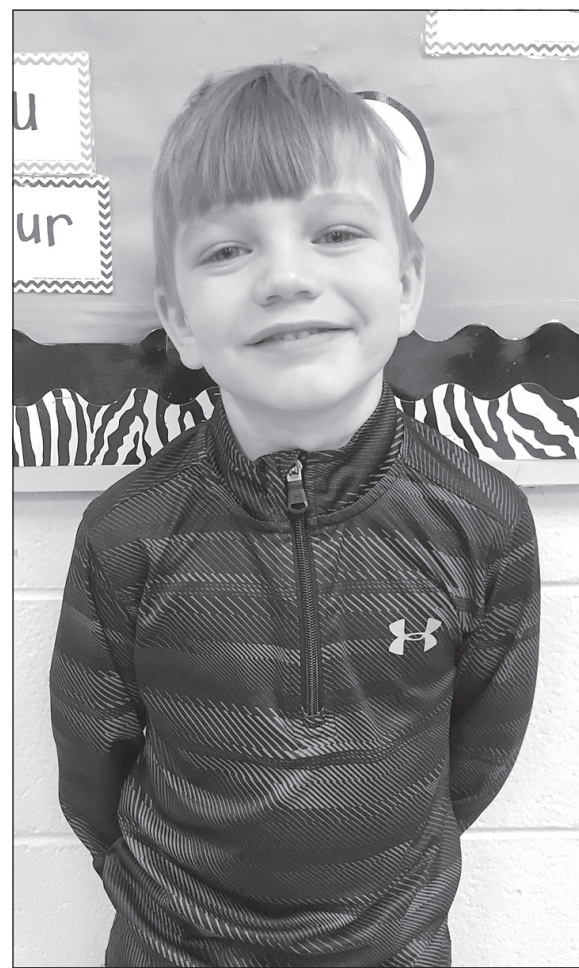
Ottis Hines

Ottis Hines, 84, Russell Springs, passed away Monday, February 28, 2022 at Russell County Hospital surrounded by his family.

Cremation was chosen. H. E. Pruitt Memory Chapel.

The family request memorial donations be made to the Jamestown Cemetery and can be made at the funeral home.

STAR Student



Mrs. Johnna's RSES Star Student, Joseph Portman

Financial Focus

DON'T BE SURPRISED BY SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES

When you reach the appropriate age, it's easy to apply for Social Security retirement benefits – just go to Social Security's website, fill out the online form and you're essentially done. But many people overlook the next step – completing Form W-4V, which asks you how much federal income tax you want withheld from your benefits. And if you skip this step, you could face an unpleasant surprise when it's tax-filing time, because Social Security benefits can indeed add to your taxable income.

Here are the details:

If you're a single filer...If your "combined" income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits. ("Combined" income includes your adjusted gross income, non-taxable interest, and one-half of your annual Social Security benefits.) If your combined income is more than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

If you're married and file jointly...If you and your spouse have a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may be taxed on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your combined income is more than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

These numbers might seem high, but they don't mean you'll lose 50 percent, or 85 percent, of your benefits – they are just the percentages of benefits you may be taxed on, at your personal income tax rate.

To help avoid a big tax bill or an underpayment penalty, you can file Form W-4V with the Social Security Administration and request to have 7, 10, 12 or 22 percent of your monthly benefit withheld. Your tax advisor can help you choose the withholding percentage that's appropriate for your situation.

The amount of taxes you may need to pay will also depend on when you start taking Social Security. The earlier you take benefits, the smaller your monthly checks, and the smaller the taxes. But taxes should not be a key issue in deciding when you need to begin collecting your payments. Rather, you should consider other factors, such as your anticipated life expectancy, your employment situation, your spending needs and the benefits for your spouse.

Here's something else to keep in mind: Because Social Security taxes are based on your overall income, as described above, the amount of money you withdraw during retirement, and where that money comes from, can also affect your tax situation. For example, withdrawals from a traditional IRA are taxable and will increase your adjusted gross income, but withdrawals from a Roth IRA will be tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you're over 59-1/2, so this money won't enter into your taxable income calculations and it won't increase the tax you owe on your Social Security benefits. Similarly, withdrawals from health savings accounts (HSAs) used for qualified health expenses also won't count toward your taxable income.

By knowing exactly what to expect from Social Security, including the tax effects, you can more effectively incorporate your benefits into your overall retirement income planning – and the better your plans, the more you'll be able to enjoy your life as a retiree.

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Hidden Treasures with Love THEN AND NOW

Once upon a time, in a land far away, the people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, shacking up, and going nearly nude in public. Sin had overcome humanity. They would not obtain God in their daily life styles. God sent Noah a preacher of righteousness to build an ark and give an invitation to all to get on board the ark, but only eight souls obeyed the call.

Luke 14 (16-18)-Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

The master replied, **Luke 14:24-For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.**

Matthew 24: (37-39)-But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The eight souls is a shadow of the few church people that obey the call to get on board a sanctified Holy Ghost filled church.

John 8:11-She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

2Tim 2:16-But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

They all with one constant began to make excuses. The men that were bidden shall not taste of the supper. This treasure is written to church people making excuses.

Jesus said, **Matthew 7:22-Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

Just as it was in the days of the flood and in the days of Sodom, so shall it be when Jesus returns! As church people make excuses not to pray, fast and testify, thus falling away from Godly morals, Christ will say I never knew you, depart from me!

Then and Now by Mike Willen with Love!