# **OBITUARIES**

#### David Russell "Poppy" **Bernard**

David Russell "Poppy" Bernard, 80, Paintsville, formerly of Russell County, passed away Monday, June 13, 2022, at Appalachian Regional Hospital of Paintsville.

He was born on October 11, 1941, in Russell Springs, son of the late Jesse and Crella Jane Wilson Bernard. He married Martha Burton in October of 1957. He was an electrician for most of his



working career, though from 1981 until 1986, he served as Russell County Jailer. He and his family lived in Indiana for many years, where he was a volunteer firefighter. No matter where he lived, his heart was always in Russell County.

He was the problem solver of the family; he was a "jack-of-all-trades" and could figure out how to do anything he put his mind to. In his younger years, he could've been a YouTube sensation. He was always involved in Little League when his kids played and enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their sporting activities. He loved watching Fox News. He had a great love of fishing, especially blue gill. Dale Hollow was his home away from home anytime he could go and when he had nothing to do, he would love to mow grass on his riding mower. He never met a stranger and loved to "pick" at people; his family might say if he wasn't picking at you, he wasn't

He is survived by Martha Ann, his wife of over 64 years; sons, Paul David (Sandra) Bernard, Mascoutah, Illinois, Michael Lewis (Theda) Bernard, Crestview, Florida, and Jeffrey Lynn Bernard, Jamestown; daughter, June Alice Blankenship, Paintsville; brother, William Paul (Arlene) Bernard, Russell Springs; sister, Elizabeth Flanagan, Jamestown; grandchildren, Jesse Leslie Bernard, II, Stacey Lynn York, Tiffany Ann Antle, David Ashley Bernard, Paul Anthony Bernard, Rebecca Ann Wiggins, Tara Shay Gifford, Ashley Michelle Harris, Katherine Ann Wright, Michael Lewis Bernard, II, James Ray Blankenship, Noah Thomas Blankenship, Richard Tyler Bernard and Kayla Robin Bernard, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jesse Leslie Bernard; brothers, Robert Bernard, Joseph Bernard, Jim Bernard, Charlie Bernard and Leonard Bernard; sisters, Juanita Wells, Myrtie Edmonds, Henrietta Wright and Lela Jett, and son-in-law, Phillip Blankenship.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., CST, Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Bro. Bodie Emerson officiating. Burial followed in Lucenda Cemetery. Poppy's grandchildren served as pallbearers.

### **David Morris Yates**

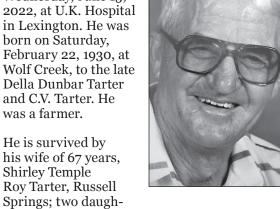
David Morris Yates, 74, Russell Springs, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022, at his residence. Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Wilson Funeral Home, 391 East Steve Wariner Drive, Russell Springs, KY, with Bro. Carter Stewart officiating. Interment was in Mill Springs National Cemetery, 9044 West Highway 80, Nancy, KY.

#### **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.

## **James Ballenger Tarter**

James Ballenger Tarter, 92, Russell Springs, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at U.K. Hospital in Lexington. He was born on Saturday, February 22, 1930, at Wolf Creek, to the late Della Dunbar Tarter and C.V. Tarter. He was a farmer.



Springs; two daughters, Barbara Gale Tarter Smith, special friend Wayne Lynch, and Rhonda Kay Shirley Morris, both of Russell Springs; one son, Ronald G. Tarter (Patty), Russell Springs; grandchildren, Jason (Dolly), Brian Shirley (Amy), Joshua Smith and Chasity Shirley, and great-grandchildren, Chris Smith and Justin Shirley (fiancé Natalie Rogers).

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Signa Smith, Roger, Eugene, and Adelma Tarter, and a sister, Helen Tarter.

Funeral services were held 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Wilson Funeral Home, 391 East Steve Wariner Drive, Russell Springs, KY, with Bro. Troy Coffey and Bro. Jeff Kerns officiating. Interment was in Coffev's Chapel Community Church Cemetery, Eli, KY.

Pallbearers were John Shaffer, Brandon Russell, Marty Kazsuk, Michael Pierce, Preston Richardson and Joe Branscum. Honorary Pallbearers were other members of Eli Volunteer Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Coffey's Chapel Community Church in Eli and can be made at the funeral home or to Rhonda Morris, the Coffey's Chapel Cemetery Fund Secretary.

#### **Neomie Jasper**

Neomie Jasper, 96, Russell Springs, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022, at Fair Oaks Health and Rehabilitation, in Jamestown. Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Bro. Jerry Smith officiating. Burial followed in Russell Springs City Cemetery.

#### **Lowanna Stephens Tompkins**

Lowanna Stephens Tompkins, 90, Russell Springs, passed away Friday, June 17, 2022, at her home.

Graveside services were held privately Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Parks Ridge Cemetery with Brother Ronnie Ford officiating. Burial followed the service.

The family requests that donations of sympathy be made to the charity of one's choice.

Bernard Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.bernardfuneralhome.com.

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## **Hidden Treasures with Love** FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY

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<u>Luke-18-(22-24)-Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing:</u> sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Luke-18-(28-30)-Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life

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Mary Magdalene, at the dawning of the third day, while it was yet dark was making her way to the tomb of Jesus. She, showing a lack of faith, said who shall roll away the stone. Her love persevered over her unbelief for the stone was already rolled away! Her love can not corrupt while Peter, James, and John yet slept. Mary Magdalene was the first to encounter the risen Christ! With no explanations needed, I now change the title from The Love of Money to....

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Our sympathy goes out to all those who have lost loved ones. The Times Journal **News Staff** 

# **Financial Focus**

#### TAKE STEPS TOWARD FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Next week, we observe Independence Day, an opportunity to celebrate all the liberties we enjoy in this country. Of course, there are different types of freedoms - such as financial freedom, which can open the doors to many other opportunities. What steps can you take to gain your financial independence?

Here are a few suggestions:

Save, invest ... and repeat. There's really no shortcut to achieving financial freedom - you do have to save and invest for many years. And that means you should take full advantage of the opportunities available to you. If you have a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in as much as you can afford each year, and when your salary goes up, increase your contributions. Even if you have a 401(k), you may also be eligible to fund an IRA. Both a 401(k) and an IRA offer tax benefits and an array of investment options, so they are powerful retirement savings vehicles.

Invest for growth. How much you invest is obviously a key factor in reaching your financial freedom. But how you invest is also important. If you're going to accumulate the resources you need to retire comfortably and meet your other financial goals, you will need to devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles, including stocks and stock-based mutual funds. Of course, these investments will fluctuate in value, so you'll need to be prepared to accept a certain level of risk. Your individual risk tolerance will help determine how much of your portfolio should be devoted to growth investments.

Put financial windfalls to work. Whenever you receive a financial windfall, such as a bonus from your employer, a tax refund or even an inheritance, consider putting some of it to work in your investment portfolio. Over time, these windfalls can add up.

Reduce your debts. It may be easier said than done, but try to reduce, or eliminate, as many debts as you can. The less money you have to pay each month on your debts, the more you'll have available to save and invest. Of course, some debts, such as your mortgage, can't be easily erased, but if you can find ways to cut down on spending, you may be surprised at how much progress you can make toward debt reduction.

Prepare for the unexpected. Life is unpredictable - and some unforeseen events could threaten your ability to achieve, and maintain, your financial independence. For example, if you were unable to work for a while due to illness or injury, you might be forced to dip into your savings and long-term investments just to help meet your cost of living. You can help protect yourself from this risk by building an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. And you may want to consult with a financial professional to learn about other protection strategies.

It will take a concerted effort to reach your financial independence – but, like all freedoms, it offers immense benefits.

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