

OBITUARIES

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Phyllis Ann Medley Gray
1943-2008

Phyllis Ann Medley Gray, 65, of Cowan passed away Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Phyllis was the widow of Paul Harrison Gray and a member of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church in Cowan. Phyllis was born in Carlisle on Nov. 2, 1943 to the late William and Frances Wright Medley.

Phyllis is survived by three children, Paula (Randy) Hunter of Blue Licks; Tina Tubbs and Phyllis (Mistie) Gray, both of Cowan; two brothers, Earl Medley and Robert Medley of Carlisle; and a sister, Mary Tischer of Carlisle.

Preceding Phyllis in death is a daughter, Ann Furnish Hutchison; a brother, James Medley; and a son-in-law, Fred Furnish.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 at Price Bros. Funeral Home in Elizaville by Rev. Jeff Green and Rev. Craig Yates. Burial followed in the Elizaville Cemetery.

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Charles Anthony "Tony" Cooper, 45, of Ewing died Nov. 28, 2008 of an apparent heart attack. Tony was born in Flemingsburg on Oct. 29, 1965 to the late Gordon Cooper and Ronnie Wallingford Cooper.

Surviving is his mother, Sandy Joily Cooper; and two children, Joann and Jessica Cooper, both at home; three brothers, Freddie (Cotton) Cooper, Frankie (Pattie) Cooper and Danny (Cathy) Cooper; and two sisters, Leona (Randy) Cooper and Rosetta (George) Cooper.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 at Price Bros. Funeral Home in Elizaville with Rev. David Shuemaker officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

Guardian angel provides home for local family

By Charles Mattox
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It's been an emotional whirlwind of highs and lows for Francis Barton and her family for the past two weeks, but in the wake of a disastrous, and nationally publicized, accident along US 68, which led to her home's ruin, Barton's life has calmed down considerably, and she now has another home sitting on her property on Cassidy Creek.



Photo by Charles Mattox

B.J. Hunt of Doyle's Mobile Home of Flemingsburg curiously drives a 2001 mobile home across Cassidy Creek bridge last week with ground guide assistance. The home was delivered to Francis Barton and purchased by a "guardian angel" billionaire from California.

"People here and even all over the country have been so wonderful," she said. "Perhaps one of the more generous acts of kindness extended to Barton came from a Californian self-made billionaire through a local mobile home dealership.

A full-page benefactor contacted Doyle's Mobile Home of Flemingsburg, which has been serving northeastern Kentucky since 1962. "He said 'take care of her,'" David Doyle said of his conversation with self-made billionaire Tim Blizseth of California. "He said I'm in a position where I can help people out. All I ask is that you will also always try to help people out."

and so that's what we did," Doyle said. "Mrs. Barton came to our business and we told her to pick out the home she wanted. She could have chosen any home, any home on the lot, but she chose a very modest, singlewide, a 2001 10300 home."

Doyle said Blizseth paid for the home. And Barton said her new home reminded her of her old home. "The home that was lost on US 68 might not have been much for some people, but it was my home and I loved it so much. This home reminded me so much of it, even the wallpaper was almost the same. And

ingburg to Cassidy Creek helped bring the holiday season into a clearer perspective for him.

"I thought about it a lot, especially as I was enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner with my family," he said. "People are good and care about one another."

Barton said she is very appreciative of Blizseth's act of kindness and generosity. "He took my life from zero to wonderful. Tim is my guardian angel," Barton said of Blizseth. "The folks at Doyle's were also very wonderful and helped me so much with everything."

Barton also commented on one of the many rumors flying across the Nicholas County landscape regarding her. "I'm not going on the Oprah Show," she said with a trace of disbelief. "I just want to live a nice peaceful life in Nicholas County. I don't want to go anywhere but to Carlisle."

Barton emphasized that she was deeply appreciative of all the support she and her family had received. "It's been overwhelming and we were just lost. I've received so many cards and letters of support and I'm trying to answer everyone of them. I sent out 70 Christmas Cards yesterday. I can't say thank you enough to everyone but I will say God bless you."

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Community mourns loss of loyal leader

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Photo submitted

Cleary Fightmaster's generosity made him well-loved throughout the community. Here he is shown at the 2004 Carlisle Rotary's "Christmas for Children," receiving an appreciative hug. Mr. Fightmaster had donated \$1,000 for the purchase of warm winter clothes to go along with the toys the children received.

The community mourns the passing of Cleary Preston Fightmaster, 95, a local business and community leader, who typified Carlisle's slogan of being "the little town with the big heart."

"Mr. Fightmaster was very community oriented and cared very much for the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County," said long-time friend and neighbor Calvin Denton. "He was just a great all-around guy. He was a very generous man who helped many people but he himself to do so quietly without any attention to himself. He was like that."

Others agreed. "He was a pillar of the community," Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark said. "He was a successful businessman and he chose to stay and live in Nicholas County and was always a good citizen of the community."

Mr. Fightmaster was involved in the real estate business for over four decades and his character was such that even local competitors became good friends. "I was in the real estate business with Mr. Earl Hamm and technically Carlisle."

Mr. Fightmaster was a charter member of the local Rotary Club and he was always a gentleman. Although Mr. Fightmaster was a generous businessman he was also well known for his musical abilities and was a former band director at Carlisle High School. "He tried to teach me to play the trumpet when I was 11 years old, but I never did learn," said long-time friend Billy Dale Crawford. "He and his late wife were both fantastic musicians. We enjoyed playing together about once a week and I can say without hesitation that he had a deep caring for young people. He was a very special person and he loved Carlisle."

Introducing this year's Snow Queen candidates



Kayla Hammond

Kayla Hammond is the 18-year-old daughter of Larry and Laina Hammond. Kayla has been a member of the Nicholas County Marching Band for 6 years. She played trumpet for 1 year, baritone for 4 years, and is currently the Field Commander. Kayla has also played for the Nicholas County Lady Jackets softball team for 3 years.

After high school, Kayla plans on attending Morehead State University with a major in pharmaceuticals.

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Lunch: Meat Ball Sub, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, December 9
Breakfast: Bacon Egg Cheese Bun
Lunch: Spaghetti, w/ meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, December 10
Breakfast: Sausage Cheese Bun
Lunch: Johnny Ribs, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, December 11
Breakfast: Ham, Egg & Cheese Biscuit
Lunch: Cooks Choice

Friday, December 12
Breakfast: Muffins or Honey Buns
Lunch: Christmas Lunch-Turkey Roast, Dressing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Gravy, Ice Cream, Milk

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Baby's 1st Christmas and Christmas Angels

The Carlisle Mercury will be featuring Baby's 1st Christmas and Christmas Angels ads in our Christmas Edition December 17th.

The ads will be 2 1/2" minimum on one page and in color. The cost will be \$15.

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