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HOLDING ON AND LETTING GO
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By Charles Hattox

We fear holding on. We fear letting go. I believe that faith helps overcome fear. My brother Doug would have turned 55-years-old on May 5, had he yet lived.

Unfortunately his life ended April 11, at his home in Indianapolis. "You must be Doug's brother," more than a handful of Doug's friends and co-workers told me during his memorial service in Indianapolis, Saturday. "You just look like him."

I've heard the same said about me in relation to my late father. I'm a redhead, like Dad and Doug were. We have all served in the military during a time of war.

My father and brother's similarities went way beyond hair color, and military service, though.

Both had a keen sense of humor and were fierce-

ly competitive. Both had a deep love and near clairvoyant understanding of baseball. Both were also somewhat reclusive by nature.

I was hurting pretty bad Sunday at noon when I placed an Easter lily on the monument, which marks the graves of my mother and father in the Flemingsburg Cemetery. I'd plucked the lily from the front walkway of the Indianapolis chapel where Doug's memorial service was held.

If the Good Lord is willing, Doug's ashes will soon join that lily and he will rest eternally with my parents.

Doug's oldest brother Kenny will see to that. So will Doug's younger brother John and his younger sister Judy, and so to will I.

I always had the sense that neither my father nor Doug feared death.

everyone, including the storeowners. He was surprised to notice that it was growing dark outside and thus said his goodbyes. He had left his back porch light on and decided to walk down the railroad tracks, which also passed behind the store, to his own house.

Soon he was on his way and even noticed his small light in the distance. And then the train came speeding along the tracks from nowhere. It was coming from the rear and he was momentarily blinded when he looked into the large light at the front of the train. His night vision was blurry, but he carefully quickened his pace, aiming to step off the tracks when his vision returned to see where he was.

From the light of the approaching train, he realized he was standing on a bridge.

He started to turn around, but saw in the shadows that the bridge

was lengthy and he appeared to be in the very middle. The train sped steadily toward him. He was on the trestle and there was no railing. Nowhere to go, it would seem.

He did the only thing he could and groping in the darkness, with the train bearing down upon him, he leaped out over the edge of the rails, found a handhold, and swung down beneath the tracks, just as the train roared by overhead.

He held on tightly as the motion of the train caused the trestle to shake as each railcar passed overhead.

Finally, after an eternity, the last car passed.

But he was too weak to pull himself back up. He tried to muster extra strength as he swung back and forth in the darkness. He searched with his toes but found no foothold.

He could make out no landmarks and was engulfed in total darkness. His cries for help were met with the night sounds of crickets and a few distant barks from a dog. One hand slipped, but he readjusted his grip and continued to hold on as his arms and fingers burned in pain. "This is the end," he thought as he imagined falling through the darkness and crashing through the trees to the ground below. He tried again, but couldn't. He held on for a very long time. It was hard to hold on. He found it even harder to let go. But eventually he said a simple prayer and released his grip and fell through the darkness. He fell approximately six inches before his feet struck solid ground. It's hard to hold onto things sometimes, dear reader, and even harder to let go. We fear holding on. We fear letting go. I believe that faith helps overcome fear.

Obituaries

Mus Mattox Bordeaux and Gais Bordeaux, survive him.

He is also survived by Kenny (Brenda) Mattox, of Carlisle, brothers John (Sandy) Mattox and Charles Mattox, and sister Judy Roden, all of Flemingsburg.

Several loving nieces and nephews, as well as grand nieces and nephews also survive him.

A brief military service was held Saturday, Apr. 18 at Soldiers Memorial Chapel at 56th Street, in Fort Harrison at 3:30 p.m., with visitation being held the same day from 2-4 p.m.

Arrangements to have his ashes interred in the Flemingsburg Cemetery are still being finalized.

Douglas Nelson Mattox 1952-2009



Douglas Nelson Mattox, 56, of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2009. Doug, a 1970 graduate of Fleming County High School, was born May 5, 1952, the son of the late Charles R. and Louise Mattox. He served in the U.S. Army in 1970 after 20 years of dedicated, patriotic service to his country and immediately went to work for the Defense Finance and Accounting Services, for the next 15 years. His former wife Tami, and son Cody Mattox, of Indianapolis, and his daughter Lacey Mattox Bordeaux, of Little Rock Arkansas, and two grandchildren, Maxi-



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Mildred Crawford Watkins 1923-2009

Mildred Crawford Watkins, 86, of Crown passed from this life on Thursday, Apr. 16, 2009, in the Fleming County Hospital. Mildred was born in Nicholas County on Jan. 23, 1923 to the late Ed and Pearl Singer Crawford. She was a devoted member of the Lehman Chapel Church in Nicholas County. She was a retired employee from Jockey International in Carlisle.

She is survived by three sons: Jerry W. (Betty) Watkins of Cynthia, Larry G. (Judy) Watkins of Nicholas County and Jeffrey T. (Leola) Watkins of Fleming County; one daughter, Carol (Alvin) Eckler of Cowan; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Watkins; and three sons: William "Billy" Watkins, Ronald "Donnie" Watkins and Dennis E. Watkins. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009 at Price Bros. Funeral Home in Elizaville with the Rev. Mike Watson and Rev. Gaylord Effick officiating. Burial followed in the Carlisle Cemetery.

COURT NEWS

Nicholas County District Court
Hon. Jay Delaney
April 15, 2009

Estate of Lowell D. Fryman, Jr. REV. Review 7/15/2009 at 8:45 a.m.

Estate of Floyd Gilvin. REV. Review 7/15/09 at 8:45 a.m.

Estate of Dilon Frederick. REV. Review 7/15/09 at 8:45 a.m.

Estate of Bobby Lee Hatfield. REV. Review 5/20/2009 at 8:45 a.m. Copy of Calendar to Atty. Rev. To be advertised and taken under advisement.

Estate of Kaah E. House. REV. To be advertised and taken under advisement.

Estate of Jewell Merrill. INV. Probate notice to fiduciary 5/20/2009 at 8:45 a.m.

Estate of Elmo Walter Myers. INV. Probate Notice to Fiduciary 5/20/09 at 8:45 a.m.

Virginia L. Brock, Pl. Operate "MV under influence Aldrugs. 08 agreement 2nd off 2. warrant endangerment 1st degree. 3. warrant endangerment 1st degree. 4. warrant endangerment 1st degree. 5. possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. 6. resisting arrest. 7. Failure of non-owner operator to maintain reg insurance 1st. MOC dis on prof without prej. 8. disorderly conduct 2nd degree.

James and Carol Sapp vs. Damon Jackson. Def's not present. Hearing held. Judgment for plaintiff for \$675.00 plus ct. costs. 12% int. from today.

James and Carol Sapp vs. James McFarland. CT. settlement agreement entered. Johnny Dean Sears. OH. Probation expired remanded from docket.

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Preliminary hearing held. P.C. found on counts 2, 3, and 4. Counts 5, 6, and 8 to remain with felony counts.

2-4. Court 7 dis on prof without prej. Bond to be deemed \$2,500.00 cash and \$2,500.00 3rd 3rd party surety instead of \$5,000.00 50% cash. as written.

Tashana Gayle Frye. OH. G.P. to contempt 32 days jail, credit 14. (balance of fines and costs deemed satisfied).

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costs and 12% post-jud. int.

Mary A. White. Mh. Motion taken under advisement. Medical records to be unsealed and become part of court record. S.C. for fines and costs 7/8/09 at 10:00 a.m.

Frances J. Orazen. PTC. Assault 4th degree minor injury. Def. not present. Counsel for Commonwealth and def. present. Motion for discovery passed to 5/6/09 at 1:00 PTC continued to 5/6/09 at 1:00 p.m.

James Morris. ARR. alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st and 2nd. GP \$25.00 f plus costs. \$C. 6/10/09 at 10:00 a.m.

Nicholas County Circuit Court
Hon. Robert McGinnis
April 20, 2009

Midland Funding LLC. vs. Harold Massey. MH. Sust. Default Judgment.

Bank of New York Mellon vs. Michael Purvis. MH. Sust. Order.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Shauna H. Pope. MH. Sust. Default Judgment. TBS.

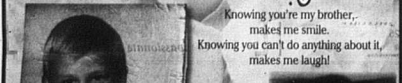
Central Ky. Adult and Pediatric Urology vs. Dean Earlywine. MH. Sust. Default Judgment.

Kentucky Bank vs. Louis vs. Penny Watkins. CT. E. Cox Jr. MH. Sust. Def. Judgment.

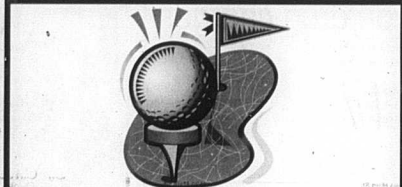
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When fishing for Crappie with Bobby, he's great! When going to Church, he just won't be late; And don't forget to call him for dinner, cause he loves to eat! If you see BONES around town on April 24th, just wish him a Happy Birthday!

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Knowing you're my brother, makes me smile. Knowing you can't do anything about it, makes me laugh!



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