

# Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

**CAPTAIN STONES' ANGEL**  
June 12, 1864, near Cynthiana.



Confederate Cavalry Captain, William Stone, was in a bad way. He was dying. From the horrid appearance of his mangled right leg, and the sight of all the blood, Gen. Edward Hobson did not understand how he yet lived. A large caliber bullet had torn through his upper right leg, shattering the bone and muscle and nearly severed the leg from his hip. Capt. Stone was a 22-year-old Kentuckian who had ridden with the Confederate General Jack Morgan approximately 2,400 through most of the God-awful war. Morgan was from Lexington and most of his men were from northeastern Kentucky. The Union 168th Regiment Ohio

looked out across the field littered with the dead and the wounded. "Dear Lord, this is self and member of the Harrison County Homeguards, cradled his fellow Kentuckian, helped him drink and even left his canteen before, on June 11, as had the 171st Ohio National Guard under the command of Brig. Gen. Edward Hobson who arrived by train and was defeated by Morgan at Kellar's Bridge. But the next morning, having also arrived by train, was Union Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Burbridge, like with Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan mounted infantry and cavalry. The force numbered approximately 2,400 men. Burbridge's men about during the men, exhausted and inferior numbers by surprise. Many, like Stone, were shot and taken prisoner. But this was worse. "Oh, Dear Lord" she whispered to herself as

looked out across the field littered with the dead and the wounded. "Dear Lord, this is so much worse." The town was burning, and the cries of the wounded men, coupled with the shrill cries of the wounded horses, created a sound unlike any she had ever heard before. Smoke created an unholy haze across the landscape and as the Union soldiers moved to their Confederate prisoners along, she noticed that many of those men, both Union and Confederate, were also wounded and their trail was marked with blood. The town had just sustained two entire days of intense combat. Cornelia heard a unman cry out in pain and went to him. The man, a likely miserable fellow, was horribly wounded in his right leg and the blistering sun only seemed to add to his

misery. She walked around often, especially so, after the littered bodies until she had collected an armload of ramrods and those who stuck into the ground around the wounded rebel's head. She then removed her slaw and placed it with a wooden spoon on the ramrods, creating a makeshift shade for the wounded man. She stayed with him, visiting his angel. He proposed to Cornelia Woodyard on Oct. 29, 1867. The two were married shortly after, raised two daughters. Stone was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1867, 1875 and 1883. In 1875 he was chosen as the Speaker of the House and Kentucky's First Congressional District voters sent him to Congress from 1885 to 1895. Eventually, he grew stronger, and though try as they did, the doctors had to amputate his mangled leg.

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## Obituaries

**Martha B. Florence**  
1918-2009

Martha B. Florence, 90, of Carlisle passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Johnson-Mathers Health Care. She was born on Aug. 30, 1918 in Bracken County to the late Lester and Mammie Snapp Vermillion. She is survived by four children: Bobby Pollitt of Bracken County, Irene Brown, Linda Prather and Mary J. Jolly, all of Nicholas County; one sister, Dorothy Tuel of Bracken County; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Price Bros. Funeral Home in Elizaville followed in Elizaville Cemetery.

**Dollie Gatewood Galbraith**  
1913-2009

Dollie Gatewood Galbraith, widow of Henry Clay Galbraith died on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. She was born in Georgetown in 1913 to Quince Tilford and Agastina Pieri Gatewood. She is survived by two daughters: Liz (Roni) Milward Funeral Home Whitesboro and Edna (Terrell) Hancock, both of Lexington; four sons: Hank (Judy) Galbraith and Mike (Dulie) Galbraith, both of Lexington, Tim (LaAnn) Galbraith of Louisville, and Gatewood Galbraith of Lexington; son-in-law Don Lynam of Lexington; 14 grandchildren: Donald Lynam, Sean Lynam, Tina Sharma-Lynam, Kannah Konkoly-Thege, Summer Sears, Abby Moldt, Molly Galbraith, Jessica Hancock, Evan Hancock, Kay Galbraith, Max Galbraith, Kate Galbraith, Emily

Galbraith and Sam Galbraith; and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Lynam. A private graveside funeral for the family was held in Carlisle, Kentucky. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass, Development Office, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504 or by visiting www.hospicebg.com.



**Yana Rae Ecklar Day**  
1969-2009

Yana Rae Ecklar Day, 40 of Carlisle died June 7, 2009 at her residence. She was born in Harrison County April 14, 1969. She was a former C.N.A. for hospice & Home Health Coordinator for Henny Mitchell Jr. Nurses Registry. She was a member of the Moorefield United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Maurice Day, 2 daughters, Courtney Evans, and Ashley Day, her mother & father, Maxine & Doug Woosley, 1 sister Angie (Jamie)



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**Treadway, 1 niece Hannah Treadway, 1 nephew Josh Treadway, 2 cousins Jeff (Kelly) Rose, Phillip (Katie) Rose, and a special aunt and uncle, Stanley & Sammie Rose, special aunt, Geraldine Ham & a sister by choice, Cinda Duncan. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Thursday June 11, 2009 at the Moorefield United Methodist Church with Rev. Jaylor Gillispie & Rev. Jason Carpintero officiating with burial following in the Millersburg Cemetery. Pallbearers are, Josh Treadway, Jamie Treadway, Jeff Rose, Phil Rose, Wayne Lates, C.W. Day, Glenn Day, for Henny Mitchell Jr. Honorary bearers are Stanley Rose, Steve Vice, Johnny Mastin, Danny Vice, James Linville, James Linville Jr. Visitation at the Church Wednesday 6-9 pm Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,  
I would like to compliment our fire department, police department, ambulance service, and Millersburg's fire department for their assistance when my home was destroyed by fire. We are truly fortunate to have such caring, compassionate, and dedicated people working for us in our community. A fireman, Rodney Helges, was as the scene in less than five minutes checking to see that everyone was out of the house and safe. Mark Hughes and our firefighters arrived with the fire trucks in less than seven minutes and did not leave until they were sure there was no danger. Once the fire was extinguished, they searched and found my cats in what was left of my home. Had it not been for them, I am positive my cats would have perished in the fire. Our sheriff, Dick Garrett, arrived quickly and did a thorough job of investigating both times he was called. The ambulance service arrived quickly as well and treated me with great kindness. Many thanks for these wonderful people for all they did for me during a very difficult time. Sincerely, Dreama Griffith Carlisle, Ky.

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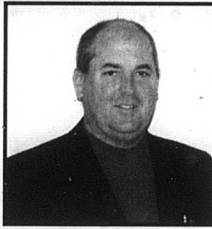
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