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BRAD RIDGEWAY, PRESIDENT • TFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dear Team TFDA,

As I began thinking about and writing this letter, the peaceful snow was falling to the ground here in West TN. A new fallen snow is astonishingly beautiful. We are privileged to live in this world that God created and we are reminded of its beauty as we see it covered with a wonderful white blanket of snow.

.....fast forward 12 hours.....

There are now at least 15 kids sledding in our yard because we live on a hill, and the whole neighborhood knows to come sled down our driveway and street and our family loves it!! It is totally different than the peaceful snow, but at the same time, it's beautiful. Schools out and snow days are in full swing making memories that will last.

.....fast forward 1 week.....

The job of funeral service must continue. We have had the opportunity to serve about 12 families over the course of these last 7 days. If you don't know, that's busy for the little town of Paris. We had to postpone a couple of services due to bad weather. We had to clean parking lots and cemetery driveways and wait on delayed paperwork from closed health departments and doctor offices. Thankfully, spring will be here before we know it. We can choose to view all of these things in our lives as problems to deal with, or opportunities for us to serve people. And the latter is what we do best. Serving the families in our communities is what Team TFDA is good at.

With Spring just around the corner, mark your calendars for Spring District Meetings and make a special effort to attend. Eastern District is March 19, Middle District is March 20, and Western District is March 22. There will be an opportunity to earn your 5 hours of face to face CEU's along with each of these meetings if you need them. A special thanks to Steve Spann and John A. Gupton College and especially Todd Van Beck for their willingness to provide continuing education opportunities for all of us throughout the year. So come out for the District Meetings and visit with your funeral service friends that you haven't seen in a while.

Also, go circle June 3 – 5, 2018 on your calendar right now. You won't want to miss the 115th TFDA/TFSSC Annual Convention. Plans are being made and great things are in store for this year's convention. So if you haven't been in a year or two, come join us this year. It's a great time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The Convention Theme is "Creating a Future Together #TEAMTFDA". So come be a part of the Team. We need you!!!

Your Teammate,
Brad Ridgeway

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STRANGE AND ODD STORIES ABOUT CREMATION

In a past series in the Southern Funeral Director magazine we explored “The Story of Cremation.” This article is focused on the selection of seven odd and interesting facts about cremation practices across the globe. To be sure the Western culture seems to have perfected the process of cremation with great sophistication and ease, but throughout other cultures cremation practices take on a very interesting flavor. Anyone interested in cross-cultural studies or the exploration of funerary practices throughout the world might well find the following information interesting – any way that is the authors hope.

STORY ONE

BURIAL AT SEA AND CREMATION

Earth burial is only one method of disposition of a deceased human being – every funeral director knows this fact. Like air burial, tree burial, earth burial and cremation, burial at sea probably got its start as a concession to necessity.

This was unquestionably true in tropical and semi-tropical regions where a voyage of only a few days was too long to keep a decedent aboard ship which was propelled not by diesel, but by oars and/or primitive sails.

Once initiated by necessity, burial at sea slowly developed its own set of largely unwritten laws and rites. It became almost universally customary for the captain of a ship, no matter its size, to function in lieu of a priest or clergyman, and also the captain exercised total control as to when and where some person would be consigned to the deep.

Proper burial at sea began to mean not only a brief service conducted by the ship’s captain but also the use of waterproof sheets for wrapping the decedent, plus stone or metal weights with which to send the decedent easily and promptly to the bottom.

During the great age of exploration by sail, in which Europeans explored vast regions of the world by the sea, standard post-mortem equipment for a long voyage included all the proper items needed for a “proper” burial. It was taken for granted that at least one human being and perhaps many would die in far-away waters which would be days or weeks from the nearest land.

The advent of steamers, soon equipped with refrigerated compartments, seemed for a time to spell the end of burial at sea because theoretically a crew member, passenger, or fighting person who died aboard ship could be stored until more port was reached. But of course that is not how history goes, and particular not the history of scattering cremated remains at sea.

I suspect the reader is wondering what in the world does burial at sea and cremation have to do with one other – but of course the term scattering give away the connection.

In the 1920’s none other than famed society funeral director in New York City, Mr. Frank E. Campbell, began offering his personal yacht to his clientele for “burial at sea” of cremated remains.

Of course in recent decades this form of “burial” has become very popular. Increasing numbers of persons in regions as widely separated as the United States and Australia are now stipulating that their bodies be cremated and that the cremated remains be scattered at sea. Hence the typical sea burial in 2016 is from an air plane rather than a ship!

STORY TWO

YEN + LAND = FIRE

Traditionally dominant in Japan, the Shinto religion places such emphasis upon returning the decedent to the earth, to what they call “Mother Earth” from which it came that as recently as just a century ago cremation was prohibited by law.

Dwindling land resources however caused a cultural about-face. Emperors who wished to reserve land for the living instead of the dead first encouraged and then tried to require cremation. Instead of a grave the remains of the deceased could be put in an urn that required little storage space on the overcrowded island.

For years Shinto leaders, very similar to 19th century clergy in the United States, resisted cremation so stoutly that only Buddhist temples and grounds were available as sacred burial places. Christians who died in Japan and were cremated were likely to go into a new and distinctive feature of Japanese churches: the ash vault.

Centuries earlier, Romans turned to cremation in place of burial because they too were running short of

good land in desirable places. For a time, urns filled with ashes were solemnly deposited in columbaria, or boxes originally burial for pigeons. Retaining the old name, Roman columbaria became increasingly elaborate and artistic. Some were built by funeral clubs, whose members took responsibility for watching over terra-cotta urns arranged in niches.

STORY THREE

THE CREMATION PYRE

The word "pyre" was borrowed from classical Greek by way of Latin, and the term originally indicated any hearth or fireplace. It was easy for the name for such a place of burning to attach to the open-air pile of combustible materials used early for burning the dead, even though it was a slow process and most times a botched process.

Medieval Christians had great veneration for the decedent as being the temple of the Holy Spirit, and so they tried when possible to preserve the decedent in its entirety for use by the soul at the time of the general resurrection. That meant that no people were cremated over a period of many centuries. Burning of convicted witches may have developed partly as an especially fearful punishment, partly because of widespread belief in the cleansing effects of fire.

Yet, at the same time the early Christian Church also equated fire with hell. It was all confusing.

When cremation began to grow in popularity in the Western world, usually ordinary people did not view the cremation pyre, or the cremation retort. However it is now very common for ordinary people to see the actual cremation process, albeit usually at some comfortable distance.

In the United States a steady stream of natural gas fuel the cremation pyre, but even in 2016 this is not the case worldwide. In other lands, like India, the cremation pyre in which wood serves as the fuel to consume the corpse is an everyday sight.

STORY FOUR

NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL

Unlike some peoples who practice cremation as the preferred method of disposing of the dead, Hindus do not place articles of food and supplies of water or wine on the cremation pyre. Though every soul headed for the great beyond needs nourishment for the journey, one liberated from the body for only a few hours is not ready to eat.

The Hindus take a different approach. Proper performance of their ten-day ceremony means that the

soul of the deceased will gradually acquire a complete spiritual body. It gains a head on the first day (provided that all the age-old observances are kept). Then comes the neck. Heart and back follow on successive days, with navel, and other anatomical parts being formed, respectfully, on the fifth and sixth days. Thighs and knees follow, after which the ninth days is spent in waiting. When feet are formed on the tenth day, the spiritual body is ready for travel but now the decedent is hungry.

To meet the needs of the hungry soul the elaborate and often costly ritual of *sraddha* (or feast for the dead) is performed. While mourners feast to the notes of hired musicians, portions of food and drink are put aside for the spirit of the departed. Vessels of brass or silver, used in the feast, are presented as gifts to the Hindu holy men in attendance.

Ordinary persons can afford to feed the soul of a departed loved one only once. Some wealthy Hindus hold *sraddhas* once a week for the first year after death, then monthly or yearly for an indefinite period on the theory that, like persons, even those souls that have gorged in preparation for their journey get hungry as they walk toward their eternal destination.

STORY FIVE

URNS AND JARS

As practiced in a great many diverse cultural settings, preparation for a funeral has involved finding and using a suitable urn or jar rather than a casket or coffin.

In the Middle East special jars of pottery large enough to contain the body of an adult decedent whose bones have been removed were manufactured in immense numbers in ancient times. Huge jars found at the ancient site of Gebel held bodies which interestingly were positioned in the fetal position.

Bodies of children and infants were placed in smaller urns. At Tepe Gawra, archaeologists have found one tiny skeleton curled up in what was probably an ordinary bowl for use in the household.

The image of all this sound terribly morbid to our 21st century sensibilities, but the point of this account is that historically urns were not used exclusively for cremated remains. They were made large enough to contain the entire remains of a decedent, although to be sure by modern standards the decedent was mutilated in the process.

Over time the use of such urns and jars, both large and small began to acquire the shape that is so distinctive shape that burial urns are recognized by today.

During the long and bloody military conflict in Southeast Asia, many battlefield dispatches came from or referred to the “Plain of Jars in Laos.” By the time this particular area became the focal point of warfare, few newspaper correspondents bothered to point out that this name was conferred because of so many huge ceremonial burial urns and jars were placed in this area over a period of many centuries.

STORY SIX

GOD’S BLAZING SERVANT

Burial, mummification, and other methods of handling the dead are at least partly aimed at preservation of the body. This is not so with cremation.

Burning of dead bodies was common in some parts of Europe during the late Stone Age. This practice spread during the Bronze Age and early Iron Age, with the result that in many parts of the world a person would have been horrified at the thought of being buried in the earth after death.

Fire, according to a common motif in many cultures, is “the blazing servant of God.” It not only masters the cold of winter and serves to make foodstuffs edible; fire “can free the soul from the body and fly with it to distant land of the dead, for quick rebirth.”

Some Native Americans of the Pacific Coast regions considered cremation mandatory rather than optional. According to them, “unless the body is burned the soul will never gain freedom from earth. In the hot smoke, it rises to the shining sun to rejoice in its warmth and light – then flies away to the happy land in the west.”

Archaeological finds in Scandinavia indicate that at least some early north Europeans tried to aide fire in its celestial work. Burned wings of jackdaws and crows plus burned feet of crows were found mixed with bones of a young person. Winds laid on the cremation pyre along with the body were almost certainly designed to help the soul of the deceased fly to the land of the dead.

STORY SEVEN

WATER OF LIFE

The river Ganges is considered holy by 350 million Hindus. The fifteen-hundred-mile meandering river moves more cremated human remains than any other river on earth.

According to Indian lore the river came into being when the goddess Ganga descended to earth in order to redeem the souls of some condemned princes and kings. Dumped into the mighty stream formed by Ganga, souls of the noblemen were purified, making it

possible for them to rise immediately to heaven.

For centuries the banks of the Ganges have harbored innumerable burning funeral pyres. Now built of concrete or marble slabs that form burning places near the river’s edge, these pyres are especially numerous in the holy city of Benares. Practically all funeral pyres in 2016 are commercially operated.

Bearing a decedent, a funeral procession that may have come from many miles always reaches a selected pyre. Workmen of low caste but winding sheets, smear the decedent with clarified butter, and place it on the pyre. A close relative of the deceased lights a torch, applies it to the head of a male’s funeral pyre, and at the foot of a deceased female’s. As the praise of fire in chanted, the body is consumed.

At Benares alone, an averages day see 100 cremated remains consigned to the Ganges. Water that purified the souls of the dead is simultaneously used to provide spiritual cleansing for devout Hindu pilgrims. For many of them, immersion in holy water which is thick with human cremated remains is interestingly the culmination of a lifelong search for sanctity.

Seven strange and odd stories about the practice of cremation. It is true that fact is stranger than fiction.



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Ten Cybersecurity Tips for Small Businesses

Broadband and information technology are powerful tools for small businesses to reach new markets and increase sales and productivity. However, cybersecurity threats are real and businesses must implement the best tools and tactics to protect themselves, their customers, and their data. Visit www.fcc.gov/cyberplanner to create a free customized Cyber Security Planning guide for your small business and visit www.dhs.gov/stopthlnkconnect to download resources on cyber security awareness for your business. Here are ten key cybersecurity tips to protect your small business:

1. Train employees in security principles. Establish basic security practices and policies for employees, such as requiring strong passwords and establish appropriate Internet use guidelines that detail penalties for violating company cybersecurity policies. Establish rules of behavior describing how to handle and protect customer information and other vital data.

2. Protect information, computers, and networks from cyber-attacks. Keep clean machines: Set antivirus software to run a scan after each update. Install other key software updates as soon as they are available.

3. Provide firewall security for your Internet connection. A firewall is a set of related programs that prevent outsiders from accessing data on a private network. Make sure the operating system's firewall is enabled or install free firewall software available online. If employees work from home, ensure that their home system(s) are protected by a firewall.

4. Create a mobile device action plan. Mobile devices can create significant security and management challenges, especially if they hold confidential information or can

access the corporate network. Require users to password protect their devices, encrypt their data, and install security apps to prevent criminals from stealing information while the phone is on public networks. Be sure to set reporting procedures for lost or stolen equipment.

5. Make backup copies of important business data and information. Regularly backup the data on all computers. Critical data includes word processing documents, electronic spreadsheets, databases, financial files, human resources files, and accounts receivable/payable files. Backup data automatically if possible, or at least weekly and store the copies either offsite or in the cloud.

6. Control physical access to your computers and create user accounts for each employee. Prevent access or use of business computers by unauthorized individuals. Laptops can be particularly easy targets for theft or can be lost, so lock them up when unattended. Make sure a separate user account is created for each employee and require strong passwords. Administrative privileges should only be given to trusted IT staff and key personnel.

7. Secure your Wi-Fi networks. If you have a Wi-Fi network for your workplace, make sure it is secure, encrypted, and hidden. To hide your Wi-Fi network, set up your wireless access point or router so it does not broadcast the network name, known as the Service Set Identifier (SSID). Password protect access to the router.

8. Employ best practices on payment cards. Work with banks or processors to ensure the most trusted and validated tools and anti-fraud services are being used. You may also have additional security obligations pursuant to agreements

with your bank or processor. Isolate payment systems from other, less secure programs and don't use the same computer to process payments and surf the Internet.

9. Limit employee access to data and information, and limit authority to install software. Do not provide any one employee with access to all data systems. Employees should only be given access to the specific data systems that they need for their jobs, and should not be able to install any software without permission.

10. Passwords and authentication. Require employees to use unique passwords and change passwords every three months. Consider implementing multifactor authentication that requires additional information beyond a password to gain entry. Check with your vendors that handle sensitive data, especially financial institutions, to see if they offer multifactor authentication for your account.

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NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance's (TDCI) Division of Regulatory Boards issued over 143,000 licenses to Tennessee professionals, received 3,801 complaints and assessed \$1.4 million in civil penalties in 2017.

Additionally, the Division continued its work to modernize and streamline its processes with the successful launch of a [pilot program](#) allowing license holders to print extra copies of their licenses as well as instituting the Customer Service Center.

The Division of Regulatory Boards protects the health and safety of Tennessee citizens through boards, commissions, and programs by ensuring that persons meet minimum professional standards, by responsively and timely handling complaints, and by providing consumer education on regulated professions and industries. Overall, the Division saw a number of notable increases including:

- The overall number of licensees grew from 235,665 (2016) to 240,393 (2017)
- The number of licenses issued in a year grew from 127,304 (2016) to 143,324 (2017)
- The number of complaints grew from 2,819 (2016) to 3,801 (2017)

"I'm proud of the accomplishments of our Regulatory Boards team who have worked tirelessly to help improve the Division by making it more user-friendly and responsive for both licensees and the general public," said TDCI Deputy Commissioner Brian McCormack. "We plan to keep the momentum going in 2018, which I am confident will be another strong year for our team."

The Division's boards include the Motor Vehicle Commission, the Real Estate Commission, the Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers and the Cosmetology & Barber Examiners Board, among others. The Division's boards, commissions, and programs are empowered to take disciplinary action – including revocation of licenses and assessment of civil penalties – against license holders found

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violating the laws governing their professions, or against those engaging in regulated activities without first obtaining the necessary license. During Fiscal Year 2017, the Division completed the following inspections and investigations:

- 556 Investigations
- 12,842 Cosmetology/Barber Inspections
- 4,233 Motor Vehicle Inspections
- 428 Scrap Metal Inspections
- 17, 503 Inspections (Total)

Investigations are largely conducted in response to complaint allegations. Inspections are conducted pursuant to statutory authority to ensure compliance with minimum professional standards.

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12:00 noon – 5:30 pm *"TFDA Education Enhancement for Funeral Professionals"*, (approved for 5 ceus')

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm TFDA District Meeting, Hospice & TFDA Round Table Discussion, (pending 2 CEU's)

MARCH 19, 2018

TFDA EAST DISTRICT MEETING, Smith Event Center, Maryville, TN

12:00 noon – 5:30 pm *"TFDA Education Enhancement for Funeral Professionals"*, (approved for 5 ceus')

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm TFDA District Meeting, Hospice & TFDA Round Table Discussion, (pending 2 CEU's)

MARCH 20, 2018

TFDA MIDDLE DISTRICT MEETING, Wilson County Expo Center, Lebanon, TN

12:00 noon – 5:30 pm *"TFDA Education Enhancement for Funeral Professionals"*, (approved for 5 CEU'S)

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm TFDA District Meeting, Hospice & TFDA Round Table Discussion, (pending 2 CEU's)

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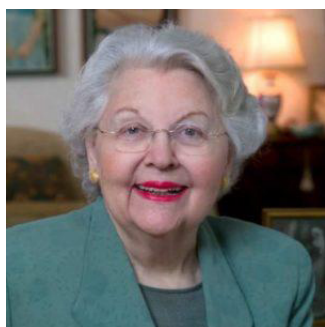
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VICKIE KEGERISE, age 62, of Goodlettsville, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charlie & Peggy Lee; and brother Rocky Lee.

Survivors include her husband Pete Kegerise; brother, James (Linda) Lee; Cousins Tim and Beverly Garrett and Debbie Harper; nephews, James (Jennifer) Lee, Jr., Charlie Lee, and Patrick Lee; and her special four legged friend "Jazzy".

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KATHERINE HINDS SMYTHE

Birth Date: March 29, 1932

Death Date: December 8, 2017

Katherine Hinds Smythe died December 8th, 2017. She was born in Tupelo, MS on March 29, 1932, the daughter of Stanley Robbins Hinds and

Katherine McAlpin Hinds. Surviving the 1936 Tupelo tornado by her father shielding her crib from the falling fireplace brick, she emerged stronger for the ordeal and appeared ready to proceed, starting first grade a year early. She never looked back, graduating from Tupelo public schools and going on to Randolph-Macon College in Virginia. She transferred to Southwestern College [now Rhodes], where she met her husband to be, William Hamilton Smythe III (Ham), becoming President of Chi Omega sorority, sweetheart of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and achieving the academic designation of Phi Beta Kappa. She then attended Duke University, earning a master's degree for the first published thesis on the renowned Southern author Eudora Welty.

Katherine was known for her fierce intellect, knowledge across a broad array of subjects, sense of humor, and as a gracious and generous supporter in the tradition of service over self. Throughout her career, she placed emphasis on philanthropic and community-service oriented initiatives.

She began what could have been a promising career in education by teaching Freshman English at Memphis State University and English Composition and Literature at East High School, whose students she often referred to proudly as "many... future leaders of Memphis." She then became president of the Junior League of Memphis, prior to focusing her attention on the cemetery operation of Memorial Park founded in 1924 by her grandfather E. Clovis Hinds. Inheriting Memorial Park from her father Stanley and her aunt Bess Hinds Anderson, Katherine dedicated herself over her 30 year career to the management and expansion of the business into one of the largest family-owned funeral home / cemetery combination operations in the United States.

She was inducted into the Society of Entrepreneurs in 1992 and, recognizing her years of dedication to civic interests, awarded the Memphis Rotary Club's annual Community Service Award in 1997. She was a founder of the Alliance for the Blind and Visually Impaired (now known as Meritan), President of the Board of Public Libraries and Chairperson of Special Gifts and the Capital Campaign for

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the Memphis Library, and Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis – Memphis Branch. She received the Shelby County Commission's Active Living Award, and served as president and / or board member of the Trustees of Porter-Leath Children's Center, Rhodes College Alumni Association, United Way of the Mid-South, Future Memphis, State of Tennessee Cemetery Association, Southeastern Cemetery Association, Partners in Public Education, YWCA, The Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, Memphis Theological Seminary, Grace–St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School and several business and trade associations.

She leaves her husband of 63 years, William Hamilton Smythe, III; three children, W. Hamilton Smythe IV [Julie], Katie Smythe Gould [Jimmy] and Stanley Clay Smythe [Gracey] as well as 11 grandchildren.

The family gratefully acknowledges the decades of compassionate family service provided by Ms. Mary Tate, the loving support of Ms. Josephine Scruggs, and the staff at Allen Morgan Nursing Home.



WILLIAM LOUIS "BILL" GIANNINI, age 49 of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Bill was born in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a devoted and loving husband and father to four children. He was the founder of Giannini Foods and Little Italy Pizza in Memphis. He was very active in local politics and government. He formerly served as the chairman for the Republican Party of Shelby County, Shelby County Election Commissioner and as the Tennessee Deputy Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance. He was currently founder and partner of Resolve Consulting Firm. He was also very active in his local church where he was in the worship band for Central North Church in Bartlett, Tennessee, and currently attended Hermitage Hills Baptist in Nashville where he was also very involved with music ministry.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Susan Hale Giannini.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Giannini; four children, Olivia, Lucca, Roman, and Coda Giannini; father, Paul Giannini; siblings, Paul "Andy" Giannini, Bret (Mara) Giannini, Carlye (Michael) Corder, and Ben (Megan) Giannini, and countless other family members and close friends.

LURLENE CARROLL HYSMITH, age 82, died Saturday morning, January 13, 2018, at Henderson Healthcare.

Mrs. Hysmith was born December 24, 1935 in Chester



County, in the New Friendship Community, the daughter of the late Christopher Beecham and Amba Peddy Carroll. She graduated from Chester County High School in 1954 and married Bobby Hysmith in 1955.

She was a stay at home mother until her sons started to school. She began a banking career in Mayfield, KY, and worked in the banking industry for 25 years, in Mayfield, Memphis, Stone Mountain, GA, Chattanooga, and Jackson while Mr. Hysmith worked as Regional Sales Manager for Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake. She retired in 1993 as savings counselor and bank manager with Fidelity Federal in Jackson. After her banking career, she assisted her son as a receptionist at Shackelford Funeral Directors – Casey Chapel for over twenty years.

She was a life member of the Freed - Hardeman Associates, FHU Lionbacker, and a former charter member of the Freed – Hardeman Development Council. She was a faithful member of the Henderson Church of Christ.

She was an avid sports fan, following her sons and grandsons in all their sporting activities, as well as other activities, across several states. She loved to travel, enjoying regular trips to Branson and Pigeon Forge.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bobby Hysmith of Henderson; two sons, Randy Hysmith and wife Angelia of Jackson, and Tony Hysmith and wife Becky of Henderson; four grandsons, Nathan Hysmith and wife Laura of Nashville; Joel Hysmith and wife Lindsey of College Grove; Ross Hysmith of Charlotte, NC, and Ryan Hysmith and wife Abby of Henderson. She has nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers Houston Carroll and wife Faye and Lois Carroll and wife Kathryn.

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MRS. NELLIE RUTH LAYNE, mother of Dale Layne, TFDA Middle Director.

Mrs. Nellie Ruth Layne, 75, passed away, Sunday December 17, 2017 at the Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. She was born in Barkers Cove near Palmer, Tennessee on August 11, 1942 to Fred J. and Rosa Schoenmann James who preceded her in death along with her sister Marion Marie Schlageter; infant siblings, Carl and Shelvy Jean James.

As a child she attended the Barkers Cove School and was a Graduate of Sequatchie County High School. She was a member of the Laager Congregational Methodist Church for over 50 years where she served as Sunday school secretary for many years before her mother's health declined and she had to stay with her. She worked at Basham Sports Wear in Coalmont for over 30 years and in Dunlap at garment factories in the early years. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and was instrumental in helping raising her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to cook and enjoyed feeding her family and anyone that sat at her table.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Charles D. "Steamboat" Layne; her devoted and caring daughter, Rorlanda and her husband Joe "Jody" Summers; son, Dale and his wife, Emily Pittman Layne; grandchildren, Amber (Johnny) Hendon, Kelly (Michael) Jones, Kyra Summers, Sara and Oliver Layne; special great granddaughter, Khloe (Dale's Patty) Jones; loving great grandsons, Brayston, Sam and Hank Hendon; sister, Arrietta Layman; several loving nieces and nephews

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MS. YVONNE QUALLS YOUNG, mother of David Young, owner of Young Funeral Home, Linden, TN

Ms. Yvonne Qualls Young, 78, of Linden passed away Monday January 8, 2018 at Perry County Nursing Home. She was born in Linden to the late Robert "Bob" Carlton

Qualls and Bonnie Rea O'Guin. She was a member of the Linden Church of Christ, an insurance agent and helped in the office of Young Funeral Home. Survivors include her sons David (Donna) Young and Bart (Susan) Young, grandchildren Alex, Kendyl and Brock Young, and Bob and Abby Young, a brother Rick (Gail) Story of Decaturville, a sister Becky Forrester of Linden, and a host of other loving family members and many friends.

LARRY KELSE COLLINS, 70, of Memphis, Tennessee, died peacefully at his home on January 20, 2018. Larry was born July 23, 1947 at Blackgum, Oklahoma, the son of Rev. James Kelse Collins and Alice K. (Craighead) Collins.



Larry attended Box School, Blackgum, Oklahoma and Vian High School, Vian, Oklahoma. He married Shannon Ary Collins in San Diego, California.

He served 22 years with the U.S. Navy. Larry was based in San Diego, California and was deployed on several Ships for Active Sea Duty. After this, Larry was Chief Yeoman for the remainder of his active duty stationed in Subic Bay, Philippines; NRD Raleigh, N. Carolina; Gulf Port, Mississippi and Memphis, TN.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Glenn Collins, Jimmy Collins and Robert Bruce Collins; his sister, Vina Lou (Collins) Brister. Survivors include his wife, Shannon Ary Collins of Memphis, TN; one daughter, Alice Constance (Collins) Zabrowski-Strickland of Bartlett, TN, two grandsons, Damien Lee Zabrowski and Dominic Joseph Strickland of Bartlett, TN; two sisters, Grace Collins Botello, of Grand Prairie, TX, and Joyce Collins Gill of Blackgum, OK; and many other relatives, as well as a host of friends and loved ones.

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A Memorial Donation has been made to the TFDA Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Mrs. Nellie Ruth Layne by Ansercall, Inc., Laurel, MS

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