Remembering Charlie Daniels

Mt. Juliet legend passes away at 83

Mt. Juliet's own country music and southern rock legend Charlie Daniels passed away Monday, July 6, 2020. Doctors determined the cause of death was a hemorrhagic stroke. The Country Music Hall of Fame and Grand Ole Opry member was 83. Born Oct. 28, 1936, in Wilmington, North Carolina, Charlie Daniels was a Wilson County Schools announced the school structure plans for 2020-2021 as the district continues navigating education in the midst of the pandemic. With the first official day of the new academic year set to start on Aug. 3, 2020, the district has announced that a return to the upcoming school year will be in the form of "traditional." However, a virtual teaching and learning option will be available for families who choose to pursue that path for their children enrolled in the district.

Teen rescued after saving child from creek

Five Mt. Juliet officers and three firefighters immediately took action last week to rescue a 14-year-old female from a swift, flooded creek after she was swept downstream following her rescue of an 11-year-old boy who slipped in. Around 4:30 p.m. June 30, emergency crews rushed to the report of a child in flooded Cedar Creek, behind the 4000 block of Pisano Street.

Gardner announces reelection campaign

Shelley Thompson Gardner, currently the Public Defender for the 15th Judicial District, has announced her campaign for reelection.

WCS announces 2020-21 school plan

Wilson County Schools announced the school structure plans for 2020-2021 as the district continues navigating education in the midst of the pandemic.

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Tennessee Beer and Wine Festival canceled due to COVID-19

Staff Reports

The 11th annual Tennessee Beer and Wine Festival scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19 on the grounds of the historic Two Rivers Mansion in Donelson has been cancelled. The annual outdoor event is organized by a volunteer committee raising funds for local non-profit organizations in the Hermitage and Donelson communities.

“We’re saddened to cancel The Tennessee Beer and Wine Festival this year, but we are unable to hold this outdoor event with social distancing and be able to adhere to the CDC’s recommendations,” said Bill Lafollette, chair of the Tennessee Beer and Wine Festival’s volunteer planning committee. “Our festival is attended by people who enjoy the camaraderie and engagement of the crowds, samplings of beer and wine and listening to lively bands and entertainment. We’re looking forward to coming back even stronger Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021.”

Every year, more than 2,500 enthusiastic beer and wine tasters stroll along the shaded grounds of Two Rivers Mansion while sampling more than 100 different beers and 90 selections of wine, including local varieties, such as Tennessee Brew Works and The Black Abbey Brewing Company.

In the past 10 years, the Tennessee Beer and Wine Festival has raised more than $350,000 for local Donelson and Hermitage charities. Recipients of these funds include Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, McGavock Elementary, The Family Center, Leadership Donelson Hermitage, Fifty Forward Donelson Center and more.

Members of Mt. Juliet Police, Fire and local law enforcement escorted Charlie Daniels from TriStar Summit Medical Center to Sellars Funeral Home on Monday, July 6. | Photo by Sarah Tate

From DANIELS, PAGE 1

While investigating the events that led up to the rescue, it was determined that Lloyd ended up in the flooded creek because she jumped in to rescue an 11-year-old boy who fell in. The boy was creekside when he slipped on rocks, falling into the water. Lloyd’s mother attempted to get her daughter out of the swift water, but the daughter was swept away.

According to police, Courtney Lloyd will be nominated for a life-saving award for her direct efforts that rescued the 11-year-old boy from the water.

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rushed around her. Without hesitation, one officer shed his ballistic vest, donned an issued personal flotation device, and entered the water. Using an issued rescue throw rope, tethered to the officer’s body, other officers held on to the officer as he swam to rescue Lloyd. Once she and the officer were brought to shore, firefighters hoisted Lloyd up a steep embankment to safety. Time was critical, and on-scene crews did not have the option to wait for a swift water rescue team.

numerous accolades during his career, including his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2016, the Musicians Hall of Fame in 2009, and becoming a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2008.

Following news of his death, memorials and flowers began appearing along the locomotive bearing his likeness in the park that shares his name. The mural shows Daniels with his fiddle and saying, “I just thank God I can make a living doing something I enjoy as much as playing music.”

Many first responders, including Mt. Juliet Police, Mt. Juliet Fire and Wilson County Sheriff’s Office, escorted his body from TriStar Summit Medical Center to Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet on Monday. The community lined the streets to pay their respect as the escort drove by.

On Monday, many musicians on social media paid tribute to Daniels and the legacy he leaves behind, including The Oak Ridge Boys, Luke Bryan, Trisha Yearwood, and more.

Dolly Parton said, “Well, the devil went down to Georgia, but Charlie went straight to heaven. My heart, like many millions of others, is broken today to find out that we’ve lost our dear friend Charlie Daniels. It was such a shock. He was one of the great people in the business and one of the greatest entertainers ever. He will live on in our hearts. Rest in peace, Charlie.”

Daniels is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years, Hazel, and only son Charles Daniels. He also leaves behind adopted grandchildren Evan Tubb and Ayala Nowling, grandbuddies Taylor Jenkins and Bailey Wheeler, as well as the Charlie Daniels Band family. He was preceeded in death by his parents, Carlton and LaRue Daniels.

Charlie Daniels’ team on Tuesday asked that people donate to Daniels’ charity The Journey Home Project. Countless veterans experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and many tragically die by suicide every day. The Journey Home Project helps connect donors to veterans organizations that can help them adjust to civilian life.

A patriotic community service for Daniels will be held Wednesday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. in front of Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. Open visitation for the community will be Thursday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Sellars. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, at World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
Farough announces run for School Board seat

Staff Reports

Jamie Farough is running for Wilson County School Board, Zone 7. Farough is 39 years old, has been married to Andy for 13 years and has two daughters who currently attend Wilson County Schools.

Farough is a lifelong resident of Wilson county. She attended West Elementary, Mt. Juliet Junior High (WWMS) and is a 1999 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School.

“Growing up in the current Zone 7 and attending the schools the current Zone 7 students do, I’m very invested in being a voice for success,” she said.

She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Case Manager who currently works with the elderly and disabled population providing health coaching and coordination of services.

“I feel that my advocacy skills from nursing and my creative problem solving skills from case management will serve me well as a voice for Zone 7 on the school board,” said Farough.

“Public school systems don’t always have additional funding and we need creative solutions to meet our needs while being fiscally responsible.”

She is an active member of Fairview Church. She works in the children’s ministry and recently led their team for Sherry’s Run.

Farough is the face behind the Facebook group “FixSR109.” This community group has documented wrecks on S.R. 109 for over four years in an effort to convey the importance of proceeding with the widening project after multiple delays.

Farough also serves as PTSO officer at Wilson Central High School.

“There are a ton of top issues I want to focus on are Communication and Transparency, a fair budget that does not cut the front lines first, teacher retention, transportation and most recently but now the biggest hurdle facing us being how to proceed in the event of another shuts down,” she said.

To learn more about Jamie Farough, including her full platform, additional information can be found at her website www.jamieforzone7.com or her Facebook page “Jamie Farough for Wilson County School Board Zone 7.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 11

Election Commission

The Wilson County Election Commission will have a regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, July 11, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at the Election Commission Annex at 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon, to inspect the Early Voting and Election Day voting machines for the Aug. 6, 2020, elections and conduct election business which comes before the commission pursuant to its duties.

JULY 13

BOC Meeting

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, at City Hall. A public hearing will be held prior to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

JULY 30

Work Session

The Wilson County Board of Education will hold a work session on July 30, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon. The work session is for informational purposes only. No actions are taken or voted on by the board at the work session.

AUG 3

Board Meeting

The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a regular scheduled board meeting on Aug. 3, 2020, at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss any matters legally brought before the board.

PUBLIC NOTICES - PAGE 10
What does it mean to be a good neighbor?

As I write this column, I am sitting in Cochrane, Alberta, Canada. I am here with a group of people from Middle Tennessee assisting with a few mission projects based around the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. Everyone has paid their own way and they have donated their time to this effort. Some would say they are being good neighbors and I suppose that would be correct, but what does it mean to be a good neighbor? Does someone have to travel 2,150 miles to be a good neighbor?

Jesus declared that those who follow Him are to love their neighbor as themselves. Of course, the next question to Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). Of all of the people (a priest, a religious leader, and the Good Samaritan) who came across a man beaten, robbed and left for dead, only the Good Samaritan had compassion on him or did anything to assist him.

Being a good neighbor is not so much about doing, as it is about doing the unexpected for those in need. No one in the hearing of Jesus would have ever expected Him to reveal the Good Samaritan as the good neighbor. Was it because Samaritans were not known to do good things for others? No, it was because people with a limited scope of the compassion of a good neighbor could never imagine someone different from them, would ever dare do the unexpected, a kind deed for stranger.


And Jesus answered, “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves; and they stripped him of his clothing, and split his sides, and departed, leaving him for dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise also a Levite, when he came to the place, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeys, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And he went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine; and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.”

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schools to reduce usual larger crowding time periods. For example, waiting periods before first classes of the day, changing of class periods, lunch periods, recess modifications and end of day dismissals. All of these usually high concentrated student populated situations will be reduced based on precautionary plans created around the various layouts of the schools.

Face coverings/guards will be required for teachers and staff if their tasks requires them to be within 6 feet of students. While face coverings/guards will not be required for students in the classroom, it will be strongly encouraged. Face coverings/guards will be required to ride a school bus. The district will release more thorough details of these measures in the coming week.

The virtual option will be available for K-12 students and the enrollment process will begin on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, through the Skyward portal that’s available for students and families.

Enrollment for the virtual option will be valid through the entire first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Virtual options beyond this calendar year will be revealed by the district in November. Complete details on the virtual option and course offerings will be available on website link below this week, and also available for families during the online registration process.

Details on the virtual option and course offerings will be available on the district’s website at www.wcschools.com/readysetconnect/. This communications hub will be updated often with added information and content to better prepare teachers, students and staff.

The deadline to register for the virtual option will be Friday, July 17, 2020. Director of Schools Dr. Donna Wright said the district has paid attention to what has been shared by the parents and the community. The uncertainty caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has led many to wonder about how students will return to school, but Wright said the district will only continue to improve in its efforts to provide quality education for all.

“We’re navigating a new world right now,” said Wright. “It’s one that all we do is get better at it.”

Wright said that health and safety experts indicate another uptick in coronavirus cases may occur in the fall, but the district has full confidence in what they can provide and offer its students and faculty.

“We’ll be prepared to make sure there’s not an absence of instruction however it might be provided,” said Wright. “So we’re trying to look at everything without compromising what we need to provide for our students, but also to make sure that we take care of our staff and our employees as well.”

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We may not be perfect, but we are the most blessed country and citizens in the world.

When you think about the many blessings we have in our great and wonderful country, it should make you proud, honored and thankful to be living in the greatest country on earth. We have challenges and always will, but we are indeed a better nation when we are united standing as one for our great country and for one another.

It’s sad and unfortunate that it sometimes takes a tragedy or momentous event to bring us closer together. Another tragedy would be to lose sight of the big picture. The big picture of our country and its future. Our country and its citizens have a lot of hard work ahead of us and always will, but with teamwork and sincerity we can accomplish anything we set our hearts and minds to. So please remember there is only about 18 inches between our hearts and brains and we always make better and wiser decisions when we use both together in all we do. Our great soldiers who protect our country both locally and abroad and the fine men and women with our police and fire departments are to be commended and honored daily for the great service and many sacrifices they provide for us, our community and country.

We need to make sure these fine men and women and their families know how much we appreciate them and their many sacrifices. We must pray for them and their families daily and thank them every chance we get.

To our current and past military members, veterans, emergency service workers and medical personnel, thanks so much for all you do for us. Your selfless dedication and commitment to your fellow brothers and sisters and your country are appreciated more than you know.

Let us never forget or lose sight of what you’ve done and continue to do for us and our wonderful country and community daily.

In closing, we owe it to them to honor and think of them daily. We must constantly remind each other of just how truly blessed and fortunate we are to live in the greatest country on earth. So, when you see a soldier, veteran, nurse, doctor, police officer or fire fighter please make sure you thank them for what they do for their community, country and fellow brothers and sisters. Make sure they know you love, pray and care for them and their families.

Regardless of who you are or what you do for a living, we should all be better to one another no matter our differences as human beings for we are better as one when we use our hearts and minds together for one another.

United We Stand: God Bless the U.S.A.

- Ron Warren
Hebrews in the New Testament reminds us: “Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Remember to welcome strangers, because some who have done this have welcomed angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison as if you were in prison with them. Remember those who are suffering as if you were suffering with them” Hebrews 13:1-3 (NCV).

Seems a good neighbor is someone not afraid to walk a mile in another’s shoes. May the Tribe of the Good Samaritan (neighbor) increase.

From GARDNER, PAGE 1

CASA in 2019 and Woman of Excellence from the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber in 2019. She is a 2017 graduate of Leadership Wilson and is honored to get to speak to the group on Public Safety and Court Day.

She has been married to Joe Gardner for 18 years, and they have two sons, ages 11 and 14. They are members of the Lebanon First United Methodist Church. They are huge sports family but love football the most. Her husband helps coach football at Walter J. Baird Middle School and he is also part of the Lebanon Blue Devil Radio broadcast for Lebanon High School football games. Her in-laws, Glenn and Marilyn Gardner, owned Dick’s Foodmart in Wilson County for over 40 years. Her grandfather, Sam Crowder Brewington, was a constable for Wilson County for many years. She and her family love and have been involved in the community for generations.

“Continuing to serve my community and the 15th District is what I want to do,” said Gardner. “I know I have the experience and values to continue my role as the Public Defender for the 15th District. A role that Governor Haslam had the confidence to place me in. I ask that you please get out and vote for Shelley Thompson Gardner and keep me as your Public Defender for the 15th Judicial District in this year’s election.”
Murphy campaigns for Zone 7 School Board seat

Staff Reports

Phillip Murphy, Wilson County native, United States Navy Veteran, and Cumberland University Alumni is running for Wilson County School Board – Zone 7.

He has spent his entire life in Wilson County except for his time in the military. While in the military, Murphy served onboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, Murphy was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, where he served on the Multi-National Forces-Iraq Command Staff at Camp Victory.

“I decided to enter this race because I believe in public service and being part of something bigger than myself. This is why I joined the military and it’s why I am running for school board now,” said Murphy. “Ronald Reagan once said, ‘Status quo, you know, is Latin for ‘the mess we’re in.’ I believe we should strengthen our public schools and pivot away from the status quo. It’s time for a change.”

Murphy says his platform focuses on three areas.

1. Empowering Educators: “I will fight to ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed. It’s not about a test score, it’s about the social and emotional well-being of our kids because that is what prepares them for the future.”

2. Student Success: “I will fight to ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed. It’s not about a test score, it’s about the social and emotional well-being of our kids because that is what prepares them for the future.”

3. Community Collaboration: “I will fight to ensure transparency, communication, and problem solving to ignite purpose-based action towards a common goal.”

“This is my home,” said Murphy. “This is where my kids go to school and my wife teaches. Wilson County is the place to be — this is where you want to live, raise a family, or start a business. For our community to continue to thrive, we need strong schools. Strong schools build strong communities. Our local economy is better with strong schools because the future of our community sits there. Our future firefighters, engineers, mechanics, plumbers, entrepreneurs, accountants, attorneys, doctors, community leaders, etc. are all inside the walls of our schools and we owe it to them to remove any barriers to their success.”

Murphy’s family is rooted in Wilson County. His wife, Mandy Murphy, has been an educator in Wilson County for over 14 years. They have four children, Teagan and Jack who attend elementary school in Wilson County, and Jacob and Allie, who both graduated from Wilson Central High School. Early voting begins July 17, 2020, and continues through Aug. 1, 2020. Election Day is Aug. 6, 2020.

For more information on Phillip Murphy for Wilson County School Board – Zone 7 visit www.phillipmurphytn.org or www.facebook.com/murphywcszone7.
If you’ve had a child, seen a child, or were a child chances are you’ve heard of New York Times’ bestseller and bible to pregnant women across the globe, “What to Expect When You’re Expecting.” Even though my youngest child is now (gasp!) 10 years old, I vividly remember studying each page to make sure I was doing everything perfectly. Except for the chapter on weight gain. I blew that one in the first trimester.

It hit me a couple of weeks ago as I shopped for a baby shower gift that, while informative on each week of pregnancy, the writers of “What to Expect…” dedicated just a few pages to the after effects of this monumental event. With that said, as a mother of two children, I felt compelled to create a tiny list of what you should expect AFTER baby arrives.

1. Your shoes will never fit again. No matter how much weight you lose post-baby, your feet will never be the same. Who knows why it happens! Maybe we need bigger feet to keep us grounded after kids.

2. The nightly news becomes the enemy. California landslides, Arizona wildfires, government shutdown, even a plunging stock market won’t faze you, but reports on a deadly strand of antibiotic-immune swine flu or anything — and I mean ANYTHING — bad happening to a child will send you into panic mode quickly. The adage “ignorance is bliss” was probably penned by a new mom.

3. The pain of childbirth follows you home … for many, many, many weeks. Even if you opt for a pain-free birthing experience (and why wouldn’t you?), the epidural wears off, milk comes in and you’d happily mainline prune juice if given the opportunity.

4. No matter how many times you hear it, you might not “miss these days.” And that’s OK. It’s normal to want to hit the lady at the grocery store who repeats that over and over as your new baby screams and your blouse is saturated because you forgot to wear nursing pads. Who could blame you? It’s a miracle you have pants on after subsisting on 3 hours of sleep in 12 days. Saying you will miss “these days” to a mom who has barely slept in six months, is like a dentist saying you will miss having an abscess. You may not enjoy those times but you will appreciate them for what they are: a lesson in patience, humility and restraint for tolerating unsolicited advice.

5. Your body will NEVER be the same again. No matter if you weigh less or exactly the same before you became pregnant, those awesome jeans that made your butt look perfect, will not yield the same result post-baby.

6. The word “competitive” takes on a whole new meaning with some moms. Trust me, no matter how many words your child can say before six months or when they start crawling, walking or playing an instrument or how impeccably they are always dressed, they all still poop on themselves and that makes them pretty much equal on every playing field. And poop smells the same sitting in any diaper even if it’s covered in a Burberry diaper cover.

7. Babies grow up. They grow into these creatures called teenagers who may say and do things that make you question your parenting. But trust me on this, more often than not, they will say and do things that make you think, “I did it!”

So there it is. The short list of what you should expect after bringing that little bundle of joy (and spit up and poop) home. They grow up, you grow up, you make mistakes, they remind you of those mistakes, they cry, you cry. Our children are human which means they are not perfect, but with a little guidance and nudging from their imperfect parents they can turn out to be pretty incredible adults. That’s what I’m expecting anyway.

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OBITUARIES

BUTLER, Suzanne Williams

Suzanne Williams Butler, age 63 of Mt. Juliet, died June 30, 2020. Suzanne was preceded in death by her father, Edward Joe Williams, and her nephew, Alex Hendrix.

She is survived by: Children - Hayley Butler and Chad Butler; Mother – Beulah Carillon; Brothers – Mark (Heidi) Williams and Eddie (Rita) Williams; Sisters – Donna (Tom) Herndon and Joni (David) Hendrix; Granddaughter – Kamryn Butler; Many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be to Kamryn’s Scholarship Fund at MPD Community Credit Union.

Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com

CHARLIE DANIELS, Charles Edward

Charlie Daniels, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Grand Ole Opry member, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2020, at Summit Medical Center in Hermitage, Tennessee, from a hemorrhagic stroke. He was 83.

The Funeral Service for country music legend Charlie Daniels will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020, at World Outreach Church (1921 State Hwy 99, Murfreesboro, TN 37128). Pallbearers: Jimmy Burton, Roger Campbell, JB Copeland, Jack McClure, Thurman Mullins, Chris Potts, Jimmy Potts, and Dean Tubb. Honorary Pallbearers: The 5th Special Forces Group; Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

The family would like to dedicate a special thank you to the men and women of the United States Military, law enforcement, and first responders, as well as the loyal and dedicated CDB fans around the world.

An open visitation for the community will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.

Charles Edward Daniels was born Oct. 28, 1936, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the only child of the late Carlton and LaRue Daniels. As a child, the family moved to Valdosta, Georgia, and Elizabethtown, North Carolina, before returning to Wilmington.

In 1967, after the invitation from producer Bob Johnston, he moved with his wife and their 2-year-old son to Nashville, where he began session work, including playing on Bob Dylan sessions.

He formed The Charlie Daniels Band in 1972, joining the first wave of Southern rock superheroes.

“Million Mile Reflections,” the CDB’s biggest release in 1979, yielded the single, “The Devil Went Down to Georgia,” which reached No. 1 and won Daniels a Grammy for Best Country Vocal.

From his Dove Award-winning gospel albums to his genre-defining southern rock anthems and his CMA Award-winning country hits, few artists have left a more indelible mark on America’s musical landscape than Charlie Daniels. An outspoken patriot, beloved mentor, and a true road warrior, Daniels parlayed his passion for music into a multi-platinum career and a platform to support the military, underprivileged children, and others in need.

The Charlie Daniels Band has long populated radio with memorable hits and music videos such as “The Devil Went Down to Georgia.” Over the course of his career, Daniels received numerous accolades, including his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Musicians Hall of Fame and becoming a member of the Grand Ole Opry. Daniels helped to shine the spotlight on the many causes that are close to his heart. He was a staunch supporter of the military and gave his time and talent to numerous charitable organizations, including The Journey Home Project, that he founded in 2014 with his manager, David Corlew, to help veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife of nearly 56 years, Hazel Alexander Daniels; only son, Charles William Daniels; adopted grandchild, Evan Daniel Tubb and Ayala Grace Nowling; grandbuddies, Taylor Corlew Jenkins and Bailey Wheeler; as well as The CDB family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carlton and LaRue Daniels.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be addressed to The Journey Home Project. You may donate via the web (www.thejourneyhomeproject.org) or by mail (17060 Central Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090).

Floral arrangements may be sent to Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet (2229 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122).


DOAK, Katherine Gayle

Katherine Gayle Doak, age 82 of Mt. Juliet, died July 1, 2020. Gayle was the daughter of the late Fred Doak and Wilma Katherine Bell Youree. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Henry Lawrence Doak; daughter, Katherine Susan “Kathy” Doak; and brother, William F. Doak.

She is survived by: Daughter – Bonnie (Kev-in) Barnes; Sister – Beverly (Carol Nepton) Youree; Sister-in-law – Cynthia Youree; Grandchildren – Hannah Smithson, Katie Barnes and Michael Barnes; Nephews – Greg (Sanita) Youree and Doug Youree; Great-nephew – Marcus Youree.

A Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral home to go toward the funeral expenses. Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com

EATON, Bobby Wayne

Bobby Wayne Eaton, age 83 of Mt. Juliet, died July 4, 2020. He was the son of the late, Herbert and Pearl Hartman Eaton. Mr. Eaton was also preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Long, and his siblings, Herbert (Jane) Eaton and Marie (Donna) Eaton.

He is survived by: Wife – Geneva Eaton; Sons – Tony (Leanne) Eaton and Todd Eaton; Step-daughter – Cathy (Bill) Carraway; Sister – Esther (Bob) Hand; Grandchildren – Kevin (Kelley) Eaton and Amanda (Travis) Redden; Great-grandchildren – Gavin Eaton, Treznor Eaton, River Redden and Caroline Redden; Two Step-grandchildren; Many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held July 8, 2020, at Bond Memorial Chapel. Internment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park. Flowers accepted or memorials may be to First Baptist Church, 735 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Chandler

Chandler is a 2-month-old male kitten who is very sweet. Chandler is not yet altered so his adoption fee is $25 + the cost of his neuter at a local vet in Wilson County. If you are interested in meeting Chandler, give us a call at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment.

Mt. Juliet Animal Care & Control
115 Industrial Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
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LEA, Katie Jo

Katie Lea passed away June 30, 2020, at age 80. The funeral service was held July 3 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial.

Mrs. Lea is survived by children: Scotty (Anta) Lea, Tony (Terry) Lea, Donna (Keith) Sanders, and Bruce (Tammie) Lea; grandchildren: Rachael Nicole (Will) Agnew, Daniel Scott Lea, Shea (Kaley) Lea, Brice Lea, Shelby (Keith) Rawlings, and Scott Lea; nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to caregivers, friends, and family.

McCURRY, Lonnie Gene


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He was born at home on a farm in the quiet hills of Unicoi, TN, on February 13, 1935. It was here he developed his love for the outdoors. After serving in the United States Army, he went on to graduate in Mathematics at East Tennessee State University with a degree in Mathematics. In 1964, he and his wife moved to Florida where he worked in the Space & Defense industry where he did most of his praying.

In 2019, Lonnie and Pam relocated to Mt. Juliet, TN. The land was smaller, but the tomatoes still grew. The loss of our beloved Husband, Father and Poppa to Covid-19 has changed our lives forever. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Mt. Juliet Help Center, a local food pantry and community non-profit organization. http://www.mtjuliethelpcenter.org/

Services will be private at the family’s request due to the current Covid-19 situation.

Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home, Mt. Juliet, Lebanon TN. 615.444.9393.

RHODES, Jerri Lynn

Jerri Lynn Texter Rhodes, age 51, of Watertown, and formerly of Tallahassee, Florida, died July 2, 2020. Jerri was the daughter of the late Harleigh Allen and Alma Lagloria “Gloria” Ingram Texter.

She is survived by: Children – Adam Pendris and Rebecca (Brenden Burson) White; Brother – Harleigh (Mary Burch) Texter; Sister – Deanna (Pete Boyd) McPherson; Grandchildren – Brooks Pendris, Emmalyn Pendris, Jackson White and Juniper Burson; Many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted at a later date in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Autism Speaks, 1060 State Road, Second Floor, Princeton, NJ 08540.

ROE, Christy Evans

A celebration service for Christy Evans Roe will be held July 11, 2020, at Belle Aire Baptist Church located at 1307 North Rutherford Blvd. Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Visitation is from 4 p.m. until the service at 6 p.m. The family will celebrate Christy as a wonderful wife, amazing mother, loving daughter, and her miraculous new life in Heaven.

Mrs. Roe is survived by her husband, Matthias Stark Roe, children, Maddie and Carson, and mother, Jody Evans. She is preceded in death by her father, Hank Evans, and sister, Kim Evans. Mrs. Roe passed on March 20, 2020, and the family is now being allowed to have her life celebrated.

WRIGHT, William “Danny”

Danny Wright passed away on July 4, 2020, at age 70. The Memorial Service is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family will begin receiving friends at the funeral home at 3 p.m. Thursday. The family requests that visitors wear masks.

Mr. Wright is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan Dillehay Wright, sons Keith (John Muise) Wright and Kyle (Mary) Wright, grandchildren Karlee Wright and Will Wright, sister Faye (David) Lloyd, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents Milton and Vickie Crutcher Wright, and brothers Wayne Wright and Milton Wright Jr.

Please make Memorials to Sherry’s Run (PO Box 8, Lebanon TN 37088). Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.