

Area Deaths & Funeral

Ronald E. Hess

Ronald E. Hess, age 65, died Thursday, June 29, 2017. Ronald Hess was born December 4, 1951 to the late Ervina and Pauline Hess. Ronald lived all his life in Russell County. He worked in construction in his early years and as a guard at the prison. Later he worked as a heavy equipment operator and ended his working years with Bristol Compressors until his health got bad.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister Joan Shortridge.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years Wanda Hess; one son Ronald Anthony Hess; two step daughters Vickie Nunez and Lucinda O'Quinn; one brother David Hess; two sisters Brenda Murphy and husband Bob, Barbara Meade and husband Ron; three grandchildren Dylan, Tim, and Chloe; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends and family on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the family home from 5pm-8pm. His remains will be put to rest on the family farm where he lived the majority of his life.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.virginiacremations.com. Cremation Society of Virginia Southwest is honored to serve the Hess family.

Kirt Huff

CASTLEWOOD, VIRGINIA - Kirt Huff, 63, died Sunday, July 9, 2017 at his home.

He was born in Wythe County, Virginia; son of the late Joseph and Betty Armbrister Huff. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Barry Huff, Sr., Dennis Huff, and Joey Huff. He was an electrician for Crowder Industrial Construction.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Elam Huff; two daughters, Lisa Landry and husband, Denny of Galax, Virginia and Mary Beth Huff and companion, Ivor Adkisson of Wythe County, Virginia; two sons, Luke Huff of Hillsville, Virginia and Russell Huff of Chesterfield County, Virginia; two sisters, Denise Rye and husband, John and Diane Huff both of Willis, Virginia; one brother, Michael Huff, Sr. of Wythe County, Virginia; one step son, Adam Gross and wife, Bethany of Lebanon, Virginia; two grandchildren, Tyler Largen and Jaikob Patrick; one step grandson, Hayden Gross; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Kirt Huff will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2017 in Castlewood Funeral Home Chapel, Castlewood, Virginia with Pastor Kenneth Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Nephews, Family, and Friends.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2017 in Castlewood Funeral Home, Castlewood, Virginia. On line condolences may be sent to the Huff family through our website and a video tribute may be viewed at www.castlewoodfuneralhome.com.

Castlewood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Man Injured In Highway 58 Wreck

At approximately 4:30 a.m. on Friday, July 7, Trooper E.B. McIntyre was called to a report of a vehicle that struck a tree on Route 58 in Russell County.

A large tree had fallen across Route 58 near Buzzards Roost, blocking both westbound lanes. A 2015 Dodge Ram pick-up truck traveling westbound struck the tree, ran off the right side of the road, struck an embankment, then overturned into the lanes of travel.

The driver of the pick-up, who was the vehicle's only occupant, was transported to Johnston Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

A second vehicle did strike the tree, but the driver of that vehicle was uninjured.

No charges are expected. The crash remains under investigation.

Stretch Dollars On Your Next Road Trip

In an era of escalated airline ticket prices and extra travel expenses, road trips have emerged once more as a popular and cost-conscious mode of vacationing for individuals and families.

Those making road trips may be concerned about keeping costs down, particularly if saving money is the catalyst behind the road trip vacation. The following are a few tips to stretch dollars that much further on your next road trip.

* Dine out sparingly. Road stops and drive-thru food expenditures can quickly add up during the course of a road trip. Therefore, pack the majority of the food you will eat in a cooler. Not only will this save money, it will mean food is at the ready when hunger strikes.

* Look for inexpensive lodging. While on a road trip you may need to compromise some of the comforts of home to save some money. Motel rates are another trip budget-buster. But by mixing overnights at motels with less expensive options you may be able to mitigate costs. Camp out at a safe campsite and purchase a shower ticket so you can enjoy a cheap, hot shower the next day. Spend a few nights under the stars; just be sure you have the right gear. Some also like to plan road trip routes between where relatives live and make pit stops at a friend or family member's home.

* Map out cheaper gas stations. Today's smartphones have apps that enable you to find nearby gas stations.

* Don't speed. In addition to being illegal, speeding wastes gas. Stick to the speed limit to avoid potentially costly tickets and improve fuel efficiency.

* Bring friends along. Friends will not only make the trip more fun, but they also can take turns driving and sharing the costs of the excursion.

* Join a roadside assistance club. Vehicle problems are inevitable if you are a frequent road-tripper who's driving an older car. Avoid potentially costly towing costs by joining a roadside assistance club that will pay for your vehicle to be towed if necessary.

Road trips can be enjoyable excursions that cost far less than other vacations. Road-trippers can stretch funds even further with some handy tips.

Rosedale Community Connections Will Meet

Rosedale Community Connections will meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Rosedale Baptist Church. Welcome singles and couples of any age to enjoy devotional, games, fellowship and eventually crafts. Come and bring your favorite dish. 880-0277.

Russell County Diabetes Today Coalition Support Groups

Please join us for a diabetes support group session where you can exchange information, feelings and ideas. Groups offer open discussion, question and answer sessions, and other activities.

Check It Out! Monthly Meeting Schedule: Second Monday at 6 PM at the Community Center behind the Town Hall. For more information, please call 276-873-4700.

Remote Area Medical (RAM) Massive Health Care Outreach

The Health Wagon with a host of community involvement will be providing a FREE massive health care outreach with Remote Area Medical (RAM) and the Virginia Dental Association Foundation (VDAF) on July 21, 22, and 23 at the Wise County Fair Grounds in Wise, VA. Some of the many services that will be offered are complete eye exams, prescription glasses, dental filings, extractions, cleanings, hearing exams, hearing aids, chest x-ray, bone density, lab work, mammograms, pap smears, in addition to medical exams and exams to be provided by health care providers. These services will be provided for the uninsured, underinsured, and unemployed and those who cannot afford to pay. ALL service are FREE of charge. Registration will begin at 6:00 a.m. daily and services will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Dental services will be provided through the VDAF's Mission of Mercy (MOM) program. For more information, call 276-328-8850.

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Wishing you were here today
For even just awhile.
So, I could say Happy Birthday
And see your loving smile.

But each year on your special day
We will celebrate your birth.
And treasure every moment
You were here on earth.



We took those days for granted
And never even thought
That all our lives would change, so much,
And yours would be so short.

I feel you are with me
In everything I do,
So I'll celebrate your birthday
And the gift of knowing you.

**We Love & Miss You,
Mom, Mamaw Mattie, Ashley & Joey,
Megan & Jon, Hillary & Travis, Richard & Nieces**

**Anthony (Bob) Hicks
July 9, 1994-Feb. 25, 2017**

Golden Gleams

Apes are apes, though clothed in scarlet.
-Ben Johnson.

Good Clothes open all Doors.
-Thomas Fuller.

She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on her with a pitchfork.
-Jonathan Swift.

Fine clothes are good only as they supply the want of other means of procuring respect.
-Samuel Johnson.

The deal is everything, not the glory.
-J. W. Goethe.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
-Thomas Grey.

How quickly passes away the glory of this world.
-Thomas A. Kempis.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.
-I Corinthians 10:31.

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