

Area Deaths & Funeral

John Paul Robinson

Lebanon, VA – John Paul Robinson, age 55, succumbed to a long series of heart related issues, Friday, August 2, 2019 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN and now rests in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John was born July 14, 1964. His parents were the late Hascue Robinson and the late Zenna Hale Robinson. He was a native of Russell County, graduated from Hiwassee College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business and was married to

the late Karen Elaine Robinson, who passed away 2012.

Survivors include daughter: Kimberly Hope Robinson; son: Joshua Paul Robinson both of Lebanon, VA. He is also survived by his mother-in-law: Joyce Hanson of Lebanon, VA.

John enjoyed serving God and his fellow man. He was a member of Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church and had served for thirty nine years as an EMT for the Castlewood Rescue Squad, where he was also on the Board of Directors. He had worked for Wright's Pest Control for approximately five years.

The lights of John's life were his children. He was a proud father, speaking of his children often and always with a smile on his face. He would do anything he could to help people and had a heart of gold.

Funeral services for John Paul Robinson were conducted 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Talent and Rev. Brian Taylor officiating. Burial was 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in the Russell Memorial Cemetery, Lebanon, VA.

Serving as pallbearers were Wally Kennedy, Brandon McAllister, Wayne Musick, Kyle Musick, Earl Carter, Tim Alley, Jimmie Little and Shy Kennedy. Honorary pallbearers were John's fellow members of the Castlewood Rescue Squad and the men of Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church.

John's children wish to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the physicians and nurses at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the members of Castlewood Rescue Squad and John's loving church family.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family online at www.combsfuneralservice.com. Combs Funeral Service, 291 Highway 71 Fincastle Road, Lebanon, VA 24266 (276) 889-4444 served the Robinson family.

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.

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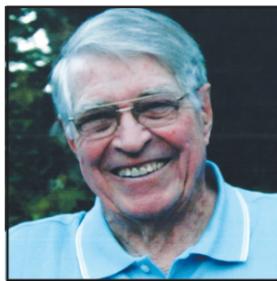
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Leonard E. Branham

Mr. Leonard E. Branham, age 97, of Honaker, Virginia, passed away Saturday (August 10, 2019) in an Abingdon, Virginia hospital. Born October 14, 1921 in Dickenson County, Virginia, he was a son of the late George Branham and Edna Edward Branham Stanley. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served in Europe during World War II. He was a longtime resident



of the Honaker area, owning and operating the Honaker Theater in his early years. He was owner and operator of Russell Builders in Lebanon, Virginia, having been there for over forty-nine years. He was a devoted member of the Honaker United Methodist Church for over fifty years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Dianna Branham Pruitt, five siblings, Gary Stanley and wife, Sara, Bill Stanley, Bob Stanley and wife, Minnie, Imogene Williams and husband, Jim, and Christine Harrison.

Survivors include his wife of 70 ½ years, Eileen Mullins Branham of the home; two grandsons, Josh Pruitt and Josie of Lebanon and Johnathan Pruitt and Kristen of Abingdon; great-grandchildren, Kayleigh Pruitt, Emma Pruitt, Alex Pruitt, Jackson Pruitt, and Malcolm Pruitt; three siblings, Frank Stanley and wife, Linda, Judy Hopkins, and Evelyn Cole-Brong, and Ray; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM Wednesday in the Honaker Funeral Home Chapel, Honaker, Virginia with Pastor Aaron Atchley officiating. Interment will follow in Ketrion Memorial Gardens at Lebanon, Virginia.

Military honors will be conducted by VFW Post 9864 of Lebanon, Virginia.

Pallbearers will be the men of the Honaker United Methodist Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ralph and Sue Kiser, H.L. and Corrine Dye, and J.B. and Nadine Crabtree.

The family will receive friends at the Honaker Funeral Home on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the funeral hour.

Online condolences may be made at www.honakerfuneralhome.net.

Card Of Thanks

Thank you and may God bless each of you that was with the Whitt Family in the passing of our sweet Phillip.

Thank you for your prayers and all that you did.

The Whitt Family

HAPPENINGS OF THE DRILL SENIOR CITIZENS

By Janie Thomas

The latest meeting of the Drill Senior Citizens was held Friday August 9. Again I missed this meeting. Had to go out of town for work. Hopefully I will get to attend the next one. A Big Thank You to Barbara Baldwin for taking notes for me.

Betty Sue Hess opened the meeting and took prayer requests. Rev Wayne Baldwin did the devotions today. He opened devotions with prayer. He read from I Corinthians Chapter 2; starting with Verse 2. We have troubles and sorrows here on earth, but no more when we get to Heaven. God can touch you. It's Jesus Christ we all need to make it through this world.

Betty Sue called the Roll. There were 32 Members present and no visitors today. That is unusual as we usually have a least one visitor. Summer is a busy time, especially now that gardens are starting to produce.

After Roll Call everyone stood for the Pledge to our Flag. There was not a financial report since I was not there. I promise I will have one at the next meeting.

Looks like there were plenty of good singers in attendance today, they were Eva Fuller, Betsy Newton & Tommy Meade. They sang; "Lord I Want You"; "Last Time I Seen Mommy"; "Someday I Am Going To Heaven"; "Faded Picture On The Wall"; "God Bless America"; "As I Have Loved You".

Tommy Meade asked the Blessing over the food today. Today the menu was "Garden Pot Luck". I am sure I missed a good meal.

After lunch Betty Sue called the numbers for the Bingo playing. The winners today were: Bruce Baldwin, Wyonna Sheppard, Don Hess, Hunter Dye, Parker Blankenship and the lucky winner today was Barbara Barnhart who won two games.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Drill Community Wiener Roast on Friday August 16 starting at 6 PM at the Drill Community Building. Fix your favorite side dish that goes along with hot dogs and come join the fun.

Our next meeting is August 23 beginning at 11 AM. Our Menu is "Pot Luck". So fix your favorite dish and come join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

Remember to pray for one and another. Remember when prayers go up Blessings come down.

Internet Safety Tips For Students

The classrooms of yesterday are distant memories. Gone are chalkboards, which have made way for smartboards. Even textbooks are slowly being phased out in deference to online curriculums. Modern classrooms are outfitted with digital devices that connect students to the internet. Each of these changes might surprise parents who haven't stepped foot inside a classroom in decades.

A 2017 report from Common Sense Media said that children up to age eight spend an average of two hours and 19 minutes every day on screen media. Children between the ages of eight and 12 spend an average of four hours and 36 minutes on screens. Much of that time is spent online.

The internet can be a useful tool for students, who can go online when working on school reports. Some students even communicate online with their teachers, while others play interactive learning games that can supplement lessons taught in the classroom.

But the internet also puts students at risk of falling victim to online predators. The internet also keeps students in constant contact with their peers, which can be troublesome for students who want to get away when they get home at night. These reasons and more are motivation enough to encourage students to practice good digital citizenship and follow these safety tips when online.

Exercise caution with photos and videos posted online. These images, even

when posted harmlessly, can weigh on a student's reputation. They may even impact acceptance to schools or career opportunities in the future. Always think before posting, as content remains in cyberspace indefinitely. And remember, many schools screen for inappropriate content. Sending harassing or inappropriate material to others may result in disciplinary action.

Recognize the threat posed by online predators. The Crimes Against Children Research Center says one in five teenagers in the United States who regularly uses the internet has received unwanted sexual solicitations through the web. In addition, 25 percent have been exposed to unwanted pornographic material online. Students need to be aware that not everyone on the internet is an upstanding citizen.

Keep personal information private at all times. The service eMarketer says that 75 percent of children are willing to share personal information online about themselves and their families in exchange for goods and services. Students need to be better educated about protecting their passwords, ages, addresses, and other personal information.

Stop cyberbullying before it starts. Students can be educated about the correct way to use the internet and how to report cyberbullying. Students also can pledge to never make others feel uncomfortable online.

Online safety is a growing concern for students, but there are ways to keep kids safe.

Virginia Market News Service Weekly Ag Brief

August 9, 2019

Virginia Market News Service reported the following weekly ag trends on August 9:

IN VIRGINIA, feeder cattle 2.00 to 16.00 lower. Slaughter cows mostly 3.00 lower. Wheat mostly .23 higher. Corn mostly .10 to .25 higher, new crop mostly .15 higher. Soybeans mostly .17 to .23 higher, new crop mostly .18 higher.

State Graded Feeder Steers, Medium and Large 1

400-500 lbs 119.00-157.00, average 141.74
500-600 lbs 128.00-158.50, average 146.34
600-700 lbs 121.00-159.00, average 145.83
700-800 lbs 112.00-150.50, average 137.33

State Graded Feeder Heifers, Medium and Large 1

400-500 lbs 111.00-127.25, average 122.59
500-600 lbs 111.00-133.00, average 123.85
600-700 lbs 101.00-134.00, average 122.36
700-800 lbs 91.00-134.50, average 126.33

Slaughter Cows

Boning, 800-1200 lbs, 40.00-67.00, average 57.03
Breakers, 1200-1600 lbs, 51.00-65.00, average 58.89

Wheat

Eastern Shore 4.49-4.64, new crop 4.72; Middle Peninsula new crop 5.07; Norfolk 4.69-4.84, new crop 4.92; Roanoke 5.49; Wakefield 4.34

Corn

Eastern Shore 4.53, new crop 4.13-4.23; Harrisonburg 4.80-5.46, new crop 5.03-5.13; Middle Peninsula 4.26, new crop 4.18; Norfolk 4.53, new crop 4.13-4.33; Hopewell-Petersburg 4.43, new crop 4.38; Wakefield 4.45-4.63, new crop 4.13-4.53

Soybeans

Eastern Shore 8.33-8.43, new crop 8.23-8.43; Harrisonburg 7.30-7.90; Hopewell-Petersburg 8.35, new crop 8.48-8.58; Middle Peninsula 8.25, new crop 8.38; Norfolk 8.60, new crop 8.53-8.58; Wakefield 8.10-8.25, new crop 8.08-8.48

Livestock prices per hundredweight; grain prices per bushel.

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