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**GREETINGS WELLS FAMILY:**

**2019 WELLS REUNION AGENDA**  
**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Johnson Central High School**  
**Rt. 23 South, Paintsville, KY**

Please join us for our annual Wells Family Reunion at the Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, KY, on 09/01/2019. John B. Wells III will be presenting new information that has been uncovered, and he hopes that everyone will make an extra effort to attend this year. In John's own words, "I am bringing a major genealogical surprise to the reunion. It is an exciting discovery that will be talked about for years to come. Only those who attend the reunion will learn the surprise." John has kept this news very hush-hush, not even revealing it to the Board Members. Can't wait to hear what it is!!!!

**DOORS OPEN:** 9:00 A.M.

Members will help the janitor set up tables for the reunion.

**REGISTRATION:** Please complete the registration form when you arrive and update any change in email or mailing address. You will receive a ticket for door prizes.

**RECEPTION:** Socialize with cousins and reminisce about old times. Get to know your extended family. There will be activities for the children to enjoy which will include the tossing of dollar bills for the kids to use at the Chinese auction.

**WELCOME:** President Danny K. Blevins

**AUCTION:** Bring items to be auctioned to benefit the organization such as family history items,

handmade items, such as crafts, etc. Set a minimum price for the auctioneer to begin with. We don't want to sell items for less than what was invested in them, especially for handmade items.

**SNACK TABLE:** Snacks will be provided for those who would like to participate or for those who may have health problems and need a snack to hold them over until dinner is served. We welcome you to bring a snack for the table if it is convenient.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES:** Remembering family members we have lost since the last reunion.

**BLESSING:** Dinner prayer.

**DINNER:** Please bring your favorite dishes, plus a little extra to share with those who are unable to do so. Also, please bring a 2-litre bottle of soft drinks, a jug of tea, or bottled water. Remember, paper products, eating utensils and ice will be provided.

**NOTE:** There will be a greeter to assist in helping carry your food to the kitchen.

**ELECTION:** New officers will be elected.

**WELLS SCHOLARSHIP:** Dr. Randall Wells will award the \$500.00 scholarship check to the 2019 recipient.

**AWARDS & DOOR PRIZES.**

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP:**

The Workshop to discuss John's new information will be held in the school library.

**DOORS CLOSE:** 5:00 P.M.

**OUR PRESIDENT MAY SEE THE NEED TO  
ADJUST THE SCHEDULE.**

**RECOGNITIONS, ACADEMICS & CONGRATULATIONS**



**DR. HARRY BURCHETT**, a Johnson County native and a 1989 graduate of Paintsville High School, has accepted the position as the new superintendent for Harrison County Schools. Dr. Burchett has been in education for the last 24 years in various teaching and administrative positions, serving most

recently as Assistant Superintendent in the Johnson County School System.

Dr. Burchett and his wife, Kathleen, who is also in the education field, have three children: Harrison, a senior at U.K.; Olivia, a pre-med/pharmacy major at Auburn; and Madeline, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student. Olivia was the recipient of our 2017 Wells Scholarship. They will be relocating to Cynthiana.

Dr. Burchett's wife, Kathleen, descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

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**GRACE ELIZABETH WALTON** appeared as "Charlie Bucket" in Morton Middle School's presentation of "Willy Wonka Jr.", an adaptation of Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Grace, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Morton this fall, also portrayed "Annie" last year in their presentation of *Annie Jr.* Her other roles include "Mabel" in Lexington Children's Theater's *Gravity Falls*; "Cinderella" in *The Granny Awards* at Glendover Elementary and "Jane" in *Mary Poppins*.



Three presentations of the show were held on April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, and I had the opportunity to attend the afternoon show on the 27<sup>th</sup> with Mary Walton. All the students performed beautifully, and Grace was a delight to watch as "Charlie Bucket".

Grace is the talented 13-year-old daughter of Brad and Katherine Walton of Lexington and the granddaughter of Mary Wells Walton and the late Manford Walton. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**AMBER NICOLE WILCOX** has recently moved to the Virginia/D.C. area where she will be starting a new job

After graduating from Eastern Kentucky University with Bachelors' Degrees in Political Science and

English, she received her Masters' Degree in Criminal Justice: Intelligence and Crime Analysis from Saint Joseph's University in 2018. After working as a journalist for a brief time, she has worked with the Department of Juvenile Justice in Lexington and most recently with the Department of Corrections in Lagrange, KY.

Amber is the daughter of Richard and Vernita Lynn Wells Wilcox of Van Lear, KY, and the granddaughter of Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear, KY, and the late Alex Samuel Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**BENETTE COLLINS HOWARD** passed her state examination which will allow her to offer her canned and baked goods commercially. For some time, Benette has marketed her delicious jams, jellies, canned vegetables and baked goods at Farmer’s Markets and other venues as Bea’s Jams & Jellies. She will now be marketing her items in local businesses soon.

Benette and her husband, Donald, are busy building her new commercial kitchen, and she will be adding a lot of new flavors of jams and jellies as well as a few new veggies to her inventory. She is pictured above with 400 jars of blackberry bourbon that she prepared.

Benette is the daughter of the late Carl and Polly Wells Collins, and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**CASSIDY RENEE RAMEY** received an award for having the highest average of 99.61% in her 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts class. A member of the “White Team” at Johnson Central Middle School, she was on the Honor Roll with all A’s and was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in her White Team Class.



Cassidy is the daughter of Jeff and Cynthia Muncy Ramey of Williamsport, Ky. Her maternal

grandparents are Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport and Ervin and Darlene Banks Ramey of Van Lear. Her grandmother, Charlene, is our Board vice-president, and she descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**EMILY COUTURE** of Clinton, MI, graduated on 04/30/2019 from Siena Heights University with a Bachelor’s in Arts and a minor in Psychology. Having accepted a graduate assistant position with Easter Michigan University, she will be working for two different

programs for students while completing her Master’s in higher education.

Emily is the daughter of Michael and Tonya Fraley Couture of Clinton, MI and the granddaughter of James and Patricia Mollette Fraley of Milan, MI. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

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**KAITLIN B. “KATIE” WELLS**, pictured with her mother, Bernita, and brother, Marcus, graduated from Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, KY, on 05/24/2019, with a GPA of



4.33. She participated in track, volleyball and swimming and was on the Student Council, in KUNA, and a member of the JCHS players during her high school years. She was an honor student and spoke at the graduation ceremony.

Katie, a very talented artist, won most creative and best concept in the Markey Cancer Center Expressions of Courage art competition. She also won the Doodle for Google competition for Kentucky which entered her into the national competition. The winner of that contest has not been announced yet. Below is her winning submission:



The recipient of the William C. Parker, Provost, and SA/VS Scholarships, Katie will be continuing her education at the University of Kentucky in Lexington majoring in illustration and video game design.

Katie is the daughter of Bernita Wells of Van Lear, KY and the granddaughter of Susie Wells of Van Lear and the late Alex Samuel Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**MATT and ALEX HORN**, pictured with their mother, Tonya, graduated from Johnson Central High School on 05/24/2019. Both Matt and Alex were active in various sports, exceling in football as key players in the Golden Eagles' 2016 state championship win and the 2017 and 2018 championship games where they were runners up.

Matt was selected to both the all-state football team and the all-area team for three years and was an individual wrestling state champion in 2019 for the 195 lb. weight class.

Alex was selected for the all-state football team in 2019 and for the all-area team for two years. He received the Defensive Player of the Year Award for the Mountains in 2019.

Both Matt and Alex were offered several football scholarships but have opted to attend UPike in Pikeville, KY, so that they will be closer to home. They will play football and wrestle for the Bears while they both pursue a degree in criminal justice with plans to work in the federal prison system.

Alex and Matt are the sons of Greg and Tonya Collins Horn of Staffordsville, KY, and their maternal grandparents are Larry and Rita Griffith Collins of Van Lear, KY, and their paternal grandparents are the late Harold and Carma Horn. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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## WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



“Game of Thrones” was the theme chosen by **PATRICK MICHAEL HAYNISH and LAUREN RACHELE STURIALE** when they exchanged vows on March 30, 2019. The ceremony took place at the “Palace Theater” in Canton, OH, with a reception following at the Ornesto Event Center.

Lauren is a STEM language arts teacher at Oakwood Middle School. Patrick is employed as a CICS Transaction Systems/MQ Series Consultant with Allstate Insurance Company. They are residing in Canton.

The bride is the daughter of Cheryl Bracken and Martin Sturiale and the granddaughter of Bob Bracken and Joyce Welch. The groom is the son of Pamela Volota Haynish and Thomas John Haynish and stepmother, Trish Keller Haynish, and the grandson of the late Steve and Geneva Wells Volota.

Patrick is the nephew of Wells Board member Patti Quallich and the great nephew of Mary Wells

Walton. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**AMBER NICOLE WILCOX and BRIAN WEBSTER** became engaged on 05/04/2019, and they are planning to wed sometime next year.

Amber recently moved to the Virginia/DC area where she is employed. Brian lives in Bedford, KY, and currently works for the Department of Corrections after serving as an MP in the U.S. Army.

Amber is the daughter of Richard and Vernita Lynn Wells Wilcox of Van Lear, KY, and they descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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## BIRTHS



**JOSEPH CARTER BUTTRAM** was born on 03/19/2019 at 5:21 a.m. at Medical Center of Bowling Green, Bowling Green, KY. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. His parents are Clay and Raley Slone Buttram of Smiths Grove, KY.

Carter's maternal grandfather is Greg Slone of Smithsgrove, and his maternal great-grandparents are Ronnie and Diana Slone Wells of Van Lear, KY.

They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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### SICK /PRAYER LIST

Ralph Markley, Marsha Bennett, Jim Preston, Richard Wells, Michael Parsons, Linda Parker, Ray Wells, Darrell Wells, Benette Howard, Anna Wilson, Roger Patton, James "Jim" Williams, Patricia Womack, Anita Wells, Roger Delong, Phyllis Delong, Lorraine Newberry, Genene Wells, Larry Joe Wells, Hattie Wells Branham, Harry Adams, Ronald & Jean Adams and Virginia Adams Campbell.

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### SICKNESS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

**Greg Harmon** underwent heart surgery on 05/24/2019 at the Parma University Hospital, Parma, OH. After spending two weeks there, he was able to go home. Although he will need lots of follow up, Greg feels he is now on the road to recovery. Greg is on the Wells Board and descends from Richard Wells through

**Patti Quallich** underwent total knee replacement at a Cleveland hospital on 05/07/2019. She is recuperating well with her therapy. Patti is also a Wells Board member and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

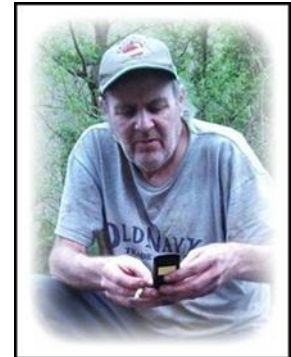
**Josh Wells**, son of John B. III and Terrie Wells was confined to their basement recliner for several weeks after tearing two ligaments in this left foot. He was to be graduated to crutches and then to a boot as soon as he was able to tolerate it. They descend from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. Hope you're better Josh so that you will be able to make it to the reunion this year!!!!

Our former Board President, **FRANK WELLS**, was unable to attend our Board meeting in May due to having undergoing hip replacement surgery. Hope you are doing better and hope to see you and Janie at the reunion this year.

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### DEATHS

**RANDY LEE RICHMOND, SR.**, 64, of Van Lear, KY, passed away 03/09/2019 at his residence. Born 10/02/1954 in Shelby, OH, he was the son of Shirley (Krouse) Richmond of Ohio and the late Hobert Richmond. He is preceded in death by his father and two grandchildren, James William Douglas Daniel and Julia Castle.



In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Janet (Daniel) Richmond of Clarksville, TN; ex-wife, Linda (Francis) Castle; five sons: Randy Lee Richmond, Jr. of Thelma; Benjamin Andrew Richmond and Gary Eugene Richmond both of Sitka; John Paul Richmond and Jerry Michael Richmond both of Paintsville; two daughters, Melinda Richmond of Flat Gap and Melissa Francis of Ohio; 19 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held 03/12/2019 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with Hubert Slone officiating and burial following in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

Randy descends from Richard Wells through Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**RUTH E. FRALEY BUTCHER**, age 77, of Van Lear, KY, passed away 03/25/2019 at her residence. Born 01/30/1942 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas J. Fraley and Okie M. Daniels Fraley. In addition to her parents, Ruth is preceded in death by

two brothers, Thomas Fraley and Marshall Fraley.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Chester Butcher; one daughter, Gretta Jean (Eddie) McKenzie of Van Lear; one son, Paul Chester (Miranda) Butcher of Wittensville; one step son, Kevin Butcher of Wabash, IN; two brothers, William (Brenda) Fraley of West Van Lear and Ron (Nadine) Fraley of Van Lear; one sister, Alpharetta Sue Francis of Owingsville, KY; three grandchildren, Ryan Daniels, Danielle McKenzie and Maverick Kyle Butcher; five great grandchildren, Alyssa Daniels, Bailey Daniels, Emma Daniels, Peyton Daniels and Luke Daniels; and a host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Ruth was a retired nurse of 32 years at Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church for many years.

Funeral services were held 03/29/2019 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with Bobby Joe Spencer and Rodney Tackett officiating. Burial followed in the Ashley Butcher Cemetery at Daniels Creek.

Ruth's husband, Chester, descends from William Butcher and Mary Polly Wells Butcher.

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**FRED COLMAN COLSTON III**, 67, of Spring, TX, passed away 04/10/2019. He was born in Dayton, OH, on 04/03/1952 to the late Fred and Joanna Colston. A brother, Mark Anthony Colston, and a stepson, Brian George, also preceded him in death.

Fred is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mary Lee Patton Colston, of Spring; a son, Chris Colston (companion, Amie Combs), of The Woodlands, TX; a granddaughter, Ashley Colston, of Spring, TX; brothers, Tim Colston (Gale), of Brookville, OH, Tom Colston (Sarah) of North Canton, OH, and Paul Colston (Sita) of Jakarta, Indonesia; sister-in-law, Ruth Anne Fairchild (Bill) of Lexington, KY; and brother-in-law, Dan Patton (Karen), of Lyndon Station, WI.

Fred was a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church for many years and was a devoted Christian. He served in the ACTS (adoration, community, theology and service) ministry, attended Bible studies, was in the adult choir, served as a Paduan ambassador, was an usher, a member of the men's ministry (TMIY) and served on the prayer team.

Fred joined Knights of Columbus in September 2017. He was very active in the St Anthony of The Woodlands Council 12327 and served as their chancellor. He became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight in October 2018.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held 04/15/2019 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 7801 Bay

Branch Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77382. Interment followed in Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery.

Fred's wife, Mary Lee, formerly of Auxier, is the daughter of the late Darwin and Christine Moran Patton. They descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

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**LORENA WELLS GOBLE WALLEN**, age 90, of Prestonsburg, widow of the late John Wallen, passed away from this life on Friday, 04/12/2019 at Baptist Health Hospital in Louisville. Lorena was born 07/21/1928 in Dewey, KY, a daughter to the late Jay Sterling Wells and Ada Goble Wells.



Lorena was retired from Floyd Federal Savings and Loan. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, The Daughters of Rebekah, a Shriners Lady and was also a member of the Christian faith.

Lorena is survived by her only son, Gary L. Goble, and his wife, Karen, of Louisville; two grandchildren, Kristen Goble Brown, of Lexington and Dr. Adam Goble of Cincinnati, OH; and twin great-grandsons, Alex Wells Brown and Evan Robert Brown, both of Lexington.

Along with her husband and parents, Lorena is preceded in death by one sister, Oneida Wells Watson, and one brother, William Riley Wells.

Services were held 04/18/2019 at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial followed at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, KY. Memorial contributions were requested to be made to The Shriners' Children's Hospital, 110 Conn Terrace, Lexington, KY 40508.

Lorena descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.



**PAMELA JOYCE PATTON ARNETT**, age 71, of Middle Fork, KY, formerly of Auxier, passed away 05/03/2019 at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, KY.

She was born 09/15/1947 in Floyd County, KY, to the late Harold Lloyd and Betty Jane Wells Patton.

Survivors include her husband, James Arnett, one son, Greg (Heather) Richmond of Lexington, KY, one sister, Suzanne Johnson of Tucson, AZ, and one grandchild, Jacob Richmond.

Pam was a graduate of Morehead State University and worked as an instructor at the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Thelma until her retirement. She was of the Methodist faith.

Funeral services were conducted on 05/06/2019 in the Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in the James and Pam Arnett Cemetery at Middle Fork, KY, with Dallas Patrick officiating.

Pam descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

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**DOLA MUSIC**, age 86 of Boonscamp, Kentucky passed away 05/22/2019 at the Martin County Health Care Facility in Inez.

Born 05/21/1933 in Johnson County, he was the son of the late Dallas Music and Flora (Perkey) Music. In addition to his parents, Dola is preceded in death by his wife, Annice (Williams) Music; and one brother, Delbert Music.

He is survived by one son, Jason Music and his wife, Amanda of Louisa, Kentucky; one granddaughter, Brooklyn Music; niece, Sherri Delong; nephews, Billy Williams, Kenny Williams and Dennis Music.

Funeral services were held on 05/25/2019 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with



burial following in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

Dola's wife, Annice, descended from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

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**ELMER GORDEN WELLS**, age 90, of Meally, KY, passed away 05/25/2019 at Mountain Manor of Paintsville.

Elmer was born 03/16/1929 in Johnson County, KY, son of the late Arlie Wells and Lula Powers Wells. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one daughter, Shirley Wells Butcher; one son, Dwayne Gorden Wells; three brothers, Arland, Bobby Lloyd, and Roger Allen Wells; and one grandson, Roger Butcher.

He is survived by his loving wife Delphia Fitch Wells, one daughter, Cathy Wells Witten and husband Donnie of Van Lear, KY; two brothers, Bill Wells and wife Irene of Meally, KY; Dean Wells and wife Norma Jean of Michigan; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted 05/28/2019 in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Frankie Fitch and Gary Blair officiating. Burial followed in the Wells Cemetery, Kite Hollow, Meally, KY.

Elmer descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Mary Polly Wells Butcher.

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**MARY FRANCES MOORE WOODS**, age 44, of Hager Hill, KY, passed away 05/29/2019 at Pikeville Medical Center.

Fran was born 12/18/1974 in Floyd County, KY, daughter of the late Franklin and Beulah Wells Keel. She became a firefighter more than 25 years ago at a time



when there were not a lot of women in the field. She was a firefighter and paramedic for Paintsville Fire Department at the time of her death.

Fran is survived by her husband, Michael Woods; one son, Caleb Nathaniel Moore of Hager Hill, KY; and one brother, Jim Nyberg, and wife Lilia of West Van Lear, KY.

A Celebration of Life was held on 05/31/ 2019 in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Rick Ratliff and Malcolm Ratliff officiating. There was no public visitation. Fire crews and other emergency personnel from across Kentucky attended her service.

Although she had not been at the reunion for several years, many of you may remember Fran and her mother, Beulah Mae, working the registration table. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

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**ELIZABETH JANE "BETSY" SPURLOCK LAMBERT**, 85, passed away at her home in Prestonsburg, KY, surrounded by her children and loved ones on Sunday, 06/09/ 2019. She was born on 03/22/1934, the daughter of the late

Burl and Elizabeth "Peggy" Spurlock.

Betsy is survived by her three children; son, Edgar Hetzel Lambert II and wife, Jane, and daughters, Elizabeth Spurlock Lambert and Margaret Lambert Wilson and her husband, Greg; her grandchildren, Sarah Lambert, Elizabeth Wilson and Mitch Wilson; one great granddaughter, Eden Elizabeth Wilson; and three brothers, Burl Wells Spurlock, Daniel Spurlock and John Spurlock. She was further blessed and is survived by her nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Betsy attended the Margaret Hall School and was a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She also attended the University of Kentucky where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was a graduate of Pikeville College. She served for many years as a Senior Vice President and Director of First Commonwealth Bank and First Prestonsburg Bancshares. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

Services in memory of Betsy's life were held on 06/14/2019 at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg with Pastor Jerri Williams officiating.

Serving as Pallbearers were Mitch Wilson, Greg Wilson, Burl Wells (Beau) Spurlock II, Michael Robinson, Kevin Jett, Robert Allen II, Joe Steele and Matthew Razor. Honorary Pallbearers were her brothers, the Prestonsburg Bridge Club and all past Directors and employees of First Commonwealth Bank. Memorial contributions were suggested to the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg.

Betsy descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

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**MICHAEL TODD WELLS**, age 40, of Martin, KY, son of Ramona Gayle Bentley (Dan) Goodman of Martin, KY and the late Michael Keith Wells, died 06/12/2019 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center,

Lexington, KY. He was born 02/22/1979 in Pikeville, KY. Michael was a member of the Isaiah 58 Builders and attended both the Willisburg Church of God of Prophecy and the Willisburg Christian Church.

In addition to his mother and stepfather, Michael is survived by two daughters, Hunter Miann Wells, Indianapolis, IN and Olivia Grace Wells, Martin, KY; brother; Cameron Wells, Prestonsburg, KY

and sister, Kalan Wells Tincher, Lexington, KY; one uncle, Kenneth Ace Wells; his maternal grandparents, Earl and Altonette Bentley, Martin, KY; and his step-mother, Heather Wells Ficklin, Prestonsburg, KY.

Todd was preceded in death by his father, Michael Keith Wells, his paternal grandparents, Bill and Billie Jo Wells, and his aunt, LaDonna Bentley.

Funeral services were conducted 06//17/2019 at Community United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, with Pastor Keith Creech officiating. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY.

Michael Todd descends from Richard Wells through his children, Simon Peter Wells.

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**MISTCHA "MISTY" RAYE WELLS POWERS**, age

62, of East Point passed away on 07/26/2019 at her home. She was born in 1956 to Bill and Patty Evelyn Wells in Johnson County. She was a 1974 graduate of



Johnson Central High School. Misty was saved in the early 70's and was a long time, devoted member of the Paintsville Church of God where she served as treasurer. Misty loved the Lord and she spent her life lovingly serving him and generously helping all she came in contact with.

In addition to her parents, Misty is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Powers; her daughter, Misty Dawn Green; a cousin, Jeffrey Sturgill, and a special aunt, Peggy Sturgill.

She is survived by a brother, Tim (Glenna) Wells of Alabama; son-in-law, Dr. Chris Green, of

Paducah; two grandsons, Conrad Green and Luke Green, both of Paducah; an adopted son, Dwight Stambaugh, of Thelma; long time devoted friend, Ricky Wright; very special cousins, Steve (Debbie) Sturgill, of West Van Lear, Randy (Janie) Sturgill of Rush, Greg (Camille) Sturgill of Wittensville, and Chuck( Kim) Castle of East Point; a loving Momma, Betty Stickler of Drift; special friend, Teresa Blevins; and a host of cousins, close friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held on 07/30/2019 in the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel with Dan Heaberlin and Jimmy Price officiating. Burial followed in the Lakeview Cemetery at Staffordsville.

We do not know if Misty comes down through our Wells' line. If anyone knows, please send us the information

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**GARY STAPLETON**, age 68, of Tutor Key, KY, passed away 07/27/2019 at his home.



He was born 04/15/1951 in Johnson County, son of the late James Earl Stapleton and Irene Salyer Stapleton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda Wells Stapleton, in 2018.

Gary was a Coal Broker and the Vice President of Coal Procurement.

He is survived by one daughter, Jennifer Gail Stapleton of Tutor Key, KY; one sister, Karen Gail Music, and husband, Johnny, of Martha, KY; a special brother-in-law, Charles Wells, and wife, Rita of Peru, IN; two nephews, Steven Music and Ray Wells; and five nieces, Kimberly Simpson,

Tammy Wright, Terry Proffit, Sherry Wells and April Arrowood.

Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Roger Hill officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY.

Gary's wife, Linda, descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

- 1) We need news!!! Our newsletter is published two times a year, usually December and July. For all our relatives scattered here and there, we would like to keep up with you, and we welcome your submission of any family news from your branch of the Wells Family. As always, if any of you have news about your families that you would like to share with your extended Wells Family, please send it to me at the email or mailing address shown above or to Mary Walton at [wmary582@gmail.com](mailto:wmary582@gmail.com).**
- 2) We still have a few of the framed 2015 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group photos to sell. The price is \$70. We will have them at this year's reunion as well as t-shirts and cookbooks.**
- 3) Remember to bring items to the reunion to sell in our auctions.**
- 4) Telephone Numbers for area lodging for those from out-of-town:**

Paintsville - Ramada Inn - 606-789-4242

Days Inn - 606-789-3551

Prestonsburg - Jenny Wiley Lodge –  
606-889-1790

(This is our state park lodge and has beautiful surroundings)



Brookshire Inn - 606-889-0331  
Comfort Suites - 606-886-2555  
Quality Inn - 606-506-5000  
Super 8 - 606-886-3355

miles south of Paintsville on U.S. 23. Louisa,  
KY also has a couple hotels a few miles north of  
Paintsville on U.S. 23.

Should you find all these booked, Pikeville has a  
Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Hilton  
Garden Inn, plus others. Pikeville is about 35

*WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE ON  
SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>*

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*PRAYERS FOR  
GOOD HEALTH AND SAFE TRAVELS  
EVERYONE.*

The following was submitted by Mary Wells Walton who published the Newsletter for many years and has recently been

### **DISEASES THAT RUN IN THE WELLS FAMILY & CONNECTING FAMILIES**

It was brought to my attention that there are so many different kinds of diseases that members of the Wells family have suffered from. It was suggested that we should include them in the newsletter. This is for your benefit, and if you should have any of these diseases and you would like to correspond with some of the members just let us know and we will make every effort to connect you. This may be of help to your doctor when diagnosing your condition. You will be surprised to see all the different diseases that one or more of our relatives have had or does have at this time. If any of you know of other Wells Family diseases that are not listed, we would love to hear from you. I did this listing some years ago, and it has been requested that we do an update since other diseases have hit our loved ones. I am updating this list and hope that it will be of some help to some of you.

**Pituitary problems or Tumors, Heart Condition, strokes, Cancer of all kinds, Diabetes Types 1 and 2, Ulcers, Asthma, Detached Retina, Epilepsy, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Rupture (hernia), Cirrhosis of Liver, High Cholesterol, High Triglycerides, Hypertension, Osteoarthritis, Vertigo, Prostate Problems, Sinus Problems, Dermatitis, Tinnitus (ringing in ears). Paget Disease, Atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), Pulmonary Fibrosis, Chiari Malformation**

**Heart Conditions** - Heart conditions include a wide variety of diseases, disorders and conditions that affect the heart and sometimes the blood vessels. Types of heart conditions include angina, heart attack (myocardial infarction) atherosclerosis, heart failure, cardiovascular disease, and cardiac arrhythmias (abnormal heart rhythms).

**Strokes** –Medical definition for strokes is sudden death of brain cells due to lack of oxygen, caused by blockage of blood flow or rupture of an artery to the brain, sudden loss of speech, weakness, or paralysis of one side of the body.

**Migraines, Cluster headaches (CH)** - a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent severe headaches on one side of the head, typically around the eye. There is often accompanying eye watering, nasal congestion, or swelling around the eye on the affected side. These symptoms typically last 15 minutes to 3 hours.

**Hypertension** - Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, is a long-term medical condition in which the blood pressure in the arteries is persistently elevated. High blood pressure typically does not cause symptoms. Long-term high blood pressure, however, is a major risk factor for coronary artery disease, stroke, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease, vision loss, chronic kidney disease, and dementia.

**Alzheimer's** - Alzheimer's disease (AD), also referred to simply as Alzheimer's, is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that usually starts slowly and worsens over time. It is the cause of 60–70% of cases of dementia. The most common early symptom is difficulty in remembering recent events (short-term memory loss). As the disease advances, symptoms can include problems with language, disorientation (including easily getting lost), mood swings, loss of motivation, not managing self-care, and behavioral issues. As a person's condition declines, they often withdraw from family and society. Gradually, bodily functions are lost, ultimately leading to death. Although the speed of progression can vary, the typical life expectancy following diagnosis is three to nine years.

**CVID**– Common Variable Immunodeficiency (CVID) is an immune disorder characterized by recurrent infections and low antibody levels. It is a disorder that impairs the immune system. People with CVID are highly susceptible to infection from foreign invaders such as bacteria or, more rarely, viruses and often develop recurrent infections, particularly in the lungs, sinuses and ears. There is currently no cure for CVID, but treatment can help alleviate symptoms and prevent infection that are associated with the diseases.

**Behcet's Disease** - also called Behcet's Syndrome – A very rare autoimmune disease that causes blood vessel inflammation throughout your body. This disease originated in the Middle East and is very rare in the USA.

According to the Mayo Clinic can cause serious complications, such as blindness. It can attack any part of the body, and it is possible for some to live a long life under the care of a doctor. There is no cure for Behcet's Disease, but it is possible to live a full life for many years. The terrible disease is in our family and was diagnosed by Cleveland Clinic.

**Hemochromatosis** - A genetic disease marked by excessive absorption and accumulation of Iron in the body.

**Neuropathy** - also called peripheral neuropathy - refers to any condition that affects the normal activity of the nerves of the peripheral nervous system. Causes can be both inherited and acquired. Diabetes is often followed with neuropathy.

**Mitral Valve Prolapses** - A common, occasionally serious condition, in which the flaps of the mitral valve prolapse into the left atrium during systole. In some patients, there are no symptoms but, in some, there may be non-manageable chest pain, palpitations, dyspnea, and fatigue.

**Fibromyalgia** - Chronic pain in the muscles and soft tissues surrounding joints.

**Lupus** - An inflammatory disease caused when the immune system attacks its own tissues. Treatment may help but there are no cures.

**Psoriasis** - A common chronic disease of the skin. It may be in any location but frequently is located on scalp knees, elbows, umbilicus, and genitalia.

**Lichen Planus** - an inflammatory condition that can affect the skin, hair, nails and mucous membranes. On the skin, lichen planus usually appears as purplish, often itchy, flat-topped bumps, developing over several weeks. When lichen planus causes pain, burning, redness, blisters, sores, or ulcers which can appear on the genitals, it can be treated. Some medicine is applied to the sores. Other medicine comes in pill form. Any mouth disease can lead to gum disease.

**Hidradenitis Suppurativa** - A chronic skin condition featuring lumps in places such as the armpits or groin. This condition can't be cured. Chronic, can last for years or be lifelong. The condition features pea-to-marble sized lumps under the skin that can be painful and tend to enlarge and drain pus, usually appears where skin rubs together, such as in the armpit, groin, and buttocks.

**Alopecia** - Sudden hair loss that starts with one or more circular bald patches that may overlap. Treatment helps but can't be cured. It is a common auto immune skin disease causing hair loss on the scalp, face and sometimes on other parts of the body.

**Multiple Sclerosis** - A chronic, often progressive neurological disease, also known as MS, in which the immune system attacks the protective sheath around nerve fibers, causing walking difficulties, muscle weakness and spasticity, and fatigue.

**Parkinson's Diseases** - Parkinson's disease is caused by a loss of nerve cells in substantia nigra of the brain. This leads to a reduction in a chemical called dopamine in the brain. Many different symptoms are associated with Parkinson's disease and the more common symptoms are slowness in movement and muscle stiffness. Currently there is no cure for Parkinson's disease. But treatments are available to help relieve the symptoms and maintain quality of life. These treatments include: supportive therapies – such as physiotherapy - medication - surgery.

**Colon Issues** - Risk factors for cancer of the colon and rectum (colorectal cancer) include colon polyps, long-standing ulcerative colitis, and genetic family history. Most colorectal cancers develop from polyps.



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**Asthma**- a respiratory condition marked by spasms in the bronchi of the lungs, causing difficulty in breathing. It usually results from an allergic reaction or other forms of hypersensitivity

**GERD (Gastroesophageal reflux disease) Heartburn** - also known as acid reflux, can sometimes cause a tightening sensation in the chest... However, it's unlikely that GERD is causing your heart palpitations.”

**Rheumatoid Arthritis**, a chronic progressive disease, causing inflammation in the joints and resulting in painful deformity and immobility, especially in the fingers, wrists, feet, and ankles. Compare with [osteoarthritis](#).

**Osteoarthritis** - degeneration of joint cartilage and the underlying bone, most common from middle age onward. It causes pain and stiffness, especially in the hip, knee, and thumb joints .Compare with [rheumatoid arthritis](#).

**Psoriatic Arthritis** - Definition - Psoriatic arthritis is a form of arthritic joint disease associated with the chronic skin scaling and fingernail changes seen in psoriasis. Physicians recognize a number of different forms of Psoriatic Arthritis. In some patients, the arthritic symptoms will affect the small joints at the ends of the fingers and toes.

**Scleroderma** - Scleroderma (skleer-oh-DUR-muh) is a group of rare diseases that involve the hardening and tightening of the skin and connective tissues — the fibers that provide the framework and support for your body. In some people, scleroderma affects only the skin. But in many people, scleroderma also harms structures beyond the skin — such as blood.

**Hepatitis A, B & C** - There are three types of Hepatitis, but I am going to only give Hepatitis C, since this is the one that members of family have experienced. Hepatitis C: Inflammation of the liver due to the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), which is usually spread via blood transfusion (rare), hemodialysis, and needle sticks. The damage Hepatitis C does to the liver can lead to cirrhosis and its complications as well as cancer.

**Diabetes – TYPE 1 DIABETES OR JUVENILE DIABETES** – This type is a result of an auto immune disease attacking the pancreas resulting in the pancreas being unable to produce insulin and can occur anytime from a child's birth through the teen years. There is no cure for this type, and the person must take insulin injections daily for their lifetime. There is much research being done toward the development of an artificial pancreas and other treatments. **TYPE 2 - Diabetes Mellitus**: More commonly referred to as "diabetes" - a chronic disease associated with abnormally high levels of the sugar glucose in the blood. This type of diabetes develops usually in adulthood and can be controlled by diet and medication. Type 2 diabetes is usually the result of an inadequate production of insulin.

**Celiac Disease** - a disease in which the small intestine is hypersensitive to gluten, leading to difficulty in digesting food.

**Crohn's Disease** - The exact cause is unknown but heredity and malfunctioning immune system play a role. Common symptoms include abdominal pain, diarrhea, malnutrition and fatigue. Anti-inflammatory drugs and immune system suppressors help in long term remission.

**PBC and Ulcerative Colitis** - ulcerative colitis a recurrent acute and chronic disorder characterized by extensive inflammatory ulceration in the colon, chiefly of the mucosa and submucosa. The etiology is unknown; hence, the term idiopathic is used in reference to ulcerative colitis. Inflammation of the colon.

**Acute Myalgia** - Myalgia, or muscle pain, is a symptom of many diseases and disorders. The most common causes are the overuse or over-stretching of a muscle or group of muscles. Myalgia without a traumatic history is often due to viral infections. Longer-term myalgias may be indicative of a metabolic myopathy, some nutritional deficiencies or chronic fatigue syndrome.

**Vasculitis** - refers to a varied group of disorders which all share a common underlying problem of inflammation of a blood vessel or blood vessels. The inflammation may affect any size blood vessel, anywhere in the body.

**Sulfite Allergies** – Sulfite are preservatives used in some drinks, foods and occasionally medication. Sulfites can cause allergy-like reactions (intolerances), most commonly asthma symptoms in those with underlying asthma. You can be allergic to many medications that have sulfites in it as well as sulfa drugs.

**Aspirin Allergies** - (Salicylates) Salicylates A group of anti-inflammatory, mildly ANALGESIC and fever-reducing (antipyretic) drugs that includes aspirin, sodium Salicylates and BENORYLATE (benorilate). Salicylates - A group of drugs that includes aspirin and related compounds.

**Schizophrenia** - a long-term mental disorder of a type involving a breakdown in the relation between thought, emotion, and behavior, leading to faulty perception, inappropriate actions and feelings, withdrawal from reality and personal relationships into fantasy and delusion, and a sense of mental fragmentation.

**Hypothyroidism** - Hypothyroidism is a common condition resulting from decreased production of thyroid hormones from the thyroid gland. The symptoms vary from person to person. Commonly noted symptoms include tiredness, weight gain, puffy face, hoarseness, and increased blood cholesterol levels. Synthetic thyroid hormones are prescribed to treat the condition.

**Graves' Disease** - A swelling of the neck and protrusion of the eyes resulting from an overactive thyroid gland. Also called exophthalmic goiter.