

## OBITUARIES/STATE

**Joe D. Creasman**

Died: Feb. 11, 2018

Joe D. Creasman, 90, of Tusculum, passed away early Sunday morning at Life Care Center of Greeneville.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1945-47.

Joe retired from The Austin Company after 47 years of service.

Survivors include nieces: Nina Fillers, Judy (Howard) Bailey, Joyce Thacker, Sue Hankins, Carolyn McCarter, Linda Reid, Pat (Lyndon) Waddell, and Ravena (Ricky) Whittenburg; nephews: Donnie (Freddie Ann) Bowman and Conrad J. (Doris) Bowman Jr.; several great-nieces and great-nephews; a special great-nephew: Justin Bowman; a special great-niece: Shellie Brown; and special friends and neighbors: Bill and Becky Brown.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years: Rowena Bowman Creasman; two sons: Gary David Creasman and Randy Joe Creasman; his parents: George and Olia Creasman; four sisters: Margaret Hankins, Denora Reid, Helene Bowers and an infant, Gennete; an infant brother; nephews: John W. Hankins, Raymond Fillers and Michael Bowman; and nieces: Sarah Lane, Bobbie Starnes, Callie Broyles, Jo Anne Cutshaw and Norma Leonard.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home with the funeral service following at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Family and friends are asked to meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday at GreeneLawn Memory Gardens for the committal service.

Pallbearers will be Randy Pierce, Shellie Brown, Carolyn McCarter, Shane Brown, Travis Waddell and Justin Bowman.

Honorary pallbearers will be Billy Brown, Arthur Ricker Sr., Lyndon Waddell, Hal Cutshaw, Gerald Leonard, Ricky Whittenburg Sr., Dr. Michael Hartsell and staff and the nurses and staffs of Life Care Center of Greeneville and Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice.

**Norma Patrick**

Died: Feb. 11, 2018

Norma Patrick, 95, of Johnson City, passed away Sunday at The Waters of Johnson City.

Arrangements will be announced by Kiser-Rose Hill Funeral Home.

**Teresa Tarlton**

Died: Feb. 9, 2018

Teresa Tarlton, 53, died Friday at her home in Greeneville.

Arrangements will be announced by Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home.

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**LORI SCALF MORGAN**  
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**JOE D. CREASMAN**

Funeral, 7 p.m. Monday  
Doughty-Stevens Chapel  
Interment, 11 a.m. Tuesday  
GreeneLawn Memory Gardens

**NICHOLAS D. 'Nick' KIDWELL**

Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday  
Doughty-Stevens Chapel  
Interment  
Mountain Valley Cemetery

**DIAN ALDRIDGE STARNES**

Funeral, 2 p.m. Wednesday  
Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Lost Mountain Community  
Interment  
Salem Cemetery

**JIM SWINGLE**

Memorial Service, 2 p.m. Feb. 25  
Doughty-Stevens Chapel

**ALBERTA H. LOVE**

Funeral, 7 p.m. Tuesday  
Kiser-Rose Hill Chapel  
Interment, 10 a.m. Wednesday  
Loves' Memorial Cemetery

**TERESA TARLTON**

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**CARMEN BARNER**

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**NORMA PATRICK**

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**Alberta H. Love**

Died: Feb. 10, 2018

Alberta H. Love, 89, of Greeneville, passed away Saturday at Laughlin Healthcare Center.

She was a member of Love's Memorial United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: William G. and Carolyn Holt; grandchildren: William J. Holt, and Ddee Wells and her husband, Scott; great-grandchildren: Chad, Sarah and Peyton Wells; a great-great grandson: Graison Franklin; a brother: Burlin Holt; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a daughter of the late William A. and Ora Kiker Holt, and was preceded in death by her husband: Walter B. Love; two brothers and sisters-in-law: David Paul (Nellie) Kiker and Winston (Joyce) Holt; and a sister-in-law: Omeda Holt.

The family will receive friends 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Kiser-Rose Hill Funeral Home with the funeral service following at 7 p.m. in the chapel. The Rev. Dan Palmer and the Rev. Sam Smith will officiate.

Interment will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Love's Memorial Cemetery. Family and friends are asked to meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home to go in procession to the cemetery for the committal service.

Her grandchildren and nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences may be sent to the Love family at www.kiserrosehillfuneralhome.com.

**Dian Aldridge Starnes**

Died: Feb. 8, 2018

Dian Aldridge Starnes, 60, of Jonesborough, died Thursday evening at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Survivors include two daughters: Traci Kline and her husband, Andy, of Niceville, Florida, and Heather Starnes, of Erwin; four grandchildren: Avery, Evan and Caleb Kline, and Layna Starnes; one brother and sister-in-law: Norman and Lynn Aldridge, of Church Hill; nieces: Amanda, Melissa, Amy, Madison and Jennifer; nephews: Logan and Jon; and special friends: Larry Starnes and Jerri Gunter, Joe Dugger and the Starnes Family.

She was preceded in death by her father: Jay Aldridge; her mother and step-father: Sylvia and Vernice Coulston; one sister: Teresa Shelton; and two nephews: Brian Tolley and R.J. Starnes.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the Lost Mountain community. The Rev. Billy Moore will officiate.

Interment will follow in Salem Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Roger Starnes, Logan Starnes, Robert Starnes, Matt Starnes, Johnny Starnes and Guy Evans.

Jon Coulston will be an honorary pallbearer.

Memorials may be made to Salem Cemetery, c/o

**Nicholas D. 'Nick' Kidwell**

Died: Feb. 9, 2018

Nicholas D. "Nick" Kidwell, 75, of the Woodlawn community, died Friday evening at Woodland Terrace Healthcare in Chattanooga.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home with the funeral service following at 2 p.m. in the chapel.

Burial will be in Mountain Valley Cemetery.

A complete obituary will be announced later.

**Carmen Barner**

Died: Feb. 9, 2018

Carmen Barner, 47, of Parton Loop, Greeneville, passed away Friday at home.

Arrangements will be announced by Kiser-Rose Hill Funeral Home.

**Lori Scalf Morgan**

Died: Feb. 11, 2018

Lori Scalf Morgan, 54, of Greeneville, passed away Sunday at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Jeffers Funeral & Cremation Service.

## Addiction Recovery Advocate Remembered For Her Work

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An addiction recovery advocate who died in Tennessee is being remembered for her work to help others overcome addiction, including her role in a billboard campaign.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reports that 34-year-old Bethany "Bessy" Morse's funeral was Friday in Tupelo, Mississippi. She died Feb. 2 at her home in Nashville. Friends say she died after experiencing several spells of hypoglycemia, or very low blood sugar.

Morse found recovery four years ago at Nashville's Renewal House. In her advocacy work, she met with Tennessee and Mississippi lawmakers to offer first-hand accounts of the opioid crisis.

She was one of the first to offer her image for a Tennessee Overdose Prevention billboard campaign proclaiming "#WeDoRecover." She became a state-wide Narcan trainer to help spread the medication to prevent drug overdose deaths.

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In this Nov. 20, 2015 picture, a UPS airplane is unloaded at the company's Worldport hub in Louisville, Ky.

## Shipping Shakeup? Amazon May Deliver Its Own Packages

BY DAVID KOENIG AND JOSEPH PISANI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amazon has already shown that it can rattle the retail, grocery and health insurance industries, and now it is doing the same in the delivery business.

The online retailer is reportedly planning a new service to pick up packages from businesses and deliver them to consumers.

The service, called "Shipping With Amazon," is expected to start in Los Angeles in the coming weeks and roll out more broadly as soon as this year, according to The Wall Street Journal, which cited anonymous sources.

Amazon, which has been edging into the delivery business for some time, would not confirm the report — but didn't deny it either.

"We're always innovating and experimenting on behalf of customers and the businesses that sell and grow on Amazon to create faster lower-cost delivery choices," said Amazon spokeswoman Kristen Kish.

Shares of delivery giants UPS and FedEx slipped Friday, but so did Amazon's stock as analysts expressed caution about the difficulty of building a competitive delivery network.

Amazon's interest in the delivery business has been percolating ever since many Amazon packages were delivered late around Christmas in 2013. Amazon has helped fuel the boom in online shopping, but all those millions of packages are straining the networks of UPS and FedEx. Amazon also uses the U.S. Postal Service and smaller delivery companies.

UPS had a rocky holiday season late last year, as it underestimated the crush of online shopping during so-called cyber week right after Thanksgiving. The Atlanta-based company plans to spend a chunk of its tax-cut savings to improve its network.

Meanwhile, Amazon has leased 40 airplanes, begun arranging ocean freight shipments from China to the U.S., and built up a corps of delivery drivers.

Executives at UPS and FedEx have downplayed the Amazon threat before, saying that it would take a massive investment over a long time to build an air and ground network to rival theirs.

There is little doubt, however, that Seattle-based Amazon has the means to build a bigger network. It had \$178 billion in sales and \$3 billion in profit last year and is sitting on more than \$20 billion in cash.

An Amazon entry would "send shivers down the spines of the traditional delivery companies," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

Saunders said the delivery companies are likely to lose business from Amazon — slowly at first, then more quickly as Amazon builds out its own operation. And if Amazon starts delivering to businesses, it may undercut the incumbents on rates, he said.

Analysts estimate that UPS gets up to 6 percent of revenue from Amazon deliveries compared to about 3 percent for FedEx. Several took a wait-and-see approach to the Amazon threat.

Deutsche Bank analysts wrote that "one pilot program, in one city, is being extrapolated as a clear and present risk to a global network" that delivers 33 million packages a day, more than 20 times Amazon's estimated delivery volume. They were "highly skeptical" of much risk to UPS and FedEx.

Citi analyst Christian Weatherbee said Amazon hasn't yet committed significant assets to a new delivery program.

"We don't want to present the case that Amazon will never, or could never, compete directly with FedEx, UPS" and the post office, Weatherbee said, but there is no indication that the company has bought enough trucks and hired enough drivers to take on UPS and FedEx, which would be a "difficult task," he said.

Amazon is likely to remain a major customer for UPS and FedEx for quite some time, complicating their relationship.

UBS Securities analyst Thomas Wadewitz said as "freemium" Amazon expands on their turf, it could make sense for UPS and FedEx to significantly raise prices with Amazon, although there is no evidence to show they'll do that.

Others think Amazon may be trying to talk down delivery rates and get better service. Stifel analyst David Ross said Amazon will grow its logistics business but won't be able — and may not even want — to handle all of its own deliveries.

FedEx spokesman Patrick Fitzgerald said the Journal headline showed a "lack of basic understanding of the full scale of the global transportation industry."

UPS spokesman Steve Gaut said in statement that the company "continues to support Amazon and many other customers," and doesn't comment about their business strategies or decisions on how they use UPS services. UPS declined to make an executive available for an interview.

Amazon's muscle and influence beyond retailing have been very evident lately.

When Amazon, Warren Buffett and the CEO of JP-Morgan Chase announced two weeks ago that they were forming a company to tackle employer health care costs, it triggered a sell-off in the shares of established health insurers.

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