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The East Tennessee Region AACA Club at Riverview Farms for the Re-Acquainted Tour in May





Local and National Events

ETR 2021 Calendar of Events

2021

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July 17: Autos Through the Ages Car Show, Smoky Mountain

Heritage Center, Townsend TN Hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay

August 21: Cars for Canines, Melton Lake Park, Oak Ridge TN

September 18: Tour to Memory Lane, Rogersville TN

Hosted by the Lewallens and the Frazees

October (Date TBD): City Garage Car Museum, Greeneville TN

Hosted by Mason Hewett

November (Date TBD): ETR Business Meeting

December 17: East Tennessee Region Christmas Party

Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

Cruise In: Every Friday night, 5 – 9 PM, through October,

Foothills Mall, Maryville TN

July 16—17 Summer Jam Volkswagen Show Tally Ho Hotel, Townsend TN

August 21: Cars for Canines, Melton Lake Marina, Oak Ridge TN

August 26-28: Great Smoky Mountain Jeep Invasion, Pigeon Forge

September 10-11: Shades of The Past, Pigeon Forge

AACA National Events

July 11-16: Vintage Tour - AACA National - Lock Haven/

Wellsboro, PA

July 22-24: Annual Grand Nationals - Minnesota Region - New Ulm, MN

August 13-14: Western Fall Nationals - Poudre Valley Region - Loveland, CO

September 9-11: Southeastern Fall Nationals - South Carolina Region

Greenville, SC

September 12-17: Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) - VMCCA - Saratoga Springs,

NV

October 6-9: Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA

October 11-16 Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour - Savannah Region - Mt.

Airy, NC



Robert's Ramblings

From President Robert Quilin



Folks, for a moment think back to this time last year. Most of us were wearing masks, avoiding crowds and doing everything possible to avoid COVID-19. Thankfully, everything has changed! Now we are looking forward to seeing our friends, driving our special cars and just being able to do

the many things we like. With these thoughts in mind, I hope everyone will participate in our fun event of the year, our "Third Annual Autos Through the Ages Car Show" on July 17th at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center. By the time you read this, I hope everyone has registered for our car show. I want to thank our sponsors that help make this show possible along with the hard work of many ETR members. Thanks go to Steve West and West Chevrolet, Jerry Hodge and the Twin City Companies, and Blount Partnership. This show is a unique opportunity to "sell our club" to the public and gain additional club membership as well as make new friends.

To date, we have registered several unique automobiles --depending on the weather. These will be some of the featured cars at the Heritage show: 1969 Mercedes Benz 600 class, 1955 Bentley, 1934 Oldsmobile convertible, an all original 1937 Buick, 1954 Corvette, 1962 Corvette, two Mustang Shelby GT 500's, 1954 Buick Skylark, 2020 Mid-engine Corvette, Model A Fire Truck and the possibility of a 1949 Buick Roadmaster (one of 9 in existence). Let us all hope for good weather and a chance to see so many exceptional antique automobiles.

Editors' Corner

From Editor-in-Training Melissa Johnston

I'm not new to antiques or taking pictures but I am to the editing side of the Antiquer, so this issue will be a learning experience for me!

Roger and Jan Frazee are going to let me give it a try so here goes nothing! Boy do I have some big shoes to fill!

Now that we are all getting back out, it has been so great seeing all of our members at shows and events here and there.

Congratulations to Roger and Jan Frazee for bringing back two more distinguished awards from the AACA Annual Convention: (1) Master Editor Award and (2) the Ann S. Eady Service Award. We are certainly extremely fortunate to have Roger and Jan as members of ETR AACA!

A big "Thank you" to ETR Board Matt Sartin for the outstanding show at the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City. Forty-one ETR members attended this event with more than 300 cars in the show.

Now that we are able to get out and drive our special autos, please be thinking about future drives and activities for our group. Our ETR board is always open to new ideas. Our August 21st tour is a benefit for local animal shelters and appropriately titled "Cars and Canines". This event was very popular last year.

Our September activity will take place on the 18th and is a trip to Memory Lane. This site is located in Rogersville. Sponsors for the activity are RG and Sherry Lewallen and Roger and Jan Frazee. Memory Lane is a re-creation of a town from the past. The town has a Ford dealership, jail, post office, general store, diner and many more attractions.

The tour will be one of the most rewarding tours you will make for a long time! Sandra and I took our grandchildren to Memory Lane in 2014 and the four of us still talk about the sites and fun we enjoyed on our trip "down Memory Lane".



Five Bobs at the Lenoir City Show: Bob Bly, Bob Witt, Bob Quillin, Bob Griffitts, and Bob Griffitts Jr.



News From National

Tom Howard, ETR National Affairs Liaison



Summer is here! Thank you! Not because of the heat and humidity.

No, because the hobby we love featuring old vehicles and great friends is back in business and proceeding at full speed, both at the local and national levels. We

are excited that our East Tennessee Region functions this year have been so well attended. We have really enjoyed seeing our friends that we have not seen for so long and also have been able to meet many of our newer members.

As it is with our local group, our national club is also enjoying meets and tours with strong participation by members. We have already had three sell-out tours, a very successful annual awards meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia and over 300 entries at the Eastern Spring Nationals in New York.

As this is being written, several members of the ETR are preparing to travel to Auburn, Indiana for a special event on the 4th of July weekend. AACA has partnered with two other car clubs (Buick and Hudson) to also hold meets on the RM Auction site on Saturday. In addition, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club members will be driving their vehicles to town for viewing. Complete with a Friday evening downtown Auburn cruise-in, vehicle judging, flea market, car corral, Indiana BBQ dinner and even fireworks, this promises to be a great way for the old car enthusiast to celebrate the 4th of July holiday.

Then in September, another nearby national meet will take place in Greenville, South Carolina, where the theme will be honoring our first responders on 9/11 as this will be the 20th anniversary of the event.

And, of course **Hershey** week in October will be a real homecoming for many of us after missing the meet last year. It will also be an opportunity for touring the new AACA Library and Headquarters facility which is now open to members and the public.

Congratulations are certainly in order for our editors of the East Tennessee Region newsletter, the *Antiquer*. At the annual awards meeting in Williamsburg, Roger and Jan Frazee received the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award. This is the highest award that AACA gives editors of region and chapter publications. The award is determined by the national publications committee after reviewing over one hundred newsletters during a one year period and is only presented to one newsletter editor each year. This award is especially important to

me and I am extremely excited that it has come to our region. Our thanks to Roger and Jan for all they have done and will continue to do to help make the East Tennessee Region one of the best in AACA.

Plan to attend a national event sometime if possible. You will make some new friends, see many outstanding vehicles and gain a new perspective on why you belong to the best antique car club available!

Sunshine Report

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



Summer is here blasting away with heat, sunshine and antique car activities! With the ability to get out of the house now that the Covid vaccines have been administered, we are having a lot of fun. However, sadly, we have lost a few of our friends and many others have

experienced health issues.

On behalf of ETR AACA, I have sent a sympathy card to Bob Bly after the loss of wife Ann. Bob has expressed his thanks for the many cards and calls from fellow members. Also on behalf of ETR AACA, I sent a sympathy card to John Walker in the passing of his wife Lois, a long-time ETR member. John expressed his thank you to members for the many cards and prayers on Lois' behalf.

To spread a little cheer, I have sent on behalf of ETR get well wishes to Ann Bly, Lois Walker, and Teresa Mauch. Please let me know of any members who could use a note of cheer! For those members who attended the car cruise-in at the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, a warm thank you for making a special effort to come by to visit with Bob Griffitts. Bob's son, Bob Jr., said that his dad smiled all the way home after attending the Car Show because of how many friends had stopped by to talk with him.

Do not forget to spread a little sunshine to someone every day. It is such a little effort for such a warm, fabulous feeling of joy!





East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021 Via Zoom



By R.G Lewallen, Secretary

OFFICERS:

President: Robert Quillin, Present Vice President: Tim Seay, Present Secretary: RG Lewallen, Present Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, Present Tom Howard, Past President, Present Jan Frazee, Newsletter Editor, Present Roger Frazee, Newsletter Editor, Present

Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator, Present

BOARD:

Ken Lund, Director, Present Len Royston, Director, Present Victor Varady, Director, Present JW Weeks, Director, Present

GUESTS:

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Representative, Present

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Robert Quillin, at 6:37 PM. Roll call was made by RG Lewallen and members were present as listed. Tim Seay and Sandra Quillin will be coming in late due to other commitments.

Robert Quillin thanked everyone for attending the special called meeting on April 27. The minutes of the March 9th meeting and the April 27th meeting were approved.

Vice President's report – Sherry Seay reported for Tim the updates regarding Autos Through the Ages that she was aware of but stated Tim would be on the call later and would give his report.

Treasurer's report – Charlie Simpson gave the Treasurer's report as of April 29, 2021.

Past President's report – Tom Howard stated that the AACA national events are still on the schedule and it looks like things are getting back to normal.

Antiquer report – Roger and Jan Frazee reported that Melissa Johnston has been helping out on the Antiquer publication. Melissa is excited to be helping with the Antiquer and will do the next issue of the Antiquer on her own. The plan is that Melissa will continue to transition to assume the responsibility of the Antiquer beginning in 2022.

Web master report – Roger reported that the web site is up to date with all the events that are currently scheduled. If anyone has an update or scheduled event to add please get the information to Roger and he will post it on the web site.

Event's Coordinator report- Sherry Seay reported that it looks like we are filling up our calendar for this year. The next event

will be the get reacquainted picnic on May 22nd at Lafayette and Janice Williams' Farm.

June 12- Lenoir City Car Show

July 17 - Autos Through The Ages Car Show

August – Cars for Canines on the 21st at Oak Ridge

September – Memory Lane, Rogersville, TN, either the 17th or 24th will work.

October – Greenville, TN tour - the best date will be the 2nd or the 30th because of conflicts with Hershey and the Mecum Auction in Chattanooga. Mason Hewett will be hosting this tour

November – Annual Business Meeting if we can find a location for the meeting.

December – Christmas dinner at Rothchild Catering on the 17^{th} .

Sunshine Report – Sandra Quillin reported that get well cards and sympathy cards were sent out as listed below.

Get Well:

Roger Frazee 3-21-21 Ann Bly 5-2-21, 5-11-21

Sympathy:

Corky Coker Family (death of son Cameron) 3-16-21 Gary Bright (brother) 3-21-21

ETR Dues and Membership – Charlie Simpson reported that we have collected dues from 4 family members since our last scheduled meeting in March.

Application for Membership – We have two more complimentary memberships for National AACA that can be used if we have anyone interested in joining. The applicant must never



AACA Members Gather in Williamsburg for the 2021 Annual Convention

Williamsburg Virginia in June is nothing like Philadelphia in February. And the warm temperatures and sunshine were welcomed by the members of the AACA who attended the first annual convention outside of the City of Brotherly Love.

The Convention dates and venue were changed due to Covid 19 restrictions. The event was held this year at the Doubletree Inn, near Busch Gardens in Williamsburg.

Although there was not the traditional trade show and the number of seminars were reduced, guests enjoyed some unusual and very entertaining programs about automobiles as well as Colonial History.



Storyteller Shelia Arnold Portrays "Ol' Bess" during the First Lady's Breakfast.

One of the highlights of the convention was the First Lady's Breakfast, which featured guest storyteller Sheila Arnold, who assumed the character of Ol' Bess, an enslaved tavern keeper in Colonial Williamsburg, Through her storytelling, "Ol' Bess" painted a picture of what life was like during the Revolutionary War, for both the patriots who frequented the tavern, and the slaves who provided for them. Ol' Bess's stories were at times, hilarious and at times they brought tears to the eyes of the listeners.

On Friday evening, a panel of antique car experts shared their knowledge about the state of the old car hobby today and told stories about their adventures and misadventures along the way. The speakers included West Peterson, Editor of "Antique Automobile," Richard Lentinello, writer for "Crankshaft Magazine," and Tom Cox, automobile appraiser and former AACA national President.

The Saturday General Meeting, conducted by President Jim Elliot, was focused on the progress of the new AACA National

Headquarters in Hershey, PA. The facility, which houses the world's largest Automotive Research Library, will soon be open to the public.



AACA President Jim Elliot conducts business during the AACA General Meeting.

The Convention concluded with the Awards banquet, during which ETR members Jan and Roger Frazee received the Master Editor Award and the Ann S. Eady Service Award. The Frazees are honored to have received the Ann S. Eady Award, which was once presented to ETR member Sis Howard for her work as Editor of the "Peachtree Parade".



Roger and Jan Frazee receive the Ann S. Eady Award from AACA President Jim Elliot.



East Tennessee Region Members Enjoy Annual Car Show at Lenoir City First Baptist Church

Several ETR cars were among the hundreds of antique and classic cars featured at the 17th Annual First Baptist Church Car show in Lenoir City. The ETR June event was hosted by Matt Sartin, who was also instrumental in organizing the car show for the church.



The Family Sowell Bluegrass Band provided entertainment for the hundreds of car show participants.

As always, there was no admission to the show, which drew cars and visitors from all over East Tennessee. The church provided free hotdogs, hamburgers and ice cream for everyone in attendance. The Family Sowell Bluegrass Band entertained the crowd throughout the event. All proceeds came from donations, which will be used to support the church's mission efforts.



Sandra Quillin and Art Fensod were among the ETR participants at the show.

Among the participants from the East Tennessee Region was Bob Griffitts, who traveled from his new home in Birmingham Alabama. Bob, and his son, Bob Jr, drove their 1968 Ford pickup to the event. Bob and Dino Griffitts ordered the truck new in 1968 and had it equipped with a special camper package. Once it arrived, Bob and Dino toured the country in it, camping along the way.



Bob Griffitts (right) and Bob Griffitts Jr. (center) visit with Tom Howard as they relax on the tailgate of their '68 Ford Pickup.

Grateful appreciation goes out to Matt Sartin and the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City for hosting another successful and enjoyable car show.



This 1968 Ford Pickup (Camper Edition) has been in the Griffitts family since it was new.



East Tennessee Region Get Re-Acquainted Tour & Picnic



Dozens of beautiful antique cars gathered at the River View Family Farm for the Get Re-Acquainted Picnic.

After being cooped up in the garage throughout the winter and masked from COVID, we were all ready to get these motors rolling and stretch our legs. The ETR planned for Get Re-Acquainted Tour and Picnic at the RiverView Family Farm, home to members Lafayette and Janice Williams. Beautiful cars, conversation and lunch with great weather made for a great

With over 80 in attendance, the day began with a great cruise led by Tom Howard through the back roads of Knox County to the William's farm where we lined up our antique beauties and headed inside to catch up with one another and enjoy lunch.

Many stories were told over the great food, prepared by M&M barbecue, about what everyone had been working on during confinement to keep themselves busy. For many members, this had been one of the longest times without attending an ETR Event.



A Celebration Picnic After a Year of Confinement!



AACA Members Filled the Room and Caught Up On the Past



Scholarship Winner Colson Lakin with Robert Quillin and **Tom Howard**

The recipient of the East Tennessee Region Automotive Technology Scholarship 2020, Colson Lakin who is attending school at Lincoln College of Technology in Nashville, TN joined us for the luncheon too.

It is so great to see how many different ways we can reach out scholarthrough car shows, ships and each other through the club.



The Open Road Ahead Leads to an Event Filled Season for ETR AACA

Mastering the Art of Mustangs

When we get the cars out of the garage and rolling, we do it big. Several people attended the cruise-in hosted by Art Fensod to the Rustic Rumblers Garage in Maryville on April 18. We had a great turnout for the club picnic held on May 22 at Janice and Lafayette's event center with approximately 87 in attendance and the car show on June 12 at First Baptist Church in Lenoir City was also well attended with 41 members showing up. On June 19, several members drove their cars to the Moonshine Run in Newport which registered a record 546 cars. People are ready to be out and about!

The big event for the club on July 17, is "Autos Through the Ages" show at the Heritage Center in Townsend. We are looking forward to a good turnout and have already received over 60 registrations, including folks from the British Car Club and the Corvair Club. So plan on showing up whether you bring your car or not!!!!

Next month is the Cars for Canines show in Oak Ridge on August 21.

On September 18, R.G. has arranged for the club to go tour Memory Lane in Rogersville. More details forthcoming as the time draws near. In October, Mason Hewitt is planning a tour to Greeneville. Finishing out the year will be our annual business meeting in November and the Christmas party at Rothchild's on December 17th.

In between all these activities, there are numerous events occurring around the area, so keep those wheels turning!!



Herb and Susan Thomas are two of our most recently joined members of the ETR AACA but Herb is not new to working on Fords.



This 1966 is one of three classic Mustangs the Thomases have in their stable.

In fact, Herb worked for a Ford remanufacturing parts distributor for 38 years but Mustangs have been keeping him busy lately. His 1966 Mustang has been all his own work with the help of his brother when doing paint and body work and a friend did the interior. He knows the details especially well of this car, Mustangs are quite a favorite of his including in his collection two 1965 Ford Mustang Fastbacks and a 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible.



New member Herb Thomas does all of his own work on his Ford Mustangs.



Board Minutes Continued

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have been a member of the AACA National to utilize this complimentary membership. We have an application for membership for Herb and Susan Thomas. The motion was made and seconded to approve their application for membership and the motion carried.

Club Liability Insurance – Tom Howard reported that the insurance coverage is in two parts. One is a form that is used for locations where we have an event where we furnish proof of insurance coverage. This protects the owner of the property in the event of damage on their property. The other form is coverage for members and officers of our regional club that would cover us in the event someone would take legal action against us. Both forms can be found on the AACA web site. Neither insurances cover any damage to anyone's vehicle in the event of an accident or damage to anyone's vehicle. The liability insurance for the vehicle owners will cover that type of damage.

The cost of this coverage is paid by the AACA National. Every year the AACA National sends a suggested invoice for this coverage that can be paid if agreed to by the board.

AACA Raffle – Robert Quillin updated the board that he had received 20 raffle tickets for a Jeep Commando that will be raffled off at the Hershey Regional AACA Fall Meet in October. The winning ticket holder does not have to be present to win. Tim Seay suggested we offer the tickets to the club membership first and any tickets that are not sold be offered to anyone at the July Auto Through the Ages Show at Townsend.

Autos Through the Ages – Tim Seay reported that the date of this event will be July 17th at the Heritage Center at Townsend. Logan, with the Heritage Center, has agreed that the funds for this event will be managed by our car club. Both Steve West and Jerry Hodge have agreed to financially support this event with a \$500.00 donation, as well as the Blount County Chamber. With all the funds being given to our club, we will be responsible for reimbursing the Heritage Center for their expenses for this event. Tim asked for a copy of prior flyers that we have used in order to put together a flyer for this year's event. Sandra Quillin has a list, from past years, of volunteers that have either helped or signed up to help in last year's event that was canceled due to Covid.

2023 Divisional Tour – Roger Frazee reported that we have a name for the tour. The name of the tour will be Secret City Tour. The theme will be all things Oak Ridge and surrounding

areas. The first day will be led by Len Royston's team and will include a trip up to Brushy Mountain Prison and then a scenic drive back to Oak Ridge and probably visit a Oak Ridge attraction. The second day will be led by Tim Seay's team and be to Blount County around the foothills of the Smokies. The third day will be with Charlie Simpson's team and focus on Oak Ridge attractions as well as Museum of Appalachia and Norris Dam. Jan Frazee has been negotiating with the motels and has gotten what is felt to be the best possible contract with the three motels. We will only be penalized if we were to cancel this event. Jan Frazee reported that the group room rate for all three motels is going to be \$112 plus state and local taxes. Roger Frazee has asked for approval from the Board to accept the terms of the contractual agreement. This will be forwarded out in an email to the Board for an email vote of approval. This email vote of approval needs to be turned around quickly so we can sign the proposed contract with the motels.

Following the board meeting, an email vote was taken to approve the hotel contracts. The vote passed on May 14.

Foothills Transitional Care and Rehab – For those that can attend, this will be a drive through with our antique automobiles this Friday. We will meet at Victory Baptist church at 2:45 PM and begin driving through at 3 PM.

Possible location of future board meetings — Sandra Quillin reported mileage distances from various points of interest to various board members' homes to look at possible options for our upcoming board meetings. Tim Seay has determined that the Maryville Century 21 office, which has a room that they use for training, would be a place we could meet. It is located at 205 Foothills Mall Drive in Maryville and is very close to the prior meeting location at TN Bank. The motion was made and seconded that we utilize the space at the Century 21 office for our next board meeting. This motion carried.

Board Meeting Schedule: The schedule for our Board meetings for the reminder of 2021 will be the following dates, July 6, September 14 and November 9.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted, R. G. Lewallen, ETR Secretary



Remembering ETR Member Ann Bly

Remembering ETR Member Lois Walker



East Tennessee Region member Ann Bly passed away on June 1st. Ann and her husband, Bob, enjoyed the antique car hobby together and could often be seen in one of their classic red Thunderbirds.

A native of Indiana, Ann devoted her career to nursing. Ann had a continually active professional career as a Registered Nurse. She was the medi-

cal/surgical nursing supervisor at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso, Indiana. After moving to Kokomo, Indiana she started Home Health Care of Howard County which was one of the first Home Care Agencies in the State of Indiana. She was the first President of the Home Health Care Administrators' Association of Indiana.

In 1991, the Blys relocated to Knoxville, TN where she worked in a variety of Health Care Organizations. Ann retired from nursing in 2009.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, George and Elaine Gleason, a sister, Victoria, and her beloved son, Thomas. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert, a practicing attorney in Knoxville, TN and a grandson, Cameron B. Collins, of Plainfield, IN along with his parents Monte and Teresa Collins.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Bly family during this difficult time.

Editors note: Information for this article was taken from Ann's obituary, which was published in the Knoxville News Sentinel.



For Sale: 1949 Buick Straight 8 Stick Shift

The car needs brake work, but runs great and is mostly original. It was previously used on a military base. Asking \$7500.00, negotiable, and will consider a trade for anything a little bit later model, preferably something from the fifties or sixties.

Contact Albert Leitch at 865-216-7291.



By Cindy McFalls, Daughter

Lois Walker was an active member of the East Tennessee Region AACA for many years. She and her husband, John joined the club in 1993, and served as editors of the Smoky Mountain Antiquer from 1999 – 2002.

They enjoyed old cars and could

often be seen in their bright yellow Oldsmobile 442.

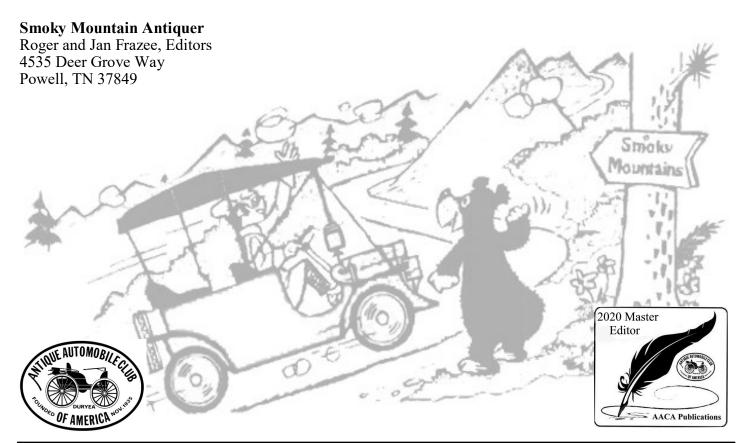
Lois was the second of five in her family of Bladensburg, MD. She was born in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Her favorite things in life were traveling, crafts, and cooking. She was involved with the Campfire Girls and the Girl Scouts, and enjoyed helping young girls with their craft projects. She remained active in Girl Scout activities, even during the three years she spent in Bavaria Germany. She also loved taking care of and running the church nursery.

Lois is survived by her husband, John, three daughters, six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her great grandson, Henry. The family takes comfort knowing that Henry and many of her friends and family members greeted her at heaven's gate; including long-time friends Sue and Blake McCampbell.

Good Night, Sweet Princess Good Night -- John







These two pristine Model A Fords were among the antique and classic cars at the June Lenoir City Baptist Church Car Show.