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◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Tonya Gambrell, Staff Member discussing "New Life". Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ◆ **William "Rusty" Hubert Shultz, Jr.**, 88, of Athens, passed away Sunday, December 10th at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a member of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. He was associated with the Athens City Board of Education in maintenance until his retirement. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 1:00 pm, Saturday, December 16th at Smith Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:00-1:00 pm, Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ **Carol Jean Ferguson**, age 84, of Etowah, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, December 9. Carol, aka "Memaw", was known for her big loving heart, compassionate soul, feisty spirit, and most of all, for being the matriarch of her family. She was a successful business owner, a proud patriot of her country, and a loyal supporter of the Tennessee Volunteers. Memaw enjoyed living on the river and all the peace it brought her, especially when she would get to watch her grandchildren wave at her from their kayaks during the warm season. Her faith was very important to her. She loved witnessing about her Lord and Savior and was always willing to have a biblical discussion. She patiently awaited God's direction in every aspect of her life, and her family always knew they were covered and protected by her prayers. A private graveside service will be conducted by Bordwine Funeral Home at Green Hill Cemetery on Wednesday, December 13. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

- ◆ **Loretta Huston**, age 79, of Englewood, passed away on December 11. She was a member of Wildwood Baptist church in Englewood and a resident of McMinn County for over 36 years. She loved her family and friends, loved her flowers, and had a kind and generous heart. Loretta was loved and cherished by many, and she will be tremendously missed. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM on Friday, December 15 at Wildwood Baptist Church in Englewood. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 PM at the church. Interment will follow directly after the funeral service at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ **James Daniel "Danny" Garren**, age 76, born in Madisonville and longtime resident of Etowah, passed away on Tuesday, December 12. Danny served in the U.S. Army in the 101st Airborne Division and was stationed in Bambi Tuit, Vietnam where he served as a Green Beret. Later in life, he was also a long-haul truck driver and retired as safety director. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 14 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Malone Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ **Sandra Faye Sanders**, age 77, of Athens passed away Wednesday, December 6th. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of Idlewild Baptist Church and was a long-time employee of Sears Roebuck and Co. in Athens. There will be a private family service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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