

Testimonials Are Us

... and a little child led them ...

Isaiah 11:6 (KJV)

6 ... and a little child shall lead them.

Matthew 19:14 (KJV)

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.



Siblings: Billy Guffey, Dwanna J Guffey, and Lois Guffey Newton.

The baby they had named Lois was now seven, she was following people she had watched going to church. The small church was a long walk for a child, past the chicken yard that held possibly a 1000 noisy birds, but all within sight of her watchful mother.

After a short period of the child's weekly sojourns by herself to the community church, her father told her mother, Lena, in so many words, "she's set on going, it's time for us to join her". So the very next Sunday the entire family followed Lois to church. It was a habit her eight siblings and parents would continue. It eventually led her father to a personal revelation that God was calling him.

In 1955, Riley Guffey repaid his promise to God made 20 years earlier, He answered God's call to the ministry. The 48 year old father, earned his GED so he could attend Lindsey Wilson College in

Under the shadow of Koger Mountain, in the midst of Shearer Valley, south of Monticello, KY, a little girl was starting a journey to make a difference. It was the 1940s and she was a tiny seven year old. Her introduction to this world had not come easy. Facing challenges the medical profession was not ready for, her first three months of life had seen her dwindle from five pounds at birth to three.

Her father, Riley Wesley Guffey, did the only thing he knew to do, he went to his knees and he pleaded with God to save his baby daughter. He promised, "God I will do anything you ask me to do, if you will make our baby well."



Back row: Lena Guffey holds son Charles, Lois Guffey Newton, Jimmy Newton holds son Rusty, Riley Guffey, James McCutchen. Front: Helen Willen, Jerry Guffey, Joe Guffey, Billy Guffey, Dwanna Guffey, Keith Guffey.



**James Merritt & Lois Guffey
Newton**

Columbia, KY. As a Methodist minister, Rev. Guffey went to work serving in smaller churches, sometimes two at once, in south central KY. Just short of 90, Guffey retired from the ministry as the visitation pastor for Campbellsville First United Methodist in 1997. In his 40 year career as a Methodist pastor he had served in over 10 churches.

Rev. Guffey's daughter, Lois, had led him back to the church. More importantly, the child helped lead her father to a ministry that would bring others to Christ. In the first 20 years of Rev. Guffey's service from the pulpit, 220 made professions of faith. He baptized 166 of which only six were infants.

Rev Guffey was almost 100 when he went to heaven. He left his daughter Lois with rich memories that help her celebrate her father's life every day. Centenary is blessed that Lois calls the church on Fifth & Washington her home church. She finds many ways to serve Centenary and to honor the memory of her late husband, Jimmy, who brought her to Centenary.



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