

Two Funerals Planned

Dear Associates:

Two Life Care leaders have been affected by deaths of parents over the Christmas holidays, and funeral arrangements have been made. Leanna J. McElwee, 61, the mother of Cathy Murray, chief operating officer, died on Wednesday, December 22, and Luther Earl Wilkinson Sr., 83, the father of Susie Hutchings, senior vice president for clinical services, died on Friday, December 24. Here is funeral information about each:

LEANNA J. McELWEE

A resident of Braymer, Missouri, Mrs. McElwee was the daughter of Thomas and Martha A. (Fisher) Jefferson. She was the assistant administrator of Golden Age Nursing Home in Braymer. She is survived by her husband, Charles McElwee, of Braymer; a daughter, Cathy Murray, and her husband, David Murray, of Cleveland, Tennessee; a son, Chad E. McElwee, of Columbia, Missouri; a brother, Thomas S. Jefferson of Aurora, Colorado; a sister, Jeanie Baker of Blacksburg, Virginia; two grandchildren; and her parents, Thomas and Martha Jefferson of Braymer.

Visitation with the family was Sunday, December 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pitts Funeral Home in Braymer. The funeral service will be today Monday, December 27, at 1:30 p.m. at Braymer Baptist Church, where Mrs. McElwee was a member. She was also a member of the Acacia Chapter No. 42 of the Order of Eastern Star. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Golden Age Nursing Home in Braymer.

LUTHER EARL WILKINSON SR.

A resident of Bluff City, Tennessee, Mr. Wilkinson was a native of Pentacre, West Virginia, the son of the late Robert Lee and America Elizabeth Jarrett Wilkinson. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years, and was a member of the Church of God in Cedar Grove, West Virginia. He was retired from the Sullivan County school system, having taught for 22 years. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Thelma Ethel Walls Wilkinson; five children: Luther Earl Wilkinson Jr. and his wife, Linda Wilkinson, of Glasgow, West Virginia, Brenda Susie Hutchings and her husband, Geoff Hutchings, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, David Wilkinson and his wife, Pansy Wilkinson, of Piney Flats, Tennessee, Joe Wilkinson and his wife, Debbie Wilkinson, of Bluff City, and Gary Wilkinson and his wife, Debbie Wilkinson, of Bristol, Tennessee; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends today from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Monday, December 27, at Oakley-Cook Funeral Home in Bristol, Tennessee, with the funeral service to follow at 8 p.m. The committal service and burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, at Sunrise Cemetery.

Please remember Cathy and Susie and their families in your prayers.

--Beecher Hunter