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Letters to the editor

Kudos to Thomson-Hood

To the editor,

My father was buried a week ago Monday. He died from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was a resident of Thomson-Hood Veterans Center for 19 months. Prior to admission to Thomson-Hood, he had been in two other facilities. He was asked to leave the first facility due to his roaming and his bothering other residents. He was reasonably attended at the second place but at an exorbitant cost. On our initial visit to Wilmore, we were exceedingly impressed. My brother-in-law even wondered out loud if he might become a resident. The day Dad was accepted was a red letter day for us, knowing he would be in a beautiful facility, safe, secure, clean and dry. What we didn't know then but learned was that he would also be genuinely cared about. The personnel of the three units in which Dad resided exhibited gentleness, kindness and compassion toward my father, and other residents for that matter, well beyond my expectations. These same qualities were extended to my mother, my sister and to me as we kept vigil in his final days. We will be forever grateful to the staff, administration, Hospice and to Dr. Joy Scott. Our fighting men and women are this country's heroes, the best of the best. They deserve care that is the best of the best. At Thomson-Hood, in my mother's, my sister's, and my opinion, that is what they get.

Bonnie McDade and Cheryl Mouser, Hodgenville

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Fred Benjamin Burress

Fred Benjamin Burress, 88, a Navy veteran, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Thomas-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Irene Burress; two daughters, Bonnie (Richard) McDade and Cheryl Mouser; three grandchildren, Matthew (Melissa) Blakey, Clay Mouser and Hank Mouser; three great-grandchildren, Davis, Parker and Mac; one brother, Woodrow (Elizabeth) Burress; one sister, Mina Scott and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends to mourn his passing.

The funeral is at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Billy Howell Funeral Chapel in Hodgenville with Brother Andrew Singh officiating. Burial will follow in Highview United Methodist Church Cemetery in Raywick.

Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.