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Bobby Charles and Magdalene Moore Nunley and Family

I, Bobby Charles Nunley, was born in Grundy County, TN, February 17, 1936, as the fourth child and third son to Lish Nunley (10/12/1907 – 01/15/1985), and Mildred Kilgore Nunley, (11/22/1912 – 10/12/1979). My older sister and brothers were Margaret Nunley Sanders, LJ Nunley, and Wilson Nunley. Glenna Fae Nunley Brownfield and Henrietta Nunley Moses became my younger sisters. Three of my five brothers and sisters are still with me today.

I lived a simple life in Burrows' Cove, Grundy County, attending school at the Elk Head School, helping out with family chores, playing with my cousins that lived in the cove, and when I was older, working at local farms and coal mines. In February, 1953, just after turning 17 years old, I set out to find more reliable work. I headed to Nashville and boarded a Greyhound bus bound for Cleveland, Ohio, where my mother and father had moved two years earlier. Cleveland became my home for next 50 years.

After finding work with two different manufacturing companies, I took a job in the heat treat group at Park Drop Forge in September, 1955. Shortly after starting in heat treat, I attended welding school in the evenings at Lincoln Electric. When I completed the program, I moved into the maintenance department and continued on into the die room at Park Drop Forge. I worked for Park Drop Forge until I retired in March, 1996.

I lived in the city of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, from 1953 to 1971. During that time I met and married Magdalene Moore from Fannin County, GA. We married on July 26, 1958, and had two daughters, Glenda Nunley Trimbach, Sept. 15, 1959, and Victoria Nunley Yenchus, June 10, 1961. In 1971, we moved out of the city of Cleveland to a nearby suburb, Wickliffe, Lake County. From 1987 – 1988, I spent a year building the home I currently live in at 553 Ezmor Lane, Wickliffe.

Magdalene graduated from Fannin County High School, Morganton, GA. She traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, in April 1953, for the same reason I did, to find work. Her first job was with the National Acme Company as a clerk and she attended East Cleveland Business School in the evenings.

Glenda lives in Dayton, Ohio, with her two daughters, Mackenzie Lynn Trimbach, March 31, 1985, and Erica Marie Trimbach, Oct. 4, 1987. Glenda works in marketing and advertising, and is very involved in local community service organizations. Vickie (Victoria) lives near us in Wickliffe with her husband, James Yenchus, Aug. 9, 1963, and two children, Deidra Nicole DeBoin, June 9, 1980, and Alexander James, June 7, 1993. Vickie works for Sky Bank and Jim works for the US Postal Service.

I've spent the last seven years refurbishing my home place back in Burrows' Cove. It was originally owned by my maternal grandparents, Marion and Josie Kilgore and where my parents made their home and raised their family before moving to Cleveland and where they returned after retiring. I now spend the fall and winter months in my home in Wickliffe and the spring and summer seasons back home in Burrows' Cove.

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Bobby and Magdalene Nunley, 1990

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