

and his love of student athletes is something he'll always be remembered for. Though he held many titles in his career, the one title most common among those that knew Smith was that of a friend and teacher.

Former South Laurel basketball coach Steve Wright, who coached under Smith in baseball as an assistant and basketball when Smith was the AD, said Smith's experiences and heartfelt dedication is what sticks out to him more than anything.

"He's the most fierce competitor I have ever been around," Wright said. "When you were around him, he just taught you the value of winning and doing well."

"The thing I learned from him most was that the kids always came first," Wright added. "No matter what he did, he always wanted what was best for the students no matter what the situation was."

Wright said one of his fondest memories with Smith was after South Laurel won the state championship in 2005, when they shared a special moment after the game.

"He wasn't a real emotional guy, but after that game he came over and gave me a big hug," Wright said. "It was a moment as a coach, it was a moment as an AD and it was a moment as a father and I'll always remember that."

"We were able to share a dream that we both had," he added. "It really was like a mountain top for both of us, and I look back on that because it was a moment that I think he really enjoyed and could say 'my school just won the state championship.'"

As a basketball player in his younger days, Smith became the only player to lead two different teams to the Sweet 16 in consecutive years after he first led Hazel Green in 1970, and Laurel County after consolidation in 1971, when he was also named a High School All-American and played for the Kentucky All-Stars.

Smith's coaching career spanned 26 years, with a career total of 662 wins, 15 district titles and six region championships as head coach. Smith's teams never had a losing season during Smith's tenure and won 30 games six times.

Current Corbin baseball coach Rob Ledington, who played for Smith in high school and got his first coaching job under him, said his relationship with Smith was often misconstrued, yet grew in Smith's later days.

"Our relationship was a lot stronger than a lot of people realized," said Ledington. "I got my start in baseball with him as a player and I got my first coaching job under him."

"A lot of the stuff that I do as a coach, as a teacher, and as a father, I learned from him," he added. "Outside of my immediate family, he was the most influential person in my life. We've had disagreements, but that's just part of being a family. It's a sad day for baseball and it's just as sad a day for me personally."

As a result of Smith's high-school basketball accolades, he was a member of Adolph Rupp's famed Super Kitten recruiting class. While he was at UK, Smith was a part of history twice as he played in the final games of John Wooden of UCLA (the 1975 NCAA Championship game) and Rupp. Smith said on several occasions that his favorite UK memory was when the Wildcats knocked off top-ranked Indiana, 92-90, to end the Hoosiers' 34-game winning streak in the Mideast Regional final game in Dayton, Ohio.

Arrangements will be handled by House-Rowlings Funeral Home in London.

The family will hold a visitation after 6 p.m. Monday night and the funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m.

TRIBUTE TO ERNESTINE CORNETT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I stand before you today to pay tribute

to a woman who has spent a significant amount of her life working to inform and entertain local communities in eastern Kentucky through the television station WYMT. After 20-plus years and a plethora of job titles within the company, Ms. Ernestine Cornett retired from her position as general manager in May of 2012 with as much passion and joy in her heart as when she first began.

In the mid-1980s, Ernestine, her husband, and their daughter relocated from the city of Lexington to Perry County. It was here that the admirable works produced by Cornett began. Responding to an ad in the newspaper began the journey of this extensive television-business career. I have great respect for Ernestine as she started at the bottom, worked hard, and eventually progressed to the top of the hierarchical ladder.

Ambitiously, she pressed through to accomplish great things, not only for eastern Kentucky but also for the television company in which she was employed. Working for WYMT television station, Ernestine knew that her friends and family would be adequately updated with weather and news announcements, as well as sports and other forms of entertainment. The television station matured and displayed ample signs of success while Ernestine was aboard with the company.

Her motivation in life was to make sure that eastern Kentucky was knowledgeable and well-informed. Finally, after 27 years of working, Ernestine Cornett retired in order to enjoy time with family and the next phase of her life. Ernestine trusts that WYMT will continue to prosper and the team members will carry on with her same passion.

The Hazard Herald recently published an article about the accomplishments of Ms. Ernestine Cornett, and I would ask unanimous consent that said article be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Hazard Herald, May 30, 2012]

Ronald Reagan was president, very few people had ever heard of high-definition television, and a small CBS affiliate with the call letters WYMT was about to revolutionize the way eastern Kentuckians got their news each day.

It was 1985, just two years after Ernestine Cornett and husband Keith had returned to their native Perry County with their four-year-old daughter Ashley in tow. Keith had just sold his accounting and income tax business in Lexington.

They were, as Ernestine put it, "starting over in familiar surroundings."

A graduate of Hazard High School, and then Morehead State University, Ernestine Cornett had been substituting in the city and county school districts when she ran across an ad in the Hazard Herald for a position at this new television station. She answered the ad, interviewed with a Lexington broadcaster by the name of Ralph Gabbard, and got the job in the avails coordinator position, a job which she described as con-

sisting of inputting advertiser information and ensuring that the ad would have time on the air.

"Frankly, at the time, I had no idea what I was suited for in the television business," Cornett said. "Certainly I had no experience, but evidently Mr. Gabbard knew."

Mr. Gabbard must have known, because in a couple of years she took the position of sales assistant and then office manager. And then, in 1990, when station manager Wayne Martin was promoted to the WKYT station in Lexington, Cornett also received a promotion and began what would be a career heading WYMT that would last more than 20 years. That career will come to an end with Cornett's retirement later this month, but it was Martin whom she credited with her long tenure at WYMT, and with her landing the job in the first place.

"Certainly Wayne Martin was a big part of my success at WYMT, as he recommended me for his replacement, and although I was intimidated at the prospect, I knew it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Cornett said.

Martin returned to Hazard on Tuesday of this week, as he attended a special lunch to honor Cornett's career and noted that her leadership has been a cornerstone at WYMT now for 22 years.

"Her leadership has been one which I know I've tried to emulate because of her integrity, and sense of fair play, and her absolute passion for eastern Kentucky," Martin said.

WYMT was purchased by Gray Television in 1994, an Atlanta-based media company that owns several other stations, including WKYT in Lexington and WVLT in Knoxville. When Gray took over WYMT, Cornett's title changed to vice-president and general manager.

In the years that Cornett has headed WYMT, the station has shown growth and success, and has also maintained its relevancy as eastern Kentucky's only localized television broadcast. There are no other television stations that cater solely to the eastern Kentucky market. The station has been able to do that, Cornett explained, because the station serves the community, both as a local advertising source and a news outlet that offers hard news updates and features, as well as weather, sports, and entertainment options for the residents of eastern Kentucky. That was something that had never been done on television prior to WYMT's creation.

And as a native and resident of eastern Kentucky, as well as the leader of a media outlet, Cornett knows well the importance that a news organization can represent, and the service it can provide.

"As a local, I was a manager fully invested in the success of this station because I can remember what it was like before WYMT came along," she said. "I would not want to return to those times. Now, I will be fully invested in the station in new ways, as a viewer, as a consumer."

But there have been a lot of changes and challenges along the way that Cornett oversaw during her career. Gone are the analog broadcasts, and WYMT's newscasts are not solely offered on television anymore.

"Our news can be watched on the World Wide Web and on mobile devices," she noted. "And, although it took us years to get a satellite truck, there are now small portable devices that can transmit news packages through phone and data lines. Technology in this business is always moving forward. Our challenge is to keep up."

Cornett will spend her last day at the station in Hazard on Friday, and of course, after a long career there are going to be some things she will miss, from the people she meets every day in the station's hallways to

the excitement of being inside the news machine as it does its work. But at the same time, she knows that WYMT won't miss a beat with the management team in place, and she's certainly happy about that.

"We have a great cohesive crew here and a great management team in Neil Middleton, Jim Boggs, Louise Sizemore, and Philip Hayes," she noted. "I am leaving the station in very capable hands, thus I have am leaving with a wonderful sense of pride and peace."

Cornett said she doesn't have any specific plans after her retirement is final, and after attending school or working for the majority of her life, she is ready for what she called "unstructured days."

"I have no immediate plans except to enjoy my family, get up every day and do what pleases me," she said, and from all accounts that is something she has certainly earned.

"She's a very compassionate person, and she realizes the needs, day to day, of the people that work here," noted Phil Hayes, chief engineer at WYMT. "She didn't micromanage anyone, but she was able to comprehend and anticipate what it took to make this station operate as efficiently as it has, and she's just a great person to work with."

"You couldn't have a better boss than Ernestine Cornett," added Neil Middleton, WYMT's news director. "I think the way we look at Ernestine is, she was our boss, but more importantly she is our friend, and she is family."

REMEMBERING MARTIN DOCK SCOTT, JR.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an honored Kentuckian and a man of great accomplishment who proudly served our country. Mr. Martin Dock Scott, Jr. of Bowling Green, KY, passed away Wednesday, September 5, 2012, due to cancer. He was 65 years old.

I have great appreciation for Mr. Scott, as he lived such a remarkable life. After graduation from Menifee County High School, Mr. Scott served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1970. He served with B Company, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade. Thus far is evidence enough that Mr. Scott lived a worthy life, yet he continued onward, and so the list of his service and accomplishment also continues.

While in the military, Mr. Scott served in Chu Lai, Vietnam, and operated out of LZ Stinson and other landing zones. Needless to say, Mr. Scott put his life on the line for this country. In July 1970, Mr. Scott was honorably discharged.

Among his many military decorations, he earned two Bronze Stars. The first, with "V" Device, was awarded to Mr. Scott in February 1970 for expressing heroism under combined ground and mortar attack while his platoon was providing security for Dai Loc hamlet. The second medal was received in April 1970 for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against a hostile force."

Mr. Scott graduated from Eastern Kentucky University, married ViAnn Ford in November 1969, and started a family. I want to convey my deepest

condolences to the many family members and friends who knew and were loved by Martin Dock Scott, Jr.

I would ask my U.S. Senate colleagues to join me in commemorating his commitment to service and in extending sympathies to the Scott family. The Commonwealth of Kentucky will be proud to remember the life and deeds of Mr. Martin Dock Scott, Jr.

Mr. President, an obituary for Mr. Scott as provided by the family recently appeared in local newspapers. I ask unanimous consent that said obituary be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

BOWLING GREEN, KY.—Martin Dock Scott, Jr., 65, answered his Lord's call on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, surrounded by family at his residence following a brave battle with cancer.

Martin was born January 10, 1947, in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from Menifee County (KY) High School in 1965 after which he served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea and in Viet Nam 1966 to 1970, receiving two Bronze Stars during action in Viet Nam. He served on the Bowling Green Police Department as patrolman and later as detective from November 11, 1970 until his retirement on April 30, 1989, when he then became a Commonwealth's Detective for the Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Martin served 23 years under Commonwealth's Attorneys Morris Lowe, Steve Wilson, Michael Pearson, and Chris Cohron.

Martin was an active member of the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police for 39 years, serving as President of Bowling Green Lodge #13 for 12 years and as President of the Kentucky State Lodge for 18 years. He was a 14-year member of American Legion Post #23, a life member of KY VFW 5712 and a Master Mason of Lodge #73 of the Grand Lodge of KY, F. & A.M., and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

He lived a life of service, and most important to Martin was his service to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through membership, personal testimony and ministry at Plum Springs Baptist Church.

Martin is preceded in death by his parents, Martin D. and Alpha Vittoe Scott, and by his infant son, William John Scott. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 43 years, ViAnn, and their family: son Martin "Dock" Scott, III and daughter-in-law Stephanie of Bowling Green; daughter Alpha "Amber" Scott Ford and son-in-law Eric of Smiths Grove; and daughter Autumn Annette Scott of Bowling Green; grandchildren Erica, Brooke, Melanie, Cody, Chase, Cole, Zach, Taylor, Lauren, and Reed; great-grandchildren Kaden, Callie, Ean, and Isaac; brothers George Scott of Bowling Green and sister-in-law MaryAnn and Tim Scott of Middletown, Ohio, and sister-in-law Susie; sister Kathy Harris and brother-in-law Arthur; sister Karen Tehrani all of Bowling Green and sister Sue Brashear and brother-in-law Stan of Trenton, Ohio; sister-in-law Janet Bradfield of Leonardville, Kansas, and Nicki Ford of Overland Park, Kansas; as well as beloved aunts and uncles as close to him as brothers and sister, many nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Visitation is Sunday, September 9, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at J.C. Kirby & Son Lovers Lane Chapel and on Monday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Living Hope Baptist Church. Funeral is 1:00 p.m. at the church with burial at Fairview Cemetery #2.

TRIBUTE TO MONTFORD POINT MARINES

Mr. DURBIN. On June 27, 2012, Congress presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the first African Americans to serve in the United States Marine Corps, the Montford Point Marines. More recently, the personal story of three of those marines from southern Illinois was brought to my attention.

Most people have heard of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Buffalo Soldiers, but until recently, the Montford Point Marines were largely unknown to the general public. During the 1940s, segregation and discrimination were pervasive in this country. Unfortunately, the Marine Corps was no exception.

To counteract the injustice, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive order that prohibited racial discrimination in the national defense industry, including Federal agencies. This order forever changed the Marine Corps from an all-white fighting force to one comprised of those willing to serve.

Camp Montford Point, NC, is the site where the first African Americans who joined the Marine Corps were trained. Nearly 20,000 African Americans trained there, many of whom served honorably in World War II. The marines established Camp Montford Point adjacent to Camp Lejeune and those who trained there were known as the Montford Point Marines.

One man who answered the call to serve was Carbondale, IL, resident Archibald Mosley. In 1942, Mosley said that he was a "girl-crazy" typical teenager ready to graduate from high school in Jackson County, IL. An exceptional student, Mosley was asked by the principal, along with a handful of other students, to serve in the marines.

Mosley enlisted with two of his friends, Saul Griffin, Jr. and James France. Mosley, because his records indicated that he had some college, was chosen to lead the others. They were sent to train at Camp Montford Point.

The conditions for the recruits at Montford Point were miserable. The white men who trained at Camp Lejeune lived in barracks. The African-American men were housed in huts made of beaverboard—similar to thick cardboard. The huts had little, if any, heat in the winter and no relief from the sweltering temperatures in the summer. Nor did they have access to the same equipment. The African Americans didn't know how bad it was—they weren't allowed into the same areas as their White colleagues.

Amazingly, despite their willingness to die for their country, the Montford Point Marines still faced incredible injustices after the deplorable conditions during training. One situation that has continually bothered Mosley was when German prisoners of war were allowed to eat before the African-American Marines. He couldn't understand why the enemy would be able to eat before one of their marine brothers—it appeared that loyalty didn't extend beyond race.