

# Crittenden Press Obituaries 2024

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## Drake

Danny Drake, 62, of Marion, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2024.

Surviving are two sisters, Melissa Drake and Debbie (Larry) Carter, both of Marion; a niece-in-law, Elizabeth Floyd of Marion; two nephews, Brett Carter of Marion and Mason (Tiffany) Carter of Florida; a great-nephew, Blake Floyd of Marion; and great-niece, Hazel Carter of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cletus and Anna Drake; and a nephew, Stephen Floyd.

Graveside services were Friday, Dec. 13 at Mapleview Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Faith

Janice Faith, 79, of Marion, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness faith.

Surviving are four children, Richard Faith, Jason Faith, Leann Faith Colapietro and Matt Faith; and four grandchildren, Trevor Faith, Logan Colapietro, Landen Colapietro and Nathan Faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Lenoard Faith; her parents, Robert and Pauline Easley; and a sister, Judy Watson.

Graveside services were Friday, Dec. 13 at Mapleview Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Belt

Jerry Carl Belt, 77, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah. He was a member and deacon at Freedom General Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mollie Kay Belt of Marion; three children, Stephanie

(Michael) Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, Melissa (Jed) Corrie of Henderson and Billy Moore of Marion; two grandchildren, Rachel Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio and Braxton Burris of Henderson; two brothers, Paul Belt of Marion and Doyle Belt of Lexington; and a sister, Vera Frazer of Lexington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Ray and Hazel Mardell Belt; two brothers, Ray Eugene Belt and Dennis Belt; and a sister, Sue Franklin.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Sugar Grove Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Sugar Grove Cemetery, 10880 SR 120, Providence, KY 42450.

#### Dalton

Mona Fay Dalton, 72, of Marion, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 at Salem Springlake Care Center. She worked various jobs including at Carhartt for 30 years and retired from Siemens Mobility. She enjoyed playing softball, fishing and serving her community helping at the Tolu Community Center. Surviving are her husband, Ted Dalton of Marion; three children, Misty Hicks, Jimbo Dalton and Jay Dalton, all of Marion; two brothers, Jeff (Marceia) Ellis and Randy (Georganna) Ellis; a sister, Linda (Eddie) Tinsley; a sister-in-law, Pat Ellis; six grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Keaton) Bridges, Ashlyn Hicks, Kyler Dalton, Chelsea (Jase) Manus, Savannah Dalton and Kathryn Dalton; four great-grandchildren, Klaus Manus, Greyson Manus, Skelyn Manus and Asher Dalton; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Mildred June Ellis, Jr.; and a brother, Danny Ellis.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tolu Community Center, c/o Larry Tinsley, 100 Todd Alley, Marion, KY 42064.

#### Moore

Jackie Dean Moore, 67, of Marion, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed in the mail department of the West KY Correctional Center. He lived life to the fullest and was blessed with many friends and always showed a deep love for his family. His spare time was filled with hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy Travis Moore of Marion; a goddaughter,

Mason Towery; two sisters, Jennifer (Gary) Doom of Smithland and Debbie (Dave) Padgett of Marion; an aunt, Karen Ordway; an uncle, Noble Travis; a nephew, Brian (Jennifer) Doom; a stepson, Justin Beard; four grandchildren, Quentin, Greyson, Spencer, Rose Beard; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James "Red" and Shirley Travis Moore; his stepmother, Polly Moore; and a sister, Gail Moore.

Services were Monday, Dec. 9 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Hurricane Cemetery.

Charitable donations in Moore's memory may be made to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter and the Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter.

### McKinney

Judy Marie McKinney, 81, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 at her home.

The Hobart, Ind., native was an entrepreneur and small business owner.

Surviving are a son, Chris (Faith Ann) McKinney; a sister, Diane Seamans; four grandchildren, Dustin McKinney (Kinsee Watkins), Sierra Subartowicz, Shanelle McKinney and Kristina McKinney; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry McKinney; her parents, Harold and Freeda David Sinks; a brother; two daughters, Dawn Bernsten and Lisa Subartowicz; and a grandson, Robert McKinney.

A memorial service is planned at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Kirk

Kathy Sue Kirk, 66, of Marion, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024 at her home.

Surviving are three sons, James Lewis, Rian Lewis and Billy Kirk; a sister, Judy Calvert; a brother, Ricky Warner; and special friend Tim Pimental.

She was preceded in death by her parents, L.C. and Mary McFall Keller.

There are no services planned at this time. Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Cozart

Spencer Lavell Cozart, 62, of Paducah died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

He was a member of Ninth Street Church of Christ and was previously employed with the city of Paducah as a sanitation worker.

Surviving are his spouse, Alicia Cozart; four daughters, Jasmine McMackin-Hatcher, Amber Neal, Sydney Cozart, Lechina; four grandchildren; five siblings, Jacqueline Cozart, Stephon Cozart, David Cozart, Angela Cozart and Auriana Tuttle; a step-son, Timothy Neal; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sammy Lee Cozart and Eva Mary Louise Donald Hill; his stepfather, Charles Hill; a brother and a sister. Services are Saturday, Dec. 7 at Christ Temple Apostolic Church with Rev. Anthony Walton and Rev. David Cozart officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Family and friends may visit Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral hour.

Pettus Rowland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Jackson

Lucille Emmaline Jackson, 79, of Burna, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She attended Hampton United Methodist Church. She was a certified nursing assistant at several healthcare facilities over the years.

Surviving are four children, Steve Allen (Kimberly) Burchard of Burna, Dwayne Clifford Burchard of Salem, Lisa Marie (Billy) Arflack of Marion and Malana Sue (Brian) Burchard-Dukes of Carrsville; 10 grandchildren, Heather Banning, Dallas Burchard; Emma Burchard, Amber Lockhart, Mitchell Pool, Marietta Burchard, Ashley Nicole Burchard, Amber Necole Nolan, Allison Paige Arflack and Payton Dukes; a sister, Mary Evelyn Jackson of Hampton; 11 great-grandchildren; two nieces, Phyllis Ann Curry Schellenberger and Jonna Jackson; and two nephews, David Lynn (Evelyn) Curry and Bobby Neil Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Barry Allen Burchard; two brothers, Neil Jackson and Walter Carl Jackson; and her parents, George Walter "Stoney" Jackson and Eliza Lucille Barnes Jackson.

Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors.

#### Cunningham

Sherron G. Cunningham, 70 of Symsonia, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 at Passion & Purpose Homecare in Murray.

She was born in Paducah on May 21, 1954 to the late Billy and Sue Gatlin. She graduated from Reidland High School in 1972 and Murray State

University in 1979, where she earned her master's in education and guidance counseling. She taught school in Crittenden County and retired as a guidance counselor from Reidland High School. She was a member of Symsonia Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Cari (Tommy) Thompson of Benton; a brother, Joe (Suzie) Gatlin of Bailey, Colo.; two grandchildren, Kayla Wood of Symsonia and Tori (Audie) Cherry of the Philippines; and two great-grandchildren, Silas and Noah Lynn Cherry.

She was preceded in death by her husband and soulmate of 37 years, Ronnie Cunningham; two brothers, Tommy Gatlin and Terry Gatlin; a sister, Donna Smith; and her parents.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 30 at Collier Funeral Home with her nephew, Jerry Walker and Keith Osborne officiating. Burial was in Oak Level Cemetery in Benton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hearts 4 Babies, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, 3601 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah, KY 42003.

#### Engler

Vanda C. Engler, 85, of Burna, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 at her home. She loved her family and her dog Lucy. She enjoyed birds, cooking, Hallmark movies and chocolate. She worked at Siemens for over 30 years and she attended Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a son, James (Robin) Dickerson of Grand Rivers; five step-children, Johnnie (Susie) Engler, Sue (Vernon) Ellis, Peggy (Lanny) Woods, Nancy Tynes and Alberta Wright; a sister, Mary Lou Girandot; three grandchildren, Whitney (Brian) Slayden, Jourdan Dickerson, Dakota (Becky) Dickerson; and a great-grandchild; River Slayden.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Wolfington, Doris Moffitt and Opal Lee; two brothers, Don Binkley and Jr. Binkley; her first husband, Henry Richard Dickerson, Jr.; her second husband, Johnnie Engler; and her parents, James Corbett and Sally Binkley.

Service were Monday, Dec. 2 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Service. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

#### Doublin

The lovely Amanda Rose Easley Doublin, 64, of West Paducah, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah. She was a member of Salt and Light Community Church and Milburn Chapel Cumberland

Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Doublin of West Paducah; two daughters, Lynde Doublin of Kevil and Olivia Raisor of West Paducah; her mother, Marianna Easley of Marion; a brother, Anthony Easley of Marion; and a sister, Melinda Dunlap of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her father, Willard Easley.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Salt and Light Community Church.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Amanda's time with us may have been short-lived, yet the joy and laughter she brought will forever be cherished. She leaves a legacy defined by love, servitude and kindness that will continually brighten the lives of those who were around her. Her memory will endure as a radiant spirit, whose light shone brightly, despite the unfortunate brevity of her time on this earth. In lieu of gifts, we were requesting donations for the headstone, maintenance of the homestead, and funeral expenses. Everyone keep checking in and praying as Mom would do!

Thank y'all so much for being with us during this time of loss. Love Charlie, Lynde, Olivia, Austin, Logan. Paid obituary

Porter

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our son and grandson's father, Jason Wardlaw Porter. Jason died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024 at his home in Marion.

Jason was born Oct. 4 in 1972 in Greenville and moved to Marion when he was two months old. Jason loved music, musical instruments, UK basketball, the Chicago Cubs, hamburgers, ketchup (IYKYK), and any type of electronic device. Most of all, though, he loved his family, friends, and his precious pup Lucy. He was our entertainer and he was so much fun to be around. I don't think we have ever seen him without a smile on his face and he was always willing to help anyone.

Jason graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1991. While in high school, Jason played the drums and the cornet for four years in the high school band. He also lettered in track and field, and at one point he held the school record for the high jump. Many of you may remember his purple low-rider Mazda truck. It had to be the roughest riding vehicle ever, but it sure did look good and we've been told that's what really matters, lol. Jason is survived by a son, Peyton Issac Porter of Madisonville; his parents, Joe and Gaye Wardlaw Porter; a brother, Jody Dean (Adria)

Porter; his Papaw, John M. Wardlaw; a niece, Carly Addison Porter; and a nephew, Jack Dennison Porter; much loved aunts, uncles, cousins, and his precious pup, Lucy.

Jason was preceded in death by his two precious grandmothers, Hazel (Nanny) Wardlaw and Anna Lee (Granny) Porter; his grandfather Harry (Paw) Porter, and an uncle, Eric Porter.

A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. If you can attend, please share with us any funny stories or memories of your encounters with Jason.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter (24 Just-a-Mere Rd, Marion KY, 42064); CCHS Band Boosters; or CCHS Trackers (Track Boosters). Paid obituary.

#### Todd

James Eugene Todd, 91, of Marion, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2024 at his home.

Surviving are six children, Vance Todd, Darrell Todd, Roy Todd, Wanda Clark, Lisa Holeman and James Todd, all of Marion; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great- grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Vilas Todd; two sons, Shannon and Larry Todd; a daughter, Martha Conner; his parents, Benjamin Franklin and Mary Todd; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024 at the funeral home.

#### McKenney

Crittenden County resident Tom Chase McKenney, 93, died Nov. 12, 2024. He was born in Lexington and was a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a master's degree in science. He served in the United States Marine Corps, reaching the rank of Lt. Col., serving in both Korea and Vietnam.

Col. McKenney taught at the USMC amphibious warfare school and was a seminal member of Test Unit 1. He was the first Marine to complete the U.S. Army's paratrooper program at Fort Campbell and was one of the earliest Force Reconnaissance Marines (Marine Special Forces, now called

Marine Raiders).

McKenney taught biology and botany at Greenville High School in Ohio at Paducah Junior College in Kentucky and at Francis Marion College in South Carolina. After being disabled in Vietnam, McKenney raised beef cattle in Crittenden County, became a Bible teacher and founded a small Christian teaching ministry, Words for Living Ministries.

He and his wife, Marty, led the biannual Believers' Retreat for 30 years. He was involved in short-term missions in Latin America and Haiti and was the author of nine books as well as magazine articles relating to Biblical teaching, botany and history.

McKenney was active in the MIA/POW advocacy movement. He attended Marion Methodist Church, served in the Lion's Club, helped found the Head Start program in Crittenden County and was instrumental in preserving the Historic African-American Cemetery in Marion. When his Bible teaching ministry closed after 45 years, McKenney donated his Biblical studies collection to the Crittenden County Public Library.

He made friends everywhere he went, often referring to a person he knew as "one of the finest men (or women) he ever met," and he meant it. He was honorable, hard-working and generous. He thought that what you believe should have an effect on how you live your life, and he tried to follow the biblical call to "do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." He loved Jesus, and he loved the Word of God and shared this wherever the need arose and the Holy Spirit led.

Col. McKenney is survived by his children—Melissa (Fran) Walker, Jefferson (Rosanne) McKenney, Susan (Pat) Jarvis, and Sally (Joe) Mahoney; 12 grandchildren, Sarah, Andrew, Nathaniel, Gabriel, Hannah, Kate, Elizabeth, Susanna, Rebecca, Margaret, Rachel and Thomas; and 11 great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha "Marty" McKenney; his parents, Garnett and Theresa McKenney; two sisters, Martha Bach and Mildred McKeown; a brother, Dr. Jerry McKenney; and two nephews, John McKenney and Joel Bach.

Services are at for 11 a.m., Saturday Nov. 23 at Marion Methodist Church with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Gilbert Funeral Home and at the church from 9 a.m., until service time Saturday.

Donations may be made to The Cornerstone Foundation, 9032 Woolmarket

Rd., Biloxi, MS, to New Life for Girls of Dover, PA P.O. Box 170, Dover, PA 17315-9985, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

#### Potts

Daniel "Dan" Baker Potts, 68, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at his home.

Dan was a retired veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are two sons, Jeremy L. (Mindy) Spaulding of West Paducah and Daniel Potts Jr.; and a brother, John Potts of Kansas City, Kan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debbie Ann Potts.

#### Hughes

Sadie Elizabeth Hughes, 21, of Princeton, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 at her home.

She was a member of North Livingston Baptist Church and was a forklift operator at Par 4 Plastics who loved to read and to learn. She was a quiet person with a good heart who loved her cats, Tails and Moonie.

Surviving are her parents, Paige and Jon Taylor of Salem and James and Shelia Hughes of Fredonia; a sister, Katie Taylor of Salem; two brothers, Rett Taylor of Salem and Nathan Adam (Lucy) of Paducah; maternal grandparents Houston and Sue Peek of Fredonia; paternal grandparents, Ed and Peggy Taylor of Paducah; a special friend, Bethany Hawk; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, John and Mary Lou Hughes.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Caldwell Springs Cemetery, with burial to follow.

#### Brown

Stephen Kent Brown, 63, of Marion, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah.

Stephen was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church.

Surviving are a brother, Terry (Terri Sue) Brown of Franklin; a sister, Debbie (Doug) Johnson of Marion; a nephew, Jason Brown; a niece, Lisa Brown; several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Frances (Howard) Brown.

Graveside services were Saturday, Nov. 9 at Tyners Chapel Cemetery with

Terry Brown officiating.

#### Farmer

Sharon Lee Farmer, 78, of Sturgis, died Thursday, October 31, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion. Sharon cherished her family and loved them fiercely. She eagerly did anything they asked of her. She was a proud mother and a devoted nana, often bragging about her grandchildren and their accomplishments. She found so much joy in sharing stories about them.

Sharon was an avid bridge player and enjoyed many hours playing with friends. She was also a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Sturgis. She was born to the late Albert Lee and Eula Mae Myers on Dec. 31, 1945. She grew up in Henderson.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Maurice Farmer; two sons, Kevin (Lennie) Farmer of Sturgis and David (Brittany) Farmer of Vincennes, Ind. Her legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren: Bailee Farmer of Oxford, Miss., Peyton Farmer of Jackson, Tenn., Weston and Walker Farmer of Sturgis and Brooklyn, Madison and Preston Farmer of Vincennes, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Betty Sheffer and Tim Myers, both of Henderson.

Services were Monday, Nov. 4 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sturgis First Baptist Church and St. Anthony's Hospice.

#### Sliger

Our dad, James "Jim" Louis Sliger passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. He was born on July 18, 1955 in Marion to Christine and Lewis Sliger. His most cherished memories were spending time with his grandparents swimming, fishing and having fun on the banks of the Ohio River.

As a young child his family moved to northwest Indiana where he attended area schools and was a lifelong Hobart Brickies fan.

The late 1970s were defining years for our dad. This is when he got married, joined the U.S. Navy and became a proud father to three daughters.

In 1975, Jim enlisted in the US Navy as a Boiler Tech. He was assigned to the USS Bigelow ported out of Mayport, Fla. He deployed twice to the

Mediterranean, serving two tours of duty.

Later in life our dad reconnected with and married Becky Memering and they resided in St. John, Ind., with their beloved puppy “good boy” Jack Sliger.

Throughout his life he was a classic rocker to his core. He loved live music, vinyl records, guitars and sharing his love of music with his family.

Our dad was a True American Patriot. He loved our military and veterans, our country and the principles America was founded on.

Throughout the years our dad lived in many different parts of the country. However, in the last few years we have been abundantly blessed to have had him living near us. Together, we were able to make new beautiful and meaningful memories as a family.

Surviving are three loving daughters, Jenifer Sliger-Cooper (John), Karen Sliger-Kuzelka (Robert) and Malinda Sliger-Ricchio (Achille); bonus Sons, Dan (Megan) Heintz and Jon (Kristine) Heintz; 12 grandchildren Lucas, Samantha, Delaina, Sarah, Seth, Liam, Donnie, Payton, Emma, Bryce, Sydney and Harper; two great-grandsons, Greyson and Beckham; two siblings, Robert (Peggy) Sliger and Teresa Sliger; and nieces and nephews, Deanna, Ivan and Kristy.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, Christine and Lewis; his loving wife Becky and his “good boy” Jack.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Maplevue Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Glenn

Annie Marie Glenn, 89, of Fredonia, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 at Hendersonville Medical Center in Hendersonville. She was a member of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindy (Jeff) Shewcraft; two grandchildren, Dustin (Angela) Shewcraft and Daniel (Lauren) Shewcraft; and five great-grandchildren, Macey, Maddox, Merrick, Easton and Molly Shewcraft.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Gray Glenn; her parents, Vernie and Zandie Barnett; five brothers, Lloyd, Vernon, Joe, Jerry and Glen; and five sisters, Louise, Lois, Lucille, Loretta and Patty.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 2 at Caldwell Springs Baptist Church with burial in Caldwell Springs Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Doom

Rayburn Dwayne "Petey" Doom, 66, of Marion, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2024 at his home in Marion.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette Doom of Marion; three children, Rocky Doom, Jo (Eddie) McAlister and Chasity (Travis) Allcock, all of Marion; five grandchildren, Dane Allcock of Marion, Destiny (Drew) Pulley of Cadiz, Michaela Findley of Madisonville, Savannah McAlister of Cottonwood, Calif., and Mariah McAlister of Marion; a brother, Jerrold (Joy) Doom of Marion; five sisters, Wanda Berry of Marion, Gail (Ronnie) Hackney of Smithland, Eula Bates of Paducah, Darlene Bessler of Valparaiso, Ind., and Barbie (Mike) Eaton of Elkhart, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Bella Allcock; his parents, Rayburn and Lossie Mae Doom; his mother and father-in-law, Charles and Shirley Hackney; three brothers, Charles, Jimmy and Timmy Doom; three sisters, Marcena Chaney, Odie Huff and Hazel Freisner and four brothers-in-law, Jimmy Berry, James Bates, Tom Chaney and Ed Bessler.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., Friday until service time at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

## Rohl

James Ray Rohl, 78, of Sapulpa, Okla., died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa.

He was a flight engineer for the United States Air Force for 20 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, basketball and rock hunting. He traveled the United States for 11 years in his RV.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Gloria Rohl; a son, Jason Anthony Rohl of St. Louis, Mo.; four brothers, Mike (Cheryl) Rohl, William (Raejean) Whittley, Wayne (Joann) Davidson and Jack Whittley.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeremiah Jerome Rohl; his parents, Claire Lavern and Mary Lou (Wright) Rohl; and a sister, Susan Rohl Coffee. Graveside services are 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2 at Union Cemetery in Crittenden County with Mr. Jason Anthony Rohl officiating.

## Dale

Billy Jodean Dale, beloved, son, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, 86, of Murray, formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, Oct. 23,

2024. He was a resident of Landmark of Kuttawa in Kuttawa.

Dale was born on Aug. 21, 1938 to Joe and Mary Dale in Rosiclare, Ill.

Surviving are his two children, Kristi (Jeff) Butler and Wesley (Suzan) Dale; two sisters, Bonita Hamilton and Joyce Austin; a brother, Jerry Dale; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Betty, Brenda and Debbie; and a brother, Donnie.

He was a proud member of the United States Army. He was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas where he met his wife of 57 years, Mary Beatrice, who preceded him in death on Oct. 14, 2021.

He was known for his many years working in the coal mines in Morganfield. He and his wife resided in Marion, for 25 years before retiring and moving to Murray, where they were both members of the Hardin Church of Christ.

Memorial services are scheduled were Monday, Oct. 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

## Bebout

Jerry Wayne Bebout, 71, of Lola, died Friday, Oct. 25, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a 1971 graduate of Livingston Central High School, a graduate of Murray State University with a master's degree in education. He returned to Livingston Central High School and worked in special education as a school psychologist for over 28 years.

After retiring, he obtained his real estate license and worked briefly for Century 21 in Paducah and then took on a more permanent position with IS Custom Building working there for over 15 years and working at Boyd Funeral Directors for many years.

He was a devote member of Faith Church in Salem from its inception over 40 years ago where he served as secretary and treasurer of over 36 years. He loved his family and his church family very much. He especially liked helping people. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are two sisters, Wilma Shuecraft and Nina Shouse, both of Lola; an aunt, Merna Monroe; two nephews, Lloyd and Michael Shuecraft; several great-nieces and nephews; and many extended special family, too numerous to mention.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O. Givens and Evelyn Imogene (Wilson) Bebout.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Faith Church, with Rev. Israel Sanders, Rev. Phillips Sanders and Rev. Lloyd Shuecraft officiating. Burial was in Lola Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Christian School, 1849 U.S. 60 East, Salem, KY 42078.

#### Nesbitt

Dennis Joe Nesbitt, 81, of Jackson, Tenn., formerly of Marion, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Surviving are four children, Donna (Tim) Lilly, Kathleen (Jeff) Lindgren and Laura Corbin (Jim) Brice and Rachel Nesbitt; his wife, Catherine Nesbitt; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Johnny (Terri) Nesbitt and Eddie (Charlotte) Nesbitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elliot and Cora Mae Nesbitt; a son, Charles Ray Nesbitt; a daughter, Summer Joe Nesbitt; and a brother, William Roe Nesbitt.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Freedom Cemetery.

#### Crider

Fay Carol Crider age 82 of Marion, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Prior to her retirement, Crider worked as a supervisor for social services. She was a loyal member of Marion Baptist Church and a Kentucky Colonel. She enjoyed geneology research, flower gardening and nurturing her pet cats.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Beth (Robert Jr.) Barlow of Greenbrier, Tenn.; a sister, Ragen Kinney of Greenville; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Eura McKinney Jackson; and husband Wallace Crider, Jr.

Services are at noon Saturday, Nov. 2 at Myers Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Crayne Cemetery.

#### Saavedra

Nancy Diana Saavedra, 69, of Marion, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 at her

home.

Prior to retirement, she was employed as a registered nurse at Crittenden Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church and a devoted volunteer at the Crittenden County Animal Shelter. She was a certified scuba diver and enjoyed traveling and camping and had fostered numerous animals throughout the years. She genuinely had a big heart for those in need.

Surviving are a sister, Laura Holcomb-Hubinger of Charlestown, Ind.; a brother, Michael (Laurie) Holcomb of Marion; nieces and nephews, Jahn, Carter, Emma Holcomb, Shawn Budke, Billy, Laura Lee and Elliott Holcomb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William "Bill" and Joan Woodall Holcomb; and a brother, Billy Holcomb.

Services will be at noon, Friday, Nov. 1 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery. Visitation will begin Friday at 10 a.m., and continue until the service time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter. Donation envelopes will be available at the funeral home or can be mailed to 1901 U.S. 60, Marion, KY 42064.

## Dowell

William Gary Dowell, 61, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024.

He was born June 23, 1963 in Princeton, to Edith Josephine Dowell. He is a graduate of Lyon County High School Class of 1981. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his wife and family. He was outgoing, friendly and was always lending a helping hand to those around him in need.

Surviving are his wife, Becky Carmon Dowell; a daughter, Chelsea (David) Gregory; a son, Ryan Dowell; a grandson, Kyler Goodwin; his mother, Josephine Dowell; mother and father-in-law, Linda and Ron Pederson; five siblings, Dwayne (Debbie) Dowell, Tammy Caraway, Janice (Doug) Keel, Renee Dowell and Anthony (Rachel) Dowell; two brothers-in-law, Chris (Amy) Carmon and Doug Hargrove; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Floyd and Lucille Percy. Private memorial services were held. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Jennings

Naoma Jennings, 87, of Tucson, Ariz., died in her home Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024.

She was the beloved wife and best friend for 64 years of the late Doyle Jennings and loving mother of Pamela (the late) Andy Banicki of St. John, Ind., and Douglas (Belen) Jennings of Tucson, Ariz.; dear grandmother of Grace Cunningham, James, and Gabrielle Jennings all from Arizona, and Greg (Erin) Banicki, Shaun (Samantha) Banicki and Zack (Katie) Banicki, all from Ill. She was the dearest great-grandmother to Alani, Claire, Andi, and Charlie.

She was also survived by a sister-in-law Sandy (the late) Jack Newell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hughey and Cleo Hodge; siblings Neta (the late) Walter Pine, Jean Hall, fiancé (the late) Ike Burger and Leon (the late) Pearl Hodge; Robert and Corine York, sisters-in-law, Regina (the late) Walton Woodall, Rose Clark (the late) Jack Richardson and Donna Minton (Frank Hamilton).

Jennings was born and raised in Marion, where she married Doyle the day after she graduated high school. They moved to northern Illinois and eventually settled in Crete, Ill., to raise their family. She retired from the Crete-Monee school district where she worked in the administration office. When she and Doyle retired in 1993, they returned to Marion to be with their families and renew friendships. They lived in Kentucky until 2017 when they relocated to Tucson. She lost her love, Doyle in 2020 and remained in Tucson until her passing. She was loved by many nieces and nephews, family, friends and Sisters in Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a community service sorority.

A celebration of life will be held in May 2025 (their anniversary) in Marion. Additional information will be given next year.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harmony Community Healthcare Foundation, 310 S Williams Blvd, Suite 210, Tucson, AZ 85715.

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## McIntosh

Rhonda Gina McIntosh, 63, of Taylorsville died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at Norton Womens & Childrens Hospital of Louisville.

She was dedicated to her career at Lantech where she impacted many for 45 years. She loved antiques, yard sales and spending time with her grandkids. You could often catch her watching Star Trek, Godzilla or a classic sci-fi movie.

She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, Granny, and friend. Surviving are her father, Ronald (Freida) Brackett; a brother, Ronnie Brackett; a sister, Amanda Boettcher; two step-daughters, Rebeka and Kym McIntosh, two sons, Jacob (Brooke) McIntosh and Ethan McIntosh; four grandchildren, Aaron, Annabella, Nolan and Eleanor. She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith LaFrance; her husband, Eddy McIntosh; and a sister, Colleen Harris. Graveside services were Saturday, Oct. 12 in Hampton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hampton Cemetery, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078. Paid Obituary

#### Birk

Michael Joseph Birk, 77, of Hampton died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a member of Hampton Methodist Church and was the pastor in years past. He also attended Miracle Word Church. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Fleshia Birk; a daughter, Alicia Ann (Anthony) Jewell of Burna; two sons, Vincent Keith (Emily) Birk of Louisville and Paul Michael (Michelle) Birk of Hampton; a sister, Cindy Lee of Naples, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Britney, Collin, Austin, Brady, Blake, Faith, Bailey and Lilly; and two great-grandchildren, Meagan and Carter.

He was preceded in death by parents, John Birk and Gloria Rigazzi; and a brother, James Birk.

Services were Sunday Oct. 13 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Gregory Waldrop officiating.

Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

#### Yehling

Bob Yehling, 65, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024 at his residence in Marion.

He was a 1977 graduate of Carlsbad (Calif.) High School, an award-winning author, writing coach, book editor, journalist and poet. Yehling was owner of Word Journeys, a writing and marketing firm for authors and publishers.

A native of California, Yehling had lived in Crittenden County on and off for the past 20 years. He was a volunteer assistant track and cross country coach for Crittenden County High School. Personally, he completed five

Boston Marathons during his career as an amateur distance runner. Surviving are a daughter, granddaughter, brother and sister, all of whom live in other states. Locally, he is survived by longtime friend Theresa Jenkins and her family.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements. The body was cremated and returned to his family out of state.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Maxfield

Kevin Ray Maxfield, met His savior Jesus Christ face to face on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024 after enduring and winning the most courageous battle of his life. His legacy is one of love, light and forgiveness. He was a true servant of the Lord Jesus, and a man with a great calling of service and witness to those in need.

Born in Livingston County, Oct. 11, 1978 to Richard Maxfield and Beverly (Stanley), the youngest of four children, Kevin, was always following in his siblings' footsteps. A true family man, Kevin's heart was always full of love for all of them. After moving to Crittenden County, Kevin found many friends who quickly became family. Known to bring a carefree disposition and a smile to each and every life he touched, Kevin was happiest outdoors, traveling around the world, playing disc golf, enjoying time with his family and friends, and also taking a lot of time in private to reflect on all the things God had done for him in his life.

After finding Jesus in 2010, from that point on, Kevin was known to "serve the Lord like crazy," always willing to give whatever he had to ensure others were taken care of before himself, and was always willing to lend a listening ear or a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He took many trips to foreign lands as a missionary to both Haiti and Thailand. Kevin's heart was truly with the ones less fortunate in every aspect of his life.

Honored to serve as the chaplain of Crittenden county Detention Center for several years, he never treated an inmate as their circumstance, yet as an opportunity to make a difference in their lives. Kevin rarely knew what a person was incarcerated for, because it didn't matter to him. He loved each and every one of them dearly, and saw them as Jesus sees them - and saw him - loved and chosen, and given the opportunity to make a change.

With a yearning to always have a family of his own, God saw fit to give him what his heart had always desired most. In the last seven years of his life, Kevin met and married his wife Kayla, and they created a beautiful family

together. Their daughter Annie was born one year and two days after their wedding day, and the two of them were the light of his life.

Kevin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer after being in and out of the hospital for many months, battling many complications from procedures prior. Many people in his hometown and soon those around the world began to follow his journey and have received much encouragement from his attitude of "I'm a winner, either way this goes." Not one moment did he give up his faith in God's plan, yet he knew the entirety of the battle was to be used for God's glory, and was so grateful for the opportunity and blessing to have more time with the ones he loved most. It gave him an even greater perspective of how to be thankful for life, even in its ever-changing circumstances. He did not die questioning God, but with complete peace that he would be going to his real home when the day came. He knew his journey was to help him trust the Lord even more than before, and it did just that. Kevin was a humble man. He did not realize how loved he was by others until he was diagnosed with cancer. His beloved community of Marion, as well as those from all over the world, helped him and his family in their great time of need and he was eternally grateful for every single thing that they did for them. Kevin's life is a testimony of true faith, determination, grace and mercy. And anyone who was privileged enough to know him, loved him.

Surviving are his wife, Kayla; their daughter, Annie Rae Maxfield; parents Richard (Bernadine) and Beverly Stanley; parents-in-love, Keith and Chris Davis; five siblings, Regena (Tommy), Doug (Tamra), Teresa, Jamie and Taylor (Bess); and 14 nieces and nephews, Andrew, Douglas, Patrick, Juan, Kayden, Leighton, Miranda, Tabby, Joena, Ashayla, Brooklyn, Rebecca, Elisabeth, and Edie.

He has been reunited in heaven with his daughter Adeline Mae Maxfield; his beloved cousin Anna Katherine; and many other loved ones who helped mold him into the man he was earth side.

Kevin is no longer in pain or suffering and was ready to meet his Lord. His true heart's cry was for all those who he loved and knew to know Christ is real, He is good, and He cares for you no matter your circumstances. His last wishes were for those who love him to not lose hope, but to look to heaven and celebrate his life on earth, for the day is drawing close where we will all be together again.

Kevin's celebration of life is scheduled at Fohs Hall in Marion on Thursday Oct. 17. His family will receive visitors from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with service

following directly after, with Kevin's uncles Rev. David Davis and Rev. Charlie Merritt and close friend, Bro. Tim Maness officiating. All are welcome.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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#### Turner

Bonnie Joyce Turner, 86, of Marion, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024 at Red Banks Nursing Home in Henderson.

Surviving are seven children, Joyce (David) Travis, Cindy (Mike) Crabtree, Tricia Watson Summers and Keith (Jenny) Watson, all of Marion, Paul (Laura) Madden of Henderson, Ronnie (Dixie) Watson of Marion and Dale Taylor of Providence; three sisters, Linda Carlton and Madeline Blythe, both of Evansville and Annette Guess of Paducah; 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Clara Orendoff; her first husband, Harold Watson; second husband, Marvin Turner; three children, Donald Watson, Dion Watson and Wanda Duvall; and two brothers, Marion Orendoff and Wincell Damron.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

#### Noel

LaDonna "Donna" Ann Noel, 69, of Marion, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 in Marion.

She enjoyed yard sales, cheesecake, Days Of Our Lives and spending time with her family, especially her grandkids.

Surviving are two sons, Robby (Amanda) Jackson of Marion and Kenneth Wayne (Susan) Jackson of Mayfield; a daughter, Deborah Woodward of Mayfield; five grandchildren, Haylee and Hunter Jackson, Tanner and Alex Jackson and Skyler Woodward; four great-grandchildren, Kannon and Brantley Jackson and Daxter and Bristol Woodward; four sisters, Karen (Steve) Sprague of Grand Rivers, Kim Noel and Donna "Wivell" Farley of Salem, Connie (Jerry) Johnson of Salem and Gaye (Rondale) Lynch of Grand Rivers; and a brother, Teddy (Ernesta) Noel of Lola.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Jackson; her parents,

Ted and Elaine (Trail) Noel; a brother, Gene Noel; and two sisters Faye Noel and Jalaine Noel.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro Chris Penn officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Gerard

Joey Allen Gerard, 62, of Dawson Springs died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 at Baptist Health Deaconess Hospital in Madisonville.

He had been an employee of Rocket Oil where he served as a gas station attendant for 30 years. He enjoyed deer hunting, NASCAR and spending time with his dog, "Rocky," described as his pride and joy.

Surviving are two brothers, Gary (Sabrina) Gerard of Marion and Rodney (Sandy) Gerard of Oglesby, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews and "Rocky."

He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Raineri and several aunts and uncles.

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#### Davidson

Barry Glen Davidson, 61, of Marion, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Clark of Marion; brother, Chris Davidson of Marion; a sister, Julie Wright of Marion; two step-children, Julie Felton and Johsua Yearry; three grandchildren, Rory, Isabelle and Thomas Felton; and a cousin, Darron Millikan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Marsha Davidson.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association or American Parkinsons Disease Association.

#### Johnson

Anna Lee Hughes Johnson, affectionately known as Nancy, 85, of Clarksville, Tenn., was called home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 28, 1939, in Marion, she was the cherished daughter of William Ivo and Myrtle Mae Hodge Hughes.

A devoted servant of the Lord, she was a longstanding member of the First

Baptist Church of Dover and later attended Living Hope Church in Clarksville. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, inspiring those around her.

Johnson was a licensed cosmetologist and dedicated her career to serving her clients at A Cut Above in Clarksville. She was the founder of Queen City Beauty College, where she passionately guided and mentored her students, instilling in them the values of hard work and creativity.

She had a zest for life, enjoying afternoons spent bargain shopping and watching her favorite show, Days of Our Lives. Her quick-wit and style will be remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Surviving are two devoted daughters, Shari (Brad) Thompson of Clarksville and Nancy (David) McCormick of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; five cherished grandchildren, Jenni Brien, Darrell Brien, Corey Thompson, Matthew Thompson and Anna Noelle Thompson; and three adored great-grandchildren, Austin Hidalgo, Timothy James Thompson, and Jonathan Thompson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ray Franklin Johnson, and her sister, Nina Ruth Gass.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 5 at Anglin Funeral Home with Bro. Stephen Head officiating. Burial was in Salyers Cemetery in Benton, where family and friends served as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004 or the American Epilepsy Society, 135 South LaSalle St. Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603.

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## Gilmore

Lula Ellen (Easley) Gilmore, 97, of Hendersonville, Tenn., died peacefully on Saturday evening, Oct. 5, 2024 at Alive Hospice in Nashville. She was a life-long beautician, accomplished seamstress and homemaker, and ever-present support system for family and friends alike. To all that knew her, she was a kind and gentle spirit with a smile for everyone that needed one. She was also a wonderfully loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt many times over.

Surviving are a daughter, Leigh Ellen (Wayne) Shepherd of Freeport, Fla.; two sons, Geoffrey Gilmore of Hendersonville and Brian (LaDonna) Gilmore of Hendersonville; grandchildren, Christina (Jonathan) Burke, Matthew (Cherilyn) Langley, Jaime Pare, Brittany (Lawson) Watson, Dalton

Gilmore, Ethan (Carla) Gilmore and Breanna (Dakota) Wink; and 12 great-grandchildren Emma, Hayden, Lena, Garon, Gavin, Avery, Arden, Atley, Anakin, Asher, Wyatt and Warren; and a sister, Wanda Ditty of Springfield, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lourenzia Alfred Easley and Minnie Latisha Underdown Easley; and her husband, Douglas Gilmore and many siblings.

A special thanks to McKendree Manor Assisted Living Memory Care Unit and Alive Hospice for the compassionate and loving care.

Servicres are at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Parrish officiating. Visitation is 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Burial is in Maplevew Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203

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Tabor

Alma Aliene Tabor, 81, of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 at Continue Care Hospital in Madisonville.

She enjoyed listening to music, (Elvis was a favorite), watching the Denver Broncos play, and spending time with family, especially the grandkids.

Surviving are three daughters, Teresa (Ricky) Robertson of Marion, Darlene (Bill) Estes of Russelville, Ala., and Marlene Sheets of Princeton; a son, Randy (Stacy) Tabor of Marion; eight grandchildren, Rodney Robertson of Dixon, Tyler Robertson of Marion, Mason Stone of Ooltewah, Tenn., Martin Stone of Hickory, N.C., Jessica (Stewart) Walker of Kuttawa, Julie (James) Jasis of Sadieville, Micaela (Norman Byler) Tabor of Marion and Hunter Phillips of Marion; six great-grandchildren, Derek Walker and Tanner Walker of Kuttawa, Harrison Stone and Briley Stone of North Carolina, and Emersyn Jasis and Archer Jasis of Sadieville; and two brothers, Bodene (Judy) Belt of Las Cruces, N.M., and Hurley Ray (Alice) Belt of Morganfield.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Riley Tabor; her parents, Abraham Lincoln and Eda Reba (Curnel) Belt; and two brothers, Eugene Belt and Sammy Belt.

Services are at 3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Ross Atwell officiating. Burial will follow in Frances Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family Thursday from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International Crittenden/Livingston Camp P.O. Box 304, Salem, KY. 42078.

#### Smith

Martha G. Smith, 83, of Salem, formally of Newburgh, Ind., died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services at Salem. She enjoyed traveling with her husband in their RV, NASCAR (especially Darrell Waltrip) and spending time entertaining friends and family. She was a member of Pinckneyville Baptist Church and was formerly employed at Old National Bank in Evansville. She was also a model for Sears in her younger years. Most knew her for her quick wit, sweet personality, and fancy jewelry, but her boys considered her a second mom.

Surviving are three nephews, Steve (Eugena) Champion of Salem, Scott Champion of Salem, Ricky (Shanda) Belt of Madisonville; a niece, Misty (David) Roberts of Marion; seven great-nieces and nephews, Madison Champion of Marion, Megan Roberts of Marietta Ga., Emily (Richard) Carver of Owensboro, Taylor (Masa) Champion of Smithland, Lane Champion of Salem, Trent (Chloe) Champion of Salem, Dustin Roberts of Paducah; and two great-great nephews, Jameson Champion and J.W. Carver.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Carroll "Smitty" Smith; two sisters, Linda Sue Champion and Donna Jean Strong; and her parents, Cecil and Gyneth (Guess) Strong.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 28 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. John East and Bro. Chris Lowery officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Trimble

Eugene Earl Trimble, 102, of McKinney, Texas, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

He was born April 28, 1922 in the Davis house, a log house on his family's farm near Joy. He grew up and worked on his family's farm until age 13, when the family moved to Smithland, the county seat of Livingston County; there he went to Smithland Elementary School and Livingston County High School. After high school Eugene worked in Paducah and attended Draughton's College of Business. In 1942 Eugene went to Washington,

D.C., to work for the FBI and to attend George Washington University until he joined the U.S. Army in World War II. During the war, he was an Army Combat Engineer in the 94th Infantry Division under General George Patton and served in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He returned to Washington, D.C., after the war, finished his undergraduate degree at George Washington University, became a Certified Public Accountant, and married Betty Sue Owen from Vilonia, Ark., in 1950. They had two children, Gary Allen and Janet Lynn, and lived in Garrett Park Estates in Kensington, Md. From 1950 to 1996 Eugene worked at the W.D. Campbell Company, an executive office furniture company, in Washington, D.C. He began his career as the company's accountant and retired as the CEO and owner of the company in 1996.

In 1999 Eugene and Betty retired to McKinney, Texas in the Dallas area to be near their six grandchildren. Eugene and Betty participated in their church and in community affairs, and they were active members of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution, respectively. Betty died in 2019 and Eugene continued to live in their home until his passing. Eugene had a large 100th birthday celebration in April 2022, complete with a McKinney City Proclamation of April 28, 2022 as "Eugene Trimble Day," presented to him by the mayor of McKinney, and a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) parade for him in front of his home.

Surviving are a son, Gary Allen (Marketa) Trimble; a daughter, Janet Lynn Trimble (Louis) Long; six grandchildren, Andrea Long Villarreal, Jordan Long, Matthew Long, Forrest Long, Philip Long, and Linnea Long Warnick; and eight-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Foster Oliver (F.O.) Trimble and Lura Ellen Shouse Trimble; a brother, Glenn Allen Trimble; and a sister, Lou Ellen Trimble Preston. Eugene was a devoted and lifelong genealogist and decades-long member of the National Genealogical Society. He authored many books on family histories over many decades.

He was a dedicated and longtime supporter of the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society in Smithland, Kentucky.

Services were Sunday, Sept. 29 in the chapel of Boyds Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery, Joy.

Memorial donations may be made to the Livingston County Historical & Genealogical Society in Smithland, Kentucky <https://lchgs.org/>

Peek

Christopher Randolph Peek, 38, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 in Marion. He was a 10-year Army veteran. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking, and his kids were his pride and joy.

Surviving are his wife, Frances (Bevens) Peek of Marion; a daughter, Ruby Peek of Marion; two sons, Christion Peek and Jeremiah "J.J." Peek of Marion; two sisters, Tabitha (Bo) Taylor of Grand Rivers and Doris (Antonio Cruz) Flores of Kevil; his parents James Randolph "Moose" Peek and Hazel (Gary) Tittle; 11 nieces and nephews, Mary Linda Sisco, Tiarra Morrison, Christa Sisco, Justina Taylor, Preston Sisco, Dalton Yearly, Bobby Taylor, Jared Jones, Jacob Taylor, Laura Faye Cummings and Ryan Cummings; a great-niece, Maylani Wiggins; and four aunts and uncles, Eddie Peek, Birdie Matz, Jimmy Peek and Sharon Suits.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeremy Cummings; his grandparents, Ruby and Ruben Peek and Audrey Bell; and an uncle, Ronald Shields.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. David Perryman officiating. Friends may visit with the family Thursday from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour.

Burial will follow in Dycusburg Cemetery.

#### Hackney

Corey Allen Hackney, 32, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 at his home. He worked for Michael Williams in Livingston County.

Surviving are his father, Steve (Pattie) Hackney of Marion; his mother, Janice of Princeton; two daughters, Ava and Nina Tucker of Illinois; two brothers, Chris Hackney and John Schneider; and six sisters, Christina Hackney, Crystal Maze, Regina McKenzie, Tracy Hackney, Trisha Morris and Haley Skees.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Caleb Hackney; and his grandparents, Steve and Carol Hackney.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 at Union Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

#### Paris

William Ralph "Rodney" Paris Jr. died Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at his home outside Fredonia in Caldwell County. He devoted his life to learning and

seeking excellence in all of his endeavors.

After graduating Fredonia High School in 1959, he attended Centre College and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in English in 1963. Shortly after, he joined the U.S. Navy and delighted in taking every training he could. After a few years working on the river, Paris went to Purdue University and got a degree in engineering with a specialty in land surveying.

He loved his homeland of Kentucky, and his profession allowed him to gain an understanding of it unlike anyone else. He was passionate about maintaining the public land system and sought for each of his surveys to be as close to perfect as possible. He was enthusiastic in passing on his expertise and was always ready to help train younger surveyors.

He was very involved in his professional associations, serving as president of the Kentucky Associations of Professional Surveyors, and was an active participant in the Surveyor's Historical Society. He always encouraged his fellow surveyors to serve as County Surveyors, considering it a civic duty to the community.

Outside of work, Paris loved to be surrounded by others who enjoyed learning. He served in officer positions of many organizations in both Crittenden and Caldwell counties including the Community Arts Foundation, Masonic Lodge, Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, Caldwell County Historical Society, Trail of Tears Commission, Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion, Shape Note Singing organizations and the Paris Cemetery Association, among others.

Pleasant Hill Regular Baptist Church was his church home and he was a regular attendee for decades. He also was the regular speaker for a few years after their pastor retired.

Besides his fulfilling work and volunteer life, his favorite past-time was to have his family around him.

Surviving are a sister, Dietra Ann Paris; his children, Matthew (Karen) Paris, Martha (Zak) Paris Smith, Nancy Mills Drake and Susan Mills (Fred) Sanders; and 13 grandchildren, Darren, Zachary and Benjamin Paris, Zak, Aidan, Zane, Zade and Pansy Smith, Merry, Sarah and Charity Drake and Freddy and Phoebe Sanders.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Nancy King Paris; and his parents, William Ralph Paris Sr. and Pansy Traylor Paris.

Services were Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Fred Sanders officiating. Burial was in Paris Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Paris Cemetery Association, c/o

Charles Hunt, 501 E. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

#### Spencer

Vernon Paul Spencer, 80, of Kuttawa, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at his home. He was born Oct. 17, 1943 in Lemont, Ill.

He was an electrician and retired from ISP Chemicals, in Calvert City as an electrical maintenance supervisor. After retirement, he became the Harbormaster at Kuttawa Harbor Marina in 2012. He enjoyed boating and cars. He enjoyed making and collecting knives and collecting guns. He loved his dog and spending time with friends and family. He was a self-taught IT specialist; he also tinkered always and could fix anything. He was witty, a master of creating a jingle on the fly, and loved making people laugh. His favorite things in life, besides his wife, were chocolate and ice cream.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Cheryl and their puppy, Bella; siblings, Lois (John) Bahnick of Arlington Heights, Ill., Darrell Spencer of Sherman, Texas, Nancy (Ron) Taylor of Carrollton, Texas; children, Lisa Breedlove of Kuttawa, Ian and Amy; grandchildren, Kali Lewis, Garrett Hina, Cody Hina, Logan (Kyle) Shaffer, Jordan (Tevan) Harper, Savannah Jane Walton; great grandchildren, Kloie Hale, Kendra, Kinsley and Kage Wilson, Nevada and Oceann Hina, Camden, Isabelle and Braxton Hina, Forrest and Eloise Shaffer, Weston, Kolynn and Elias Harper; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Mildred Spencer; siblings Alan (Audrey) Spencer, Betty (Bill) Laasch and Barbara Sullivan; a daughter, MaryAnn Hina and their beloved puppies Barkley and Ali.

Funeral services were Sunday, Sept. 22 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Short officiating. Burial was in Kuttawa Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Vernon's memory to God's Creations animal shelter, c/o Jennifer Jae Berg, 457 Brown Mines Rd, Marion, KY 42064.

#### Dameron

Marilyn Dameron, 68, of Marion, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at Livingston Hospital. She was born Sept. 10, 1956 to Orville and Nina Gass of Marion.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Dameron of Florida; two grandchildren, Ashtin Dameron and Tyler Dameron, both of Florida; and two sisters, Patsy (Doug) Walker of Pride and Felecia Myers of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother-in-law, Tony Myers.

Her wishes for cremation were honored, and a private family service will be held.

### Jennings

Fredonia resident James “Emmett” Jennings, 91, culminated his life in a completely worn-out body Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

In his family tradition, he loved to spin his wheels having spent most of his life being a truck driver. His other identity as a retired veteran of the United States Air Force was evident. He served the nation proudly for over 21 years through both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a Christian, a Mason, a Shriner, a husband, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a western Kentucky native of Crittenden County who resided in Caldwell County. He loved roaming about Marion, Fredonia, Eddyville, Kuttawa and many other places in western Kentucky and southern Illinois. His favorite pass-times included helping those in need, tinkering in his shop, and lawn care.

He was an active member of Crittenden, Caldwell, and Lyon counties. May his good memory and quick smile remain for years to come. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Surviving are a son, David Jennings; and siblings Glyndall, Robert and Opal Lee; along with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Jennings; a son, Kevin Jennings; his father, Ray Jennings; mother Opal Jennings; and a brother, Charles Jennings.

Visitation is at Myers Funeral Home from 1-2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27 with service to follow 2 p.m. After a brief graveside remembrance at Maplevue Cemetery, he will be laid to rest alongside his wife and eldest son.

Memorial donations may be made to Maplevue Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 544, Marion, KY 42064 for perpetual care of his and the many other families sacred internment sites.

### Powell

Ruth Ann (Bathgate) Roberts Powell, 91, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at her home in Smithland.

She was born and raised in Branchfield, N.J. Her parents recognized her

gift of singing and enrolled her in voice training when she was a young girl. She later split her time working at Selected Risks Insurance Co. as the in-house attorney secretary and later the Special Investigation Unit and farming with her husband, Robert, and raising their children. She was a 4-H leader, choir director, Sunday School superintendent, youth group leader and could be counted on to organize church suppers. While living in San Diego she worked as secretary for the president of N.C.R. Corporation before moving to Smithland to be near her children and grandchildren. She obtained a job as Water Works clerk before taking the job of city clerk and treasurer for the City of Smithland for 21 years. She organized Civil War reenactments, Smithland historic walking tours for the visiting quilters and negotiated plans for the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen to dock so the passengers could take part in tours and entertainment by historic characters from the Kentucky Humanities Council. She also became a Kentucky Colonel on her 75th birthday.

Surviving are a son, David Roberts of Hampton; a daughter, Dianne Roberts (Danny) Fraley of Smithland; a brother, William (Beverly) Bathgate of Branchville, N.J.; four grandchildren, Sean (Lauretta) Roberts of Hampton, Va., Dustin (Angela) Roberts of Jacksboro, Tenn., Aaron Roberts of Louisville, Luke Fraley and fiancé Natalie Welker of Benton; and eight great-grandchildren, Keagan Roberts, Jeslie Roberts, Ashton Roberts, Sloan Roberts, Nairobi Cox, Kaiya Cox, Jace Wilson and Carson Fraley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Roberts; and her parents, William and Irene (Reynolds) Bathgate.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Billy Downs officiating. Burial is in Smithland Cemetery.

Visitation is 11 a.m., until the funeral hour.

## Peek

Tyrone Tracy Peek, 67, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

He was owner and operator of Peek Sawmill. He worked in timber and heavy equipment all of his life.

Surviving are two daughters, Amy Peek and Carrie Peek, both of Marion; two sons, Justin Peek and Mitchell Peek, both of Marion; three sisters, Sandy Frizgerald and Janice Tinsley, both of Marion, and Regina Peek of Clarksville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren, JD Prowell, Dalton Peek, Layla

Peek, and Ethan Peek.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Kaiden and Eli Peek; two brothers, Kenneth Peek and Van Peek; and his parents, Richard M. and Nina G. (Farmer) Peek.

Services were Friday, Sept. 13 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Thomas

David Leon "Dave" Thomas, 75, of Marion, died of complications of cancer on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024 in Evansville.

He was born in Evansville on June 1, 1949 to the late Frank and Dean Thomas. He was a 1968 graduate of North High School. He was a Vietnam veteran and a member of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church in Marion. He retired as an over the road truck driver, but continued to drive locally for P&H Farms. He loved to ride horses, his Harley, and also loved to work on old tractors.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Donna Thomas; a daughter, Andrea (Karl) Hay; a stepdaughter, Dian Baird; a stepson, Dewayne Bushard; three sisters, Leigh Thomas, Deanna (Chris) Froman, and Deb (Paul) Skelton; two grandchildren, Christian and Kiersten Hay; and two step-grandchildren, Tiffany (Rodney) Little, and Eric (Katie) Bushard.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, 2212 State Route 855 S., Marion, Kentucky 42064. Friends may call from 2-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at the church.

Campbell

Dennis R. Campbell, 81, of Eddyville, died Saturday, Sept. 14, at Baptist Hospital Paducah.

He was born Jan. 17, 1943 in Russellville, Mo., the son of Dennis Wesley (DW) and Rubycile (Tambke) Campbell.

He was an Eagle Scout, US Army veteran and a graduate of Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Nashville. He worked for many years as a mortician and funeral director, co-owning Sturm Funeral Homes in Grayville and Crossville, Ill., until his retirement in 2003.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Glore-Campbell; a daughter, Andi (Doug) Ford of Grayville, Ill.; a daughter, Delores (Tino) Drish-Young of Eddyville; a son, Eli (Mackenzie) Espinoza of Eddyville; three grandsons, Jacob and

Tanner Ford of Grayville, Ill., and Ezra Espinoza of Eddyville; two granddaughters, Katherine and Karaline Drish-Young of Eddyville and several nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Bernita Sturma; a brother, Gene; and three sisters Shirley, Betty and Jane.

Services were Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Pastor Willis "Bill" Kline officiating. Burial was in Rolling Hills Cemetery.

#### Lowery

Paul Allen Lowery, 71, of Tolu died at his home Friday, Sept. 13, 2024. He was born Sept. 11, 1953 to Guy and Nellie Lowery.

Paul retired as a surveyor and engineering assistant from the City of Paducah in 2004. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved horseback riding, hunting, and fishing with family and friends.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Karen; three daughters, Jenny Lowery (Robby) Croft, Julie Lowery Davis and Emily (Dustin) Lowery Wheeler; and six grandchildren McKenna and Leah Croft, Gavin and Jack Davis, and Lane and Luke Wheeler with whom he enjoyed sharing his love for the outdoors.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, loved music and World War II history. He loved his family and was a loyal and dependable friend to many. He showed his love to those around him and his community through acts of service by donating his time, talent, and resources to those in need.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Nellie; a sister, Mary Ann Lowery Cox; and son-in-law, Aaron Davis.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Visitation is from noon until service time. Burial will follow in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association.

#### Sisco

Graveside services for Matthew Don Sisco, 42, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at Maplevue Cemetery.

Sisco was a native of Crittenden County and 2000 graduate of Crittenden High School. He died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024 in Portland, Ore.

Surviving are his wife of 19 years, Chassidy Sisco of Portland; his father, Donald "Don" Sisco of Marion; uncles and aunts, Stewart and Brenda Sisco

Whitt, Mike and Lisa Sisco Smiley and Mary Jo Clark Woodall, all of Marion, Vernon and Linda Woodall Gilland of Fredonia, Larry and Melissa Woodall of Eddyville and Clinton Woodall of Kuttawa; as well as several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lana Woodall Sisco; and grandparents, Charles and Jenny Sisco and Houston and Willeen Woodall.

#### Goldsberry

Joyce JoAnn Goldsberry, 73, of Henderson, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson.

She loved to sing and play bingo.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Goldsberry; a son, David (Vikki) Gamblin, Jr. of Henderson; four sisters, Hazel (Charles) McKinney, Melinda (Jerry) Vandeusen, Linda Kay (Danny) Childers and Linda Sue (John) McClure; two brothers, William Guess and Timmy Hayes; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Fannie Jean (Hayes) Rittenberry; two sons, Dusty Wayne Gamblin and David Lee Gamblin; two sisters, Del Guess and Debbie Shindler; two brothers, James and Andy Hayes; and a grandson, Dustin Gamblin.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Timmy Rittenberry officiating. Friends may visit with the family Friday from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and caregivers at St. Anthony's Hospice for their exceptional care of Joyce.

#### Myrick

Tana Shey Myrick, 66, of Paducah, formerly of Lola, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 at Mercy Health- Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

She was a 1974 graduate of Livingston Central High School. She attended Paducah Community College, receiving her degree as a registered nurse and obtained a BSN in nursing from Western Kentucky University and MSN from the University of Evansville. She had advanced degrees through the University of Louisville and the University of Missouri-St. Louis as an ARPN. She worked in the nursing profession for over 37 years at both Livingston Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Madisonville.

Surviving are a brother, Delbert Myrick; an aunt, Margaret Holloman; an uncle, Louis Myrick; nine cousins, Belinda Perkins, Sandra Ramage,

Sharon Hosick Thompson, Faye Croft, Dimitri Croft, Debie Croft, Larry Myrick, Robyn Myrick, Phyllis Damron; two children, Joe Myrick, and Gayle Adcock; and six second cousins, Ashley Keith, Keshia Ramage, Daphane Ramage, Kaytelin Ramage, Adyson Davenport and Lexi Davenport. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil J. and Majorie E. (Parker) Myrick; a grandmother, Ialeen (Strong) Parker; and two aunts, Jean Hardy and Louise Hamrick.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating.

### Beavers

Sue Beavers, 87, of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, in Madisonville. Sue and her husband Creed were the long-time owners of Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts in Marion, and she attended Mexico Baptist Church. Surviving are a daughter; Tina (Russel) Brewer of Madisonville; two sisters, Pam Duvall and Dorthy Boone; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hyrom and Marie Stone; her husband, Creed Beavers; three children, Hollis Gene Fox, Theresa Jane Fox and Jefferey Thomas Fox; a brother, Phillip Stone; and a sister, Donna Rushing.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Maplevue Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Hill

Betty Jane Hill, 83, of Marion, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024. She was a member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are three children, Eric (Dina) Hill of Marion, Christa (Bruce) Gibson of Robards and Josh Hill of Paducah; nine grandchildren, Shane (Tashena) Hill, Jacob Hill, Mason (Lindsey) Gibson, Lance Gibson, Ashton Hill, Heath Hill, Kolby Gibson, Brendan Hill and Keira Hill; two great-grandchildren, Sadie and Liam Hill; and siblings Erroll Leet, Leroy Leet and Nancy Joyce; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Hill; her parents, Carlos and Mayo Leet; and two brothers, Wayne and Jimmy Leet.

Funeral services were Sunday, Sept. 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Piney Fork Cemetery.

### Paris

William Ralph Paris, Jr., 82, of Fredonia, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Family will welcome friends from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the funeral home.

See complete obituary Sept. 19.

### Beckingham

Brenda S. Beckham, 75, of Dixon, Ill., died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab. She was born on March 3, 1949 in Marion, the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Greenwell) Cahoe. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband John; two children, Susan (Gail) Kelchner of Dixon and John (Kathleen) Bonnell of Amboy; three grandchildren; four step- grandchildren; and a sister, Sharon (Gary) Cerdeira of Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Brittany Bonnell; a sister, Patricia Cahoe; and a brother, John Cahoe.

Burial of cremains was held Saturday, Aug. 31 at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Jones Funeral Home in Dixon was in charge of arrangements.

### Hicks

James Collin Hicks, 71, of Marion, formerly of Deer Park, Texas, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. He was a member of Marion Baptist Church, a veteran of the United States Air Force, graduate of the University of Texas, former director of the Pasadena Livestock and Rodeo Association and former winner of the Texas Safety Manager Of The Year.

Surviving are a brother, Roy Tony Hicks of Oceanside, Calif.; and a sister, Tracey Sue (John) Choate of Eddyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lois Hicks.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Maplevue Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America at 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

### Ladd

Magdalene Ladd, 94, of Eddyville, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2024 at Landmark

of Kuttawa. She was a retired cafeteria worker in the Lyon County school system and a member of Kuttawa First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Alan (June Ja) Ladd of Princeton; a grandson, Steven Ladd of Valpariso, Ind.; a great-grandson, Austin Ladd of Chesterson, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Norman W. Ladd; her parents, Garnett and Lucille Vaughn Sisk; two sisters, Naomi Brashear and Adelaide Sisk; and two brothers, Donald Sisk and John Sisk.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Liberty Cemetery in Lyon County.

#### Owen

Jack Coleman Owen, 88, of Grand Rivers, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at Livingston Hospital. He was a retired boilermaker with U.S. Steel and a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are a brother, Hollis Dale (Judy) Owen of Kuttawa; two sisters-in-law, Ann (Ronnie) Guill of Smithland and Jean Taylor of LaCenter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Lois Hill Owen; his parents, Riley and Viola Mae Griffin Owen; three sisters, Ruth Hook, Galena Stewart and Opal Jean Medley; and a brother, Wesley Owen.

Graveside services were Friday, Aug. 30 at Paradise Cemetery in Livingston County with Gerald Russell officiating. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38405-1942.

#### Valentine

Carl William Valentine, Sr. died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024.

He was born in Chicago to Carl and Estelle Placek Valentine on Sept. 21, 1944.

He worked in excavation, demolition and trucking.

Surviving are his life partner, Gerry Aldridge of Eddyville; two sons, Carl W. (Aimee) Valentine of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and David A. (Dianna) Valentine of Williamsburg, Va.; two step-daughters, Elizabeth Aldridge Pessell of Plainwell, Mich., and Laura (Jeff) Mattioli of Augusta, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Carl W. (Whitney) Valentine V, Gabriel Valentine, Madeline Valentine, Megan Valentine, Aaron Valentine, Ethan Valentine, Sophia

Mattioli and Ross Pessell; three great-grandchildren, Waldyn Valentine, Wrennly Valentine, Wylder Valentine; and a niece, Lisa Magro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Janice Magro.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. David Terry officiating.

## Carroll

Hazel Murline Carroll, lovingly known as “Murt or Mom” to many, peacefully gained her angel wings on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024. A true Christian warrior, her testimony of her personal relationship with the Lord was a great influence on many as she portrayed her beliefs in her daily living. She dearly loved each of her family members and friends. Her favorite things were laughing, singing, playing games (a fierce competitor). An avid cook, she was always ready to help with family dinners, and being a lover of sweets, she was known for sneaking a piece of dessert before the meal. She married Samuel Brunetti at a young age, becoming a devoted wife and mother of four daughters. After 21 years of marriage, she lost her first love, and remarried Edward (Brad) Carroll, being brought together after they both suffered a great loss of their spouses to cancer.

A woman ahead of her time, her independent thinking and smart wit led to many adventures and projects that were out of the norm for most. She conquered unknown territory during these years, pursuing many passions. Always a fashionista, she owned a very successful women’s clothing business, “Carroll’s Fashions,” where she would spend countless hours not just being the proprietor and/or a salesperson but connecting with other women that encouraged their self-esteem and self-worth. Each customer was truly important to her, most became not just long-term clientele but friends.

During her retirement, she began other new adventures, including designing and selling homes, traveling the United States, and becoming a loving grandmother.

During her final years she faced dementia and ALS with pure grace. Never wavering, she continued to be the strong Christian warrior that we knew. Throughout this trial, she continued to praise her children, grandchildren, family and God.

She would say that her greatness accomplishments were being a mom, a wife, a grandmother, a sister, a successful businesswoman and child of

God.

She was born on March 12, 1936, to Irvin and Mollie Reynolds. Surviving are four children, Sherri Riley (Terry), Gina Brunetti (Bill Johnson), Cathleen Brunetti Jackson and Carleen Brunetti; five grandchildren, Tara (Josh) Chittenden, Shea (Patrick) Hawkins, Sam (Leslie) Brunetti, Payton (Zak) Blankenship and Kent (Leslie) Riley; 18 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched with her kindness and generosity.

May she rest in peace and her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. Services were Sunday, Aug. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Committal was Monday, Aug. 26 at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah.

You can send flowers to the family, plant a memorial tree in memory of Hazel "Murline" Carroll or contribute to the ALS foundation.

#### Girard

Shannon Easley Girard passed away after fighting glioblastoma for nearly six years, never losing her spirit. The daughter of Nanette and Gerald Easley, sister of Laura, she is a Mayfield native. Shannon lives on through her husband Jack of 30 years, eldest son Ethan, twin daughters Kate and Clare, as well as many dear loved ones. A woman of science, Shannon graduated from Transylvania University and UK's College of Pharmacy, working as a pharmacist for many years in Lexington and surrounding regions. In her spare time, Shannon was an avid reader, activist and concert-goer, known for having the best recommendations around town and proudly making friends wherever she went. Truly a force to be reckoned with, Shannon will always be remembered as a loving mother and a bright, brilliant presence.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to St. Jude Childrens Hospital or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of Shannon's life will take place from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Bell House, 545 Sayre Avenue, Lexington, KY.

#### Belt

Marilyn Kay Belt, 67, of Marion, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2024 at her home. She had a lifelong passion for helping others, this showed through her work as a social worker serving for the state cabinet for Families and Children Services, as well as Baptist Heath Paducah, before ending her career as

the office manager for Glenn's Apothecary. Outside of work she was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church where she served as the WMU director, VBS director, Shine Event Coordinator, as well as being responsible for bringing Celebrate Recovery to Crittenden County in 1999. She was a devoted Christian, mother, wife, sister, daughter and a friend to all who met her. Recently her heart and worship has been at Salem Baptist Church with her very close friends and family.

Surviving are her husband, Eddie Belt; three children, Eddie Lee Belt, Adena (Dennis) Lewis and Tashena (Shane) Hill; six grandchildren, Lilly Lewis, Kobe Lewis, Ellee Belt, Sadie Hill, Liam Hill, and Eli Belt; and a brother; Allan Hunt.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold R. and Bessie Lee Hunt. Services were Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Roberts

Gail Roberts, 66, of Marion, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2024 at Deaconess Midtown in Evansville.

Surviving are three children, Allison (Robert) Nesbitt, Tammie (Steve) Ladd and Matt (Amy) Jent; and six grandchildren, Brianna Belt, Sydni (Clayton) Barnes, JoAnna Ladd, Hannah Jent, Karlee Jent and Arrow "Pete" Jent. To her great-grandchildren, "Gail" was lovingly changed to "Grannie Grail," and those great-grandchildren are Allie Love, Isaiah Watkins, Silis Watkins and Jemma Barnes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlos and Anna Campbell. Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

#### Slaton

Mary Ann Slaton, 82, of Madisonville, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville.

She was born May 22, 1942 in Muhlenberg County to the late J.R. Groves and Mary Lee Flurnoy Groves.

She made her living as a home maker. She was a member of Victory Church in Madisonville and was a Betty Boop fanatic.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Donald Slaton; three daughters, Holly (Rob) Medley and Amy Slaton, both of Madisonville and Lisa (Juan)

Ayala of Crown Point, Ind.; two sons, Jim Bauer of Dunmor and Chaney (Sara) Bauer of Madisonville; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 16 at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Pastor Kris Goodman officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville.

#### Guess

Bobby Neal Guess, Sr., 85, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community. He was a member of Kuttawa First Baptist Church and had been a member of the Suwanee Aires Gospel Quartet. He was a retired welder at Special Metals.

Surviving are a daughter, Karla Guess (John Rademaker) of Louisville; a daughter-in-law, Lori Guess of Kuttawa; five grandchildren, Garrett (Sarah) Guess, Jaylyn (Dominique) Rivera, Jared (Mary) Liebman, Shayna Liebman and Ali Rost; four great-grandchildren, Kai Rivera, Maddie Rivera, Andrew Guess, Eliah Jonah-Neal; two brothers, Paul Guess and Charles (Shirley) Guess, both of Kuttawa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Betty Joyce Dycus Guess; his parents, Carl Freeman Guess and Heady Pauline Sowash Guess; a son, Bobby Neal Guess, Jr.; a grandson, Jonah Liebman.; two brothers, Raymond Guess and Carl Guess; and a sister, Inell P'Pool.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with burial in Kuttawa Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Kuttawa First Baptist Church, Youth Group, 316 Walnut St., Kuttawa, KY 42055.

#### Evans

Leroy L. Evans, 85, of Marion, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 at his home in Marion.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Joyce Evans; three sons, Jimmy (Donna) Evans of Evansville, Curtis (Michael) Evans of Marion and Mark Evans of Marion; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and half brother, Robert Evans of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by his father, John (Lorene) Evans; his mother, Isabelle (Shirley) Guy; and several brothers and sisters.

Services were Sunday Aug. 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

## Ramage

Melvin Joe Ramage, 89, of Crittenden County, died Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024 at his home.

He enjoyed watching westerns, reading the Bible, working puzzles, feeding his cats and dog, attending church and spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father and beloved by his neighbors and community. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He graduated with honors from Crittenden County High School and studied at Draughon's Business College.

Surviving are a son, Brett Ramage of Cunningham; a daughter, Sherry (Rich) Threlkeld of Beacon, NY; two grandchildren, Steve (My) Ramage of Nashville and Sarah (Mike) Wood of San Pedro, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren, D'Arcy and Aira Ramage of Nashville and Fiona and Emery Wood of San Pedro, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Davidson Ramage; his parents, Joe and Floyd (Champion) Ramage; and two sisters, Freda Morrill and Zola Croft.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 21 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors. Bro. Justin Lewis officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter are appreciated.

## Spiegel

Jason Robert Spiegel, 49, of Marion, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024 at his home in Marion.

He loved his family very much and was loved by his wife and children.

Surviving are his wife, Cherie Spiegel of Marion; six children, Michael (Audrianna) Thompson Spiegel, Marissa (David) Spiegel, Luke Spiegel, Kylie Spiegel, Jake Spiegel and Desiraie Harper; three grandchildren; his mother, Susan Ann Spiegel; a sister, Stacy Spiegel; and step mother, Cheryl Spiegel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Robert Spiegel.

Services are scheduled at 4 p.m., Thursday Aug. 22 at Gilbert Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 2:30 p.m., until service time Aug. 22 at the funeral home.

## Wright

Martha Lee Maddux Wright, 98, died at her home in Knoxville on

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024 surrounded by her family. She was born on May 29, 1926 in Salem, the youngest child of Homer and Nellie Maddux. She was raised in Salem alongside her siblings, Jesse, Louis, and Nellie May, all of whom predeceased her. She graduated from Ward-Belmont Women's College and Murray State College. She met the love of her life, Hubert "Hubie" Wright of Hampton as a young child when their families swapped a pony. She and Hubie remained in contact throughout high school, World War II and later college. They married in 1953 and lived in Paducah, where Hubie worked, and she commuted to Salem to work with her father, brothers and sister in the family bank and insurance company. Her son David and daughter Marty were born in Paducah. In 1962, they left their beloved Kentucky and moved their young family to Knoxville, Tenn., to accommodate Hubie's job opportunities. They built one of the first houses in the West Hills area of Knoxville, where she continued to live for the next 62 years.

After Hubie's death in 1979, she began substitute teaching at West Hills Elementary School, which both her children attended. She was subsequently asked to become the school secretary, a position she accepted with some trepidation, but which proved to be one of the best decisions of her life, serving there for 16 years. She cherished her many friendships with the teachers and staff, students and their families. As one young student aptly put it, "she owns the school." She was a near charter member of West Hills Baptist Church and was a loyal congregant for 62 years until her death, serving as a deacon, Sunday School teacher and longtime choir member. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, the West Hills Ten O'Clock Garden Club, Ossoli Circle and numerous bridge clubs.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor and friend to many. As matriarch Gigi, her family was her life and her greatest joy. A daughter, two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter are named for her.

Surviving are two children, David Wright of Richmond, Va., and Marty (Craig) Troutman of Knoxville; six grandchildren, Martha (Charles) Wilson of Atlanta, Laura Wright of New York, Virginia Wright of Richmond, Carlton Troutman of Knoxville, Andrew Troutman of Atlanta and Martha Shea Troutman of Nashville; and two great-granddaughters, Virginia "Ginny" Wilson and Martha Elizabeth "Lily" Wilson; three nephews; a niece; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Her family would like to thank her many, many friends who loved and cared for her through the years. Special thanks to her newest "best friend" Deborah Simpson who provided amazing care, love and friendship the past two years, and to the UT Hospice staff.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22 West Hills Baptist Church. She will be buried beside her beloved Hubie in Salem Cemetery at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

Memorials may be made to West Hills Baptist Church, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

#### Patton

Joyce Patton, 83, of Eddyville, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2024 at her home. She was born Sept. 21, 1940 to the late J.B. and Lois Babb Carner. She was a member of Fredonia First Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Kevin (Kathy) Patton of Henderson, Nolan (Hilary) Patton of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Dustin (Nichole) Patton of Eddyville; two sisters, Jane Thorpe of Eddyville and June (Teddy) Holt of Eddyville; two brothers, Jimmy (Rose) Carner of Fredonia and Dale (Sherry) Carner of Princeton; eight grandchildren, John Patton, Sarah Patton, Scarlett Patton, Oliver Patton, Leopold Patton, Eve Patton, Emily Murphy and Christian Patton; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gilford Hobson Patton; a son, Kent Patton; a sister, Sue Kornegay; and a brother, Ronnie Carner.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 22 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Presley Lamm officiating. Burial will follow at New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Gideons International, Lyon Caldwell Gideons, PO Box 254, Princeton, KY 42445 and Lottie Moon Offering, c/o Fredonia First Baptist Church, 208 Cassidy Ave, Fredonia, KY 42411.

#### Sills

Steve Winfred Sills, 91, of Salem, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2024 at his home in Salem.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and a Korean War veteran serving in the United States Army.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Sills of Salem and Kim (Steve) Bass of

Nashville; a sister, Patricia Swinford of Paducah; four grandchildren, Crystal Lockhart of Salem, Hope Sills Eagleson of Salem, Brad (Liz) Bass of Nashville and Charlie (Amy) Bass of Duncan, S.C.; and seven great-grandchildren, Ellie Kate, Riley Lockhart, Dylan Lockhart, Langley Bass, Luke Bass, Ian Eagleson and Sean Eagleson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Mary C. Sills; a sister, Rolene Burgess; twin brothers, Stuart and Stanley Sills; and his parents, Roland and Edmonia (Hardin) Sills.

Funeral services were Monday, Aug. 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Jerrod Quertermous officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Bass Foundation Charities, P.O. Box 203, Brentwood, TN 37024-0203 or Mercy Hospice, 225 Medical Center Drive, Paducah, KY 42003.

## Eberle

David Marshall Eberle, 35, of Indianola, Iowa, passed away suddenly at his home, on Monday, July 29, 2024. A celebration of life was held Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at the Middlewart Lodge in Indianola.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Eberle was born Aug. 21, 1988 in Marion to David Rushing and Tina Eberle. He grew up in Providence, Fredonia and Marion. He attended Crittenden County High School. After school, David went to college for criminal forensics. He worked various jobs and traveled the country. While in Florida in 2011 he met the love of his life Jennifer Briggs. For the next couple of years, they enjoyed traveling the country and had many great adventures in nature together. They started a family and moved back to Marion. After seven years, they moved to Grimes, Iowa before settling in Indianola.

He loved spending time with his family and friends, being in nature, hiking and traveling.

He had an incredible thirst for knowledge and challenged others to think outside the box. He was very artistic. He was great at building anything, woodworking and sculpting with clay. He was a handyman and jack of all trades. He was an elite storyteller that had a way of captivating you into the story. David always said, "I know just enough about almost everything." He was a loving father, husband and great friend.

You would be hard pressed to find any man more loyal and devoted to the

ones he loved.

Those left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 12 years Jen Briggs; children Nuada (11), EmAnimus (9) and Phoenix (9); a sister, Julia (Joe) Eberle; four nephews, William, Billy, Bobby and Grimnir; brother from another mother Mike (Chy) Taylor and their children Trae, Eli, Gannon, Dagen; Grandfather Bob (Eva) Eberle; and other family and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tina Eberle and David Rushing; his grandparents, James Marshall (June) Rushing and Dean Eberle; a great-grandmother, Jeannie Latham; two uncles, Robbie Eberle and Elvis Rushing; and his father-in-law, Michael Briggs.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to help with the boys.

### Sisco

Matthew Don Sisco, 42, a 2000 graduate and former resident of Crittenden County, died at his home in Portland, Ore., Tuesday Aug. 6, 2024.

Surviving are his wife of 19 years, Chassidy Sisco; his father; Donald "Don" Sisco of Marion; uncles and aunts; Stewart and Brenda (Sisco) Whitt, Mike and Lisa (Sisco) Smiley, and Mary Jo (Clark) Woodall, all of Marion, and Vernon and Linda (Woodall) Gilland of Fredonia, Larry and Melissa Woodall of Eddyville and Clifton Woodall of Kuttawa, as well as several cousins.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

### King

William Gregory King, 64, of Salem, died Wednesday Aug. 7, 2024 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

He enjoyed fishing, playing with his dog Jill and Diet Coke.

Surviving are two sons, Brian (Denise) King and Jamie (Lisa) King, both of Salem; a daughter, Jennifer (Andy) Stout of Dresden, Tenn.; three brothers, Tony King of Eddyville, Chris (Jana) King of Salem and Robert (Tiffany) King of Marion; six grandchildren, Nick and Savannah King, Jace and Leo Stout, Ryder King and Leigh Lohman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene Cox King; his parents, William and Ann (Hodge) King; and a grandchild, Izabella Workman.

Services were Sunday, Aug. 11 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

### Hinchee

Billy Hinchee, 90, of Marion, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Aug. 9,

2024. Born and raised in the Mattoon community, he shared 69 wonderful years with his wife Loretta and raised five children. He was a loving husband and father and a true friend to many. He attended Cave Springs General Baptist Church and New Hope Church. He enjoyed reading and sharing his understanding of the Bible, spending time outdoors, taking care of all the animals, and most of all sharing time with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His hobbies included fishing, creating toys for his grandchildren and making and repairing guns. He worked in Gary, Ind., in a steel mill, the Chrysler Auto in Evansville and Potter & Brumfield in Marion for 31 years, retiring as a toolmaker where his co-workers were lifelong friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Danny Hinchee, Howard Hinchee, Jeanne Hinchee and Michelle Speed; four grandchildren; Melissa, Ashley, Tehya and Riley; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Rosa Hinchee; a son, Jeffrey Hinchee; two brothers; Norman and Charles Hinchee; and two sisters, Lorene Henderson, and Muriel Humphrey.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Crowell Cemetery.

#### Conditt

Robert Lee "Bobby" Conditt, 68, of Marion, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at Landmark of Kuttawa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

He had worked at Alcan Aluminum for 44 1/2 years. He also enjoyed farming and working on cars.

Surviving are his wife Kristi Conditt of Marion; a son, Zachary Conditt of South Carolina; two daughters, Casey Clelland and Kayla Adams, both of Henderson; four grandchildren, Kobe Adams, Jace Adams, Trey Clelland and Adaline Conditt; a great-granddaughter, Scarlet Adams; a brother, Tom Conditt of Marion; and a sister, Betty J. Bleichroth, Evansville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Lee and Ina Marie Splittorff Conditt; and a nephew, Travis Conditt.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m., until the time of service.

#### Asbridge

John Earl "Sonny" Asbridge, 75, of Marion, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2024 at

his home.

He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1967 and served four years in the United States Air Force. He was a devoted charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion and loved the Lord. He was an extremely hard worker, an excellent provider, loving husband, gracious and unconditionally loving Daddy and the best "Pap" on earth.

He worked for Peabody Coal Company from which he retired after dedicating 35 years to the mines and owned Asbridge Sealing for 40 years. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Mollie; a daughter, Johna and his grandson, "Little Buddy" Jase; a son, Jared, all of Marion; a niece, Toyia (Bennett) Redd; a nephew, Steve Koon; and a brother-in-law, Mike Johnson of Moline, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Ward and Nina Lucille Fireline Asbridge; a sister, Mary Ann Johnson; and a nephew, Jeffrey Koon. Services were Wednesday, Aug. 14 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Lee

George William Lee, 58, of Kuttawa, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2024 at Spring Creek Nursing and Rehab in Murray. He was a former member of Hopewell Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Todd (Kensey) Lee of Benton; two daughters, Jessica Beaty and Rebecca Crail of Madisonville; four sisters, Tammy DeMarco of Kuttawa, Cathy (Bobby) Teague of Benton, Connie (Jim) Gilland of Sandusky, Ohio, and Paula Whritenour of Holland, Ohio; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Paul Lee and Nancy Jean Sedlock Lee; and a niece, Annie Teague.

Services were Sunday, Aug. 11 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Bro. Roger O'Bryan officiating. Burial was in Chestnut Oak Cemetery in Kuttawa.

Memorial contributions may be made to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society at: [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) or 212 Murray State, P.O. Box 1398, Murray, KY 42071.

#### McDowell

Rebecca A. McDowell, 64, of Crittenden County, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024. She was known for her strong will, unwavering determination, and

her big heart. She remains an inspiration to her loved ones who will live each day in memory of the strong and loving woman Ann was. While our hearts mourn the loss, we take comfort in knowing she is no longer suffering alongside her son and husband. Ann was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Surviving are three children, Ranetta E. McDowell, RaKara D. (Grant) Allen and RaShawna D. (JT) Tinsley; four step-children, Robert D. McDowell, Stephanie M. (Michael) Carter, Timothy L. (Marta) McDowell, and Crystal (Larry) Baxley; several step-grandchildren; two brothers, Billy and Donald Knight; and three sisters, Rosetta Kay Tinsley, Rhoda Sue Tinsley and Reba Fay Todd; several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. In addition to grandparents, she was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ruth Knight; her husband, Robert C. McDowell; a son, Eddie Knight; and a sister, Roella Knight.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

#### McRae

Brian Malcolm McRae, 74, of Kuttawa, died Wednesday, July 30, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah. Brian was of the Christian faith and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindi Anita Jamison of Paducah; a sister, Sharon Preston of Madisonville; four grandchildren, Oceana Ellen Graham, Carolyn Rose Harrison, Nathaniel McRae Fletcher and Jessika Maye Fletcher; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm Shaw McRae and Loretta Gardner Childress; a daughter, Daisy M. McRae; a sister, lone Omans; and a granddaughter, Clara Denise Fletcher.

Services were Monday at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Fox officiating. Burial of cremated remains with military honors will be conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

#### Epley

Harry Dean Epley, 76, a native of Crittenden County, died Saturday Aug. 3, 2024 at his home in Paducah. Epley served his country for two years in the United States Marine Corps, and after an Honorable Discharge he joined the Kentucky National Guard.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church. He had recently retired from P&H Farms, where he worked for 16 years. Many of his younger years were spent as a truck driver hauling cattle cross country.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Tammy (Norsworthy) Epley; three sons, Shannon (Jennifer) of Marion, Daniel (Kellsey) of Paducah and Donnie Gilbert of Eddyville.

His blessings were his eight grandchildren, including three grandsons, Collin Epley, Bryson Hall and Wyatt Dean Epley; and five granddaughters, Kate Epley, Avery Epley, Presley Hall, Chandler Epley and Emersyn Hall. His other love was his Shorkie, Hermey.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Epley; a son, Todd Epley; a sister, Claudine Leet; and half brother Bobbie Epley.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10 at Marion Baptist Church. The family will receive guests beginning at 11 a.m., until service time. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

#### Doom

Billy Joe Doom, 82, of Kuttawa died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health Center. He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church and a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are a son, Joey (Stpehanie) Doom of Lexington; two sisters, Betty (Don) Sanders of Nashville and Ramona (Herschel) Engler of Eddyville; a brother, Jimmy Ray (Sue) Doom of Eddyville; a granddaughter, Sarah Doom of New York; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Imogene Polk Doom. Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10 at Lakeland Funeral Home with burial in Hebron Cemetery in Lyon County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hebron Baptist Church, c/o Carolyn Travis, 102 Woodrow St., Eddyville, KY 42038.

#### Tabor

Sheila Diane Tabor, 62 of Marion, died Tuesday July 23, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She worked as a secretary and receptionist and enjoyed making cakes and cupcakes for many special occasions. She was a member of Life in Christ Church where she played keyboard as part of the Praise Team.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Anthony "Tony" Tabor of Marion; her

mother, Carolyn (Joe) Broussard of Winchester, Tenn.; two sons, Chris (Heather) Penn of Marion, and Ryan Tabor of Paducah; three grandsons, Gage Campbell, Gavin Penn and Christian Penn; a sister, Shari (Craig) Cox of Tullahoma, Tenn.; two brothers, Mark Smiley of Manchester, Tenn., and Mike (Lisa) Smiley of Marion; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, William Smiley. Funeral services were Saturday, July 27 at Life in Christ Church with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Williams

Scharlene Louise Adams Williams, 77, of Salem, died Thursday, July 25, 2024 at her home.

She worked as a cook at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services and as a substitute teacher.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeana Columbus of Salem,; two sons, Jeremiah (Raschel) Adams of Benton and Nunzio (Kelly) Columbus of Michigan; three sisters, Josephine Ruth, Marilyn Sue and Eleanor Kay; two brothers, Garie Lee Chrismer and Dennis Paul Chrismer; five grandchildren, Nikole, Isabella, Devin, Dani and Harvey; and her ex-husband, Samuel Columbus. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Danny Adams and Jerry Williams; and her parents, Charles and Nona Ruth (Hupe) Chrismer. Funeral services were Monday, July 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Bro. Jim Greer and Bro. Jerry Merritt officiated.

Donations may be made to Starfish Orphan Ministries, 1000 Broadway St. Paducah, KY 42001 or Livingston Hospital Auxiliary 131 Hospital Drive Salem, KY. 42078.

#### Swager

Virginia L. Swager, 89, of Murray, died Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Oakview Nursing Home in Calvert City after a long battle with COPD and dementia. She was born and raised on the family farm in Crittenden County until she graduated and met her husband Robert at Camp Breckinridge and married in 1953. She was a devoted homemaker most of her life along with being devoted wife, mother and grandmother while standing by her husband as he served 30 years in the United States Army.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Stacy Shupe Roach; three grandsons, Haydn, Kenneth and Kyle Shupe; a granddaughter, Alexa R. Swager; and

great-grandson, Tobias K. Shupe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George H. and Aileen Stacy Nunn Roberts; her husband, Retired SGM Robert L. Swager; a son, Steven L. Swager; a daughter, Diana L. Hutchings; five siblings, Austin Roberts, Glen Roberts, Corinne Brantley, Leonard "Jim" Roberts and Blondell Behrendt; and several in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the following organizations: Murray/ Calloway County Animal Shelter, 81 Shelter Lane, Murray, KY 42071 or Ulrich Veterinary Clinic, 6980 SR 146, Buncombe, IL 62912 (checks made to clinic must have Howlin 4 Hope in the memo line), which funds rehabilitation, transport and network.

#### Fulkerson

Candi Lynn Fulkerson, 55, of Marion, died Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at her home.

Surviving are three children, Brandi (Allen) Mitchell, James Mitchell II and David (Jamey) Mitchell; 10 grandchildren, Jayden McKnight, Tyler Tillberry, Autumn Tillberry, Haylee Reed, Justin Clemmons, Mason Mitchell, Madison Besaw, Lillian Besaw, Sophia Mitchell and David Mitchell, Jr.; three sisters, Beth Burney, Melissa Fulkerson and Connie Smith and a brother, Michael Fulkerson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy Fulkerson and Betty Gregolunas; her first husband, James Mitchell, Sr; her second husband, William Mason; and a brother, Guy Fulkerson, Jr.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

#### Gregg

Paula Gail Miller Gregg, 71, of Dycusburg, died Friday, July 26, 2024 at Salem Spring Lake Health Center. She was a retired corrections officer having served in both Kentucky and Mississippi.

Surviving are a daughter, Amy Eloise (Paul) Martin of Dycusburg; a step daughter, Donna (Mike) Harper of McCarley, Miss.; and two grandchildren, Lincoln Oliver Martin and Ethan Thomas Martin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Dwight Gregg; her parents, Paul Oliver Miller and Charlotte Faye Breazeale Miller; and a sister, Brenda Edmonds.

There will be no visitation or services. Lakeland Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Belt

Jerry Keith Belt, 78, of Marion, died Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Health Care Services.

He was a self-employed entrepreneur, a member of Salem Masonic Lodge #81, and attended Salem United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Nora Belt of Marion, KY; a daughter, DeeDee (Mike) Griffin of Peoria, Ill.; a son, Tony (Kellie) Jackson of Marion; four grandsons, Duston and Zachary Griffin, Brandon and Chad Jackson; five great-grandchildren, Harper, Levi, River, Daryl and Charlee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jewel and Marie Winters Belt; a daughter, Wendy Jo Belt; and a brother, Jimmy Belt.

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 31 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

#### Ramer

Billy Truman Ramer, 80, of Paducah, died Tuesday, July 2, at his home with his wife Linda by his side.

He was born Aug. 10, 1943, at home in the Bayou community of Smithland to the late Carrie Eugene and Mildred Ellen Mahan Ramer.

He attended Livingston County Schools and was a graduate of Murray State University. He worked in banking, education, farming and at Air Products/Wacker in Calvert City.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 60 years, Linda; two children Jean Ellen (Scott) Baker of Lebanon, Tenn., and Jason (Miranda) Ramer of Smiths Grove; six grandchildren: Jolin (Janis) Gruzni of Lebanon, Tenn., Noah Baker of Knoxville, Tenn., Emily Baker of Lebanon, Tenn., Brooks, Evelyn Kate and Jude Ramer of Smiths Grove; a sister-in-law Becky (Shayne) Green of Lake Jackson, Texas; a brother Neil (Vicky) Ramer of Cecilia; a niece, Amanda (J.R.) Tait of Lincoln, Neb.; two nephews Andrew Green of Houston, Texas and Alex (Katelyn) of Georgetown, Texas; and a cousin, Marcille (Jeff) Gordon of Dickson, Tenn.

He will be remembered as a dedicated, welcoming, patient, thoughtful, caring and remarkable role model, father and PaPa. He loved to travel, dance, heartily laugh, spend time with friends, and he fiercely loved his family.

A celebration of his life will be held at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 10. Burial will follow in Smithland Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 1 pm on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made online at [www.boydfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.boydfuneraldirectors.com) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN; Memorial Giving, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at [memorials@stjude.org](mailto:memorials@stjude.org).

Locke

Amanda Michelle (Edmonds) Locke, 48, of Salem, died Sunday, July 21, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

She was a member of Salem Baptist where she sang and played the piano with the praise and worship team. She was a registered nurse, obtaining her BSN and was manager of infection prevention at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. She loved to worship the Lord and volunteered in many capacities at church. She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter and friend to all who knew her.

Surviving are her loving husband, Kenny Locke of Salem; five children, Alexandra Eve "Lexi" (Waylon) Wood of Paducah, and Bryce Dalen Waters, Brooklyn Elizabeth Waters, Braden (Lauren) Locke and Aaron Locke, all of Salem; a brother, Matthew (Christa) Edmonds of Ledbetter; her parents, Tim and Vanita Edmonds of Hampton; her grandmother, Evelyn Edmonds of Hampton; nieces and nephews Andrew and Alexis Edmonds, Makenzi Jones, Riley and Ethan Edmonds; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, W.C. Edmonds; and maternal grandparents, Mural and Lorine Barnes.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m., Friday, July 26 at Salem Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Wring and Rev. Josh Bumpus officiating. Burial will follow in Hampton Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 4 p.m., Thursday, July 25 at Salem Baptist Church.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services will be webcast at- <https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/>

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## Chaney

James "Jim" Victor Chaney, Sr., 89, of Dycusburg, died Sunday, July 21, 2024 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

He served during the Korean and Vietnam wars and received the Bronze Star. He retired from U.S. Army in 1976 after 21 years of service and then worked as a corrections officer for 17 years. He was a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church and was an avid carpenter, gardener and bowler.

Surviving are a son, Vic Chaney (DeWayne Spalding) of San Francisco, Calif.; a long-time companion, Joe Ann Asbridge, Frances; a sister, Winnie Lee Smith of Fairborn, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Green of Mayfield and Sandy Green of Dycusburg; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Joann Green Chaney; his parents, Kenneth and Ollie Campbell Chaney; and three sisters, Betty Jo Brewer, Helen Chaney and Carol Sue Chaney.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m., Friday, July 26 at Lakeland Funeral Home with burial in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

Visitation is from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, July 25, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Haire

Jeffrey Haire, 52, of Hot Springs, Ark., died Thursday, July 11, 2024. He was a devoted children's minister.

Surviving are his wife, Vicki Haire; parents, Larry and Donna Haire; seven children, Nikki (Matt) Blount, Miranda Haire, Abbigayle Haire, Mical Haire, Tory (Bryan) Burks, Daythan Sharp, and Alenea Sharp; three siblings, Daniel Haire, Brandi (George) Potter, Joshua (Kristy) Haire; and 11 grandchildren, Ayana, Hannah, Brayden, Camren, Chandler, Ryan, Zachary, Lilly, Charlie, Axel and Braxton.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lafe and Inez Linzy, and Melvin and Nellie Haire.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 16 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial following at Rosebud Cemetery.

## Sullenger

Jerry M. Sullenger, 82, of Princeton, died Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born May 9, 1942 in Morganfield to her late parents, Gilbert and Zula Mae Tabor. She led a life of kindness, compassion and deep faith. She graduated as a majorette from Crittenden County High School in the Class of 1960. She went on to work in Human Resources at Bremner, originally starting her career when the company was known as Arvin, and she dedicated many years of service before retirement. She was an active member of Northside Baptist Church where her service included attendance at Sunday School and working in the nursery, nurturing the youngest members of the congregation with the same care and affection she bestowed upon her own family.

Her dedication to her family was apparent, as she filled their lives with love and guidance. She found joy in her 64-year marriage to her devoted husband, Eddie D. Sullenger; and cherished every moment spent with her son, David (Wendy) Sullenger; granddaughters, Mary Grace (Jamus) McAtee and Adison Sullenger; and great-grandson, Jiles McAtee, all of Princeton; and loving caregivers, Pat Puckett, Anita Cayce, Janet Cayce.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents; a daughter, Kimberly Dawn Sullenger; foster daughter, Sherry Tucker; and brother, Robert Hodge.

She will be remembered as the sweetest soul, whose loving and kind nature enriched the lives of those around her. Her faith-filled presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy of love and devotion will forever be cherished by her family and friends.

Services were Saturday, July 13 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. David Royalty officiating and Bro. Israel Brooks assisting. Burial was in Maplevew Cemetery.

## Hodge

Sam Morris Hodge, 86, of Marion, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2024 at Morganfield Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

He retired as a truck driver for the Crittenden County Road Department and served in the National Guard. He was a member of Marion First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Sunny Hodge; a daughter, Julie (Chris) Crowdus of

Morganfield; two granddaughters, Karen (Greg) Vaughn of Paducah and Alyssa (Clark) Ewing of Parson, Tenn.; a grandson, Cooper Crowdus; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil Guy and Stella Ruth Thomas Hodge; a son, Danny Hodge; two sisters, Mary and Ruth; and four brothers, Charlie, Don, George and Guy Edward.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 18 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Friends may visit on Thursday from 11 a.m., until service time.

#### Morrow

Susan English Morrow, 70, of Marion, died Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Susan was a member of Union Baptist Church in Marion.

Surviving are a daughter, Melissa (David) Bock of Marion; two sons, Jason (Emily) Morrow of Paducah and Rev. Ben (Beth) Morrow of Nashville; a sister, Beth Huff; three brothers, John, Bryan and Tim English; and nine grandchildren, Silas, Rowan, Jesse, Tyler, Scarlett, Sawyer, Joseph, Nathaniel and Zoe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Michael Morrow; and her parents, David and Gatha Mahaffey English.

Services were Tuesday, July 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial services at the cemetery will be private.

#### Hrapeck

A memorial service for Dennis James Hrapeck, 65, of Marion, will be held at 1 p.m., July 22, 2024 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Hrapeck died June 23 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time July 22 at the funeral home.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Hrapeck of Marion; two sons, Jason (Kacey) Nesbitt and Tommy (Amelia) Hrapeck; a grandchild, Cameron Nesbitt; two sisters, Denise Wilder and Cindy Hrapeck; a brother, Mike (Tammy) Hrapeck; a sister-in-law, Linda McKinney; a brother-in-law, Bill Nesbitt; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mickey and Margaret Hrapeck; and a brother, Tommy Hrapeck.

Shadowen

Kenneth Shadowen, 80, of Benton, died Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at Marshall County Hospital.

He was born May 9, 1944, in the community of Mexico in Crittenden County to the late Collin Shadowen and Faolena Myers Shadowen. As a young boy growing up on his family's farm in Crittenden County, he developed a deep love for sports, particularly basketball. This love for the game eventually led him to begin coaching a local grade school team. He went on to receive a basketball scholarship from Bethel University, where he graduated with his bachelor's degree in education before returning back home in 1966. This was only the start of his lifelong dedication to education.

After college, while working at a bait shop in Lake City, Shadowen began pursuing his Master's Degree from Murray State University. He started his career as a teacher at Hampton Elementary before moving to Grand Rivers Elementary and later went on to teach at Smithland Elementary, where he took his first role in administration as principal. He was Superintendent of Livingston County Schools from 1975 until 1988. From 1988 to 2000, he served as Superintendent of Marshall County Schools, where his hard work and determination led him to receive the 1996 Dupree Award for Outstanding Superintendent. In 2000, he retired from the Marshall County School System and went to work part time for the Christian County School System as an Assistant Superintendent until 2008. He was an active member at Briensburg and was a board member for Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Lions Club, 10 years on the board of trustees for the Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System, past board member and president of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, member of the Executive Board for Kentucky Association of School Administrators, former member and president of the West Kentucky Educational Coop, former board member for Marshall County Hospital, and current board member for North Marshall Water District, and current treasurer and chairman of the building committee at Briensburg Baptist Church. He was a Marshall County Citizen of the Year and had the honor of having the Kenneth Shadowen Performing Arts Center named after him for his dedication to the school system.

Surviving are two sons, Jake (Jondra) Shadowen and Jarrod (Lorrie) Shadowen, both of Benton; six grandchildren, Collin Shadowen, John Case

Shadowen, Cutter Shadowen, Wilson Shadowen, Sully Shadowen and Anzley Booth; one nephew, Todd (Hope) Shadowen of Lexington; and a great-niece, Olivia Shadowen.

He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Marlene Lively Shadowen; a brother, Lige Shadowen; and his parents, Collin Shadowen and Faolena Myers Shadowen.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 22 at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial was in Mexico Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Mexico Cemetery Fund % Bobby Padgett, 6001 Mott City Rd, Marion, KY, 42064, or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN, 38105.

#### Chandler

Steve Chandler, 64, of Sturgis, died Thursday, June 27, 2024 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital. He was born Sept. 8, 1959 to the late Rudolph and Mary Chandler in Evansville. He was a member of Local Union 37 Insulators in Evansville. He was a life-long farmer who was an avid hunter, especially of turkey, water fowl and dove.

Surviving are an uncle, Glenn Newcom of Louisville; a godson, Miles Brandon; and several cousins and a special friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Keith Chandler.

Services were Monday, July 1 at Whitsell Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Chesser will officiating. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Duncan Cemetery Fund, 3220 SR 365, Sturgis, KY 42459.

#### Brooks

Edith Kathryn Brooks, 94, of the Lola Community of Livingston County, died Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Rivers Bend Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kuttawa.

She loved to quilt and cook, but most of all she loved her family, especially her grandbabies. She thought her grandchildren and great-grandchildren could do no wrong. She was the oldest member of New Union "Ditney" General Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda (Rickey) Croft of Marion and Denise McNutt of Auburn, Ala.; four grandchildren, Kristee Shoulders of Marion, Chad Croft of Lexington,; Chelsea Smith of Alpharetta, Ga., and Aaron

McNutt of Maryetta, Ga; two great-grandchildren, Dalton Shoulders and Macye Shoulders of Marion; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Guthrie Brooks; six sisters; four brothers; and her parents, Carty and Nettie (McElmurry) Bebout.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. David Davis officiating. Burial will follow in New Union (Ditney) Cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks' family would like to thank her sitters, Linda Chittenden, Neva Threlkeld, Jewell Chittenden, Mary Love, Phyllis McKinney, Jeanie Curnel, Faye Conger, Carolyn Bryant and Charlene Sunderland. Without you, Momma wouldn't have been able to stay home as long as she did. We owe you many thanks.

#### Johnson

J.C. Johnson, 86, of Marion, died Sunday, June 23, 2024 at his home. He was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are four children, Lisa Williamson, Janie Jones, Sunshine Johnson and Tammy Fitzgerald, all of Marion; four grandchildren, Brittany Day, Randi Williamson, Kendra Fitzgerald and Chris Fitzgerald; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Johnson; two sons, Randy Johnson and Kenneth Rushing; a grandson, Dustin Fox; and his parents, Bill Johnson and Mary Fox.

Services were Wednesday, June 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

#### Hrapeck

Dennis James Hrapeck, 65, of Marion, died Tuesday, June 23, 2024 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Hrapeck of Marion; two sons, Jason (Kacey) Nesbitt and Tommy (Amelia) Hrapeck; a grandson, Cameron Nesbitt; two sisters, Denise Wilder and Cindy Hrapeck; a brother, Mike (Tammy) Hrapeck; a sister-in-law, Linda McKinney; a brother-in-law, Bill Nesbitt; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mickey and Margaret Hrapeck; and a brother, Tommy Hrapeck.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home in

Marion, KY is in charge of arrangements.

#### Duncan

Agnes M. Duncan, 75, of Marion, formerly of Salem, died Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

She was a member of Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two sons, Junior (Debbie) Duncan of Marion and Kevin Duncan of Florida; two grandchildren, Nic (Lacie) Duncan of Marion and Jordan (Lacey) Duncan of Calvert City; five great-grandchildren, Jayden, Colton, Emerson, Blakely and Nox; two brothers, Danny (Beverly) Hunter of Salem and Bobby (Linda) Hunter of Tiline.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Keith Duncan; a granddaughter, Jesika Duncan; her parents, Buel Edward and Clara Elizabeth (Adams) Hunter; three sisters, Louise Cox, Diane Cosby and Nerva Loveless; and four brothers, Calvin Hunter and Jesse Hunter, Billy Hunter and Toby Hunter.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, June 28 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. David LeNeave officiating.

Burial will follow at Tyner's Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until service time Friday, June 28.

#### Turley

Randall Lee Turley, 67, of Marion, died Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at his home. He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Pam Turley; three children, Floyd (Kara)

Turley, Austin (Carol) Turley, and Carrie Turley Curnel, all of Marion; nine grandchildren, Dylan, Preston, Emma, Lila, Coy, Jaxon, Hattie, Baylee and Gracie; and three brothers, Curtis (Brenda) Turley, David Turley and Todd (Patti) Turley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Francis A. Turley; and a brother, Billy Turley.

Services were Friday, June 14 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

#### Earls

Jason Paul Earls, 48, of Marion, died Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Ray &

Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He had been employed by Martin Tire and Harper's Auto Salvage.

Surviving by his wife, Judy Earls; and three sons, Joshua Earls, James Earls and Joseph Earls, all of Marion; a grandson, Jaysen Keith Earls; a sister, Karen Earls of Michigan; two brothers, John (Julie) Earls Jr., of Kevil and David Earls of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen Carter Earls; and three sisters Nancy, Rita and Donna.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Kleinik

Portia Kleinik, 77, of Marion, died Thursday, June 13, 2024 at Parkview Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Kleinik; and parents, George and Roma Diewert.

Private services will be held at a later date, Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wilson

Bonnie Lee Hartley Wilson, 98, of Hermitage, Tenn., died Thursday June 13, 2024.

Surviving are a daughter, Wilda Renee Mairson of Old Hickory, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Erroll Hartley, Annamiek Hartley Gray and Stephanie Mairson; two sisters, Lula Ellen Easley Gilmore and Minnie Wanda Easley Ditty; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Bennett Hartley; a son, Mark Bennett Hartley; her parents, Al and Minnie Easley; and a grandson, Sean Mairson.

Graveside services were Wednesday, June 19 at Maplevue Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Connor

Marvin C. Connor, father, boat pilot, auto mechanic and body shop owner, marina operator, skilled lathe operator, scuba diver, and a self-taught jack of all trades, died Friday, June 14, 2024 at age 97. He was born Jan. 21, 1927, on a farm halfway between Pellville and Floral, Ky., as the youngest child of Herbert Clyde Connor and Anna B. Harrison Connor.

He grew up in rural Hancock County and Owensboro. After serving in World War II, he relocated to Tell City, Ind., where he began a career as an

auto mechanic working at the Pontiac garage. He moved on to his own business, Connor's Body Shop, where he became known as a skilled and well-liked mechanic and auto body repairman for much of the town's populace. Not long after starting this business, he was prevailed upon by some of his fellow pleasure boat owners to take over the operation of the Tell City Marina, a boat dock on the Ohio River. He also learned to scuba dive and assisted the local fire and police departments with rescue operations and bought a small tow boat that he renovated to add a pilot house, the "Carol Sue," which he used to assist in operations on the river. In the late 1960s, Connor began work on the construction of a dam on the Ohio River at Cannelton, Ind., which began his occupation as a river boat pilot. He worked on various dam construction projects up and down the Ohio, until he finally relocated to Smithland to work on the construction of the Smithland Dam. He continued working as a boat pilot until his retirement in 1989.

In retirement, he and his wife Darla began working as flea market vendors, and Connor taught himself to paint beautiful pictures. He also taught himself carpentry, plumbing and electrical work and built an addition to their Smithland home, as well as various outbuildings.

Connor's hobbies included spending time with his large family, reading Western novels, fishing and hunting with his buddies, raising large and bountiful vegetable and fruit gardens, and, to use his word, "piddling." If he needed a tool or device for himself or others, he would create it. But his passion was his involvement in the Masonic Lodge in both Tell City (Lodge #623) and Smithland (Lodge #138), where he was known for bringing his home-made fried apple pies to functions. He was also a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers for most of his working career. He never met a stranger – he could (and did) strike up an animated conversation with just about anyone he met. His storytelling was legendary.

Surviving are six children, Carol Connor (Jeff) Cohen, Cathy Connor (Gary) Grundhoefer, Charles "Chuck" (Darla) Connor, Marvin Craig Connor, Cindy Connor (Darrell) Wiseman and Rosa Connor (Michael) Gilland; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Darla Jean (Richardt) Connor; two sons Michael Ambrose Connor and Christopher Neal Connor; a grandson Jacob Paul Gilland; two brothers, Sewell Connor, Sr. and A.B. Connor; and a sister, Jo Connor Bowlds.

Graveside services were Tuesday, June 18 at Calvary Cemetery in Troy, Ind.

## McGahan

Troy Delano McGahan, a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and a dedicated minister of the Word of God, journeyed from this life Sunday, June 16, 2024 surrounded by his family, to open his eyes in heaven after winning his courageous battle against cancer.

Born on Nov. 23, 1972, to Bobby and Margaret McGahan, McGahan's life in Somerset was filled with joy, particularly in his love for sports. His life path led him to answer his calling to become a pastor.

McGahan's unwavering commitment to sharing the Gospel exemplified his faith and impact on others. As a minister, he touched countless lives, guiding many toward the Lord and serving as a beacon of strength and inspiration. His ability to offer encouragement and lead others closer to Christ during their life journeys is a testament to his deep faith and caring spirit.

The union of Troy and the love of his life, Terra took place Sept. 27, 2002, and marked the beginning of a journey filled with love and commitment.

On Dec. 22, 2003, their joy multiplied as God blessed them with the arrival of their son, Zechariah "Zech" Delano McGahan, adding a new chapter of love and happiness to their lives. These significant dates hold profound meaning and memories that will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved McGahan.

His presence in Marion left a profound impact on the community, where he and his family were embraced with love.

As a radio personality for WMJL, McGahan's daily broadcasts not only shared his faith but also his jovial spirit, bringing laughter and joy to those who tuned in. His ability to intertwine humor with his message reflected his genuine and approachable nature, making him a cherished figure in the community.

Surviving are his wife, Terra; son Zech, his parents, Bobby and Margaret McGahan; a brother, Tim; and nephews Darrell and Trevor and their families; a sister-in-love, Nicole; and her children Tyler, Isabel, Benjamin, Evan, EmaJo, and Shiloh Clark; and numerous beloved aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Juanita and D.D. McGahan and Leslie and James Aker. Their memory and influence surely played a

significant role in shaping Troy's life and values, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire those who knew him.

Visitation in Marion is from 1-6 p.m., Thursday, June 20 at Central Baptist Church.

Visitation in Somerset is 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, June 21 at Southern Oaks Funeral Home followed by a service at 2 p.m.

### Berry

James Martin Berry, 84, of Marion, died Monday, June 17, 2024 at his home.

He was employed by Turner & Conyer Lumber Company for 35 years, enjoyed woodworking in his spare time and was a member of Marion Main Street Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Wanda Doom Berry; three sons, Jerry (Amy) Berry and Joseph Berry, both of Marion, and ad Jack (Michelle) Berry of Murra; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Ann Berry; a son-in-law, Jack Stewart; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Rosey Cummings Berry; a son, James "Marty" Berry; a daughter, Barbara Stewart; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 20 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family Thursday from 11 a.m., until the service time.

### Sisco

Wilbur "Junior" Sisco Jr, 72, of Marion, died Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Sisco; a son, Chris (Krissy) Sisco; a daughter, Valina (Rodney) Yates; 10 grandchildren, Marylinda, Preston, and Christa Sisco, Brandy and Andrew Daniels, Alyssa, Tristian, and Myra Yates, Kyla Atwell and Kaleb Jones; nine great-grandchildren, Maylani Wiggins, Brooklyn Smurawa, Hadleigh Martin, Nolan and Jax McBee, Anaya, Hananiah, Miracle and Kinslee Tramill; two brothers, Wayne and Charles Ray McNeely; a sister, JoAnn (Danny) Warner; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Wilbur C. Sisco; his mother, Mary Jo McNeely; a stepfather Troy McNeely; and a sister, Rose Gilland.

Services were Saturday, June 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery.

#### Stone

Phillip Wayne Stone, 81, died Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at his home in Frances.

He worked for P&H Farms and was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 11 years, Deborah Jones Stone; two daughters, Angie Stone of Florida and Dawn (Aaron) Summers of Marion; a son, David Stone of Marion; seven grandchildren, Jared Stone, Hunter Stone, Ethan Stone, Brittany Thompson, Megan Hunt, Tyler Guess and Quinn Summers; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Hunt, Kiley Hunt, Cutler Hunt and Avery Thompson; and three sisters, Dorothy Boone of Marion, Sue Beavers of Madisonville and Pamela Duvall of Marion.

He was preceded in death by infant twin daughters, Melinda and Lucinda Stone; his parents, Hyrom and Marie (Hardesty) Stone; and a sister, Donna Rushing.

Services were Sunday, June 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Bro. Gary Hardesty officiated. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.

#### DeWitt

Barbara Ann DeWitt, 84, of Marion, died Sunday, June 9, 2024 at her home.

She was a past Worthy Matron of Marion Chapter 135 and Shady Grove Chapter 505, Order of the Eastern Star. She was an Avon salesperson for several decades, with much-loved customers all across Crittenden County. Surviving are two daughters Cindy Hagan of Paducah and Kelly DeWitt of Marion; six grandchildren, Steve (Mytra) Ramage, Preston (Hannah) Muir and Madeline (Logan) Browning of Nashville, Tenn., Sarah (Mike) Wood of Lakehurst, N.J., Heather Rhoades and Patrick DeWitt of Chattanooga, Tenn., and 5 great-grandchildren. She was a beloved aunt to numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Emery J. DeWitt; a daughter, Cynthia Ann DeWitt; a son-in-law, Ron Hagan; two brothers, Billy and Darrell Martin; a sister, Doris Rich and parents, Preston Orman and Alta Lucille Martin.

Eastern Star Services are at 5 p.m., Friday June 14 with funeral services to

follow at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 1 p.m., until service time Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery West at a later date.

#### Wilson

Christopher Alexander Wilson, 44, of Marion, died Friday, June 7, 2024 in Marion.

Surviving are his father, Randy Wilson of Marion; a son, Dylan Wilson of Arlington Heights, Ill.; and a sister, Jennifer Lynn Wilson of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Francine Wilson.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Cooper

Thomas Cecil Cooper, 65, of Marion, died Monday, May 27, 2024 at his home. He was born May 16, 1959 to Max and Jimmye Nell Brown Cooper in Sturgis. He attended Bethany Baptist Church. He was previously employed at Western Auto, was a former 911 head dispatcher of Union County, and was employed by Par 4 Plastics. He enjoyed weather, genealogy and arguing against the flat earth theory. He was an avid UK and Chicago Cubs fan. He attended Western Kentucky University and was a 1977 graduate of Union County High School.

Surviving are a sister, Laura Wildey of Marion; a brother John (Lisa) Cooper of Marion; a daughter, Hannah Cooper of West End, N.C.; two nieces, Ashley (Mark) Farmer and Shelby Cooper, both of Marion; a great niece, Haisley Farmer of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services were Monday, June 3 at David Rest Odd Fellow Cemetery in Boxville with Brother Jeff Paris officiating.

#### Williams

Donna Sue Williams, 79, of Carrsville, died Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was born May 23, 1945 to the late Noble and Helen (Hughes) McDaniel in Marion. She graduated from Marion High School in 1963 and soon married the love of her life, Harley Deon Williams, in July of that same year. Donna and Deon "Speedy" Williams celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary just before Deon's passing in August of 2023.

Williams retired from Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services after 23 years as ward clerk. She loved to travel and read, but she most enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie (David) Collins of West Paducah and DeAnna (Darrell) McDonald of Carrsville; a son, Darrin (Roseann) Williams of Smithland; seven grandchildren, Darrick Williams of Dawson Springs, Brandon Williams of Smithland, SueAnna Williams of Smithland, Sy Noble McDonald of Carrsville, Eli Harley McDonald of Carrsville, Dawson Collins of West Paducah, Baron Collins of West Paducah; a great-granddaughter, Keyle Williams of Dawson Springs; two special cousins, Vickie Thurman of Elizabethtown, and Sandra Johnson of Louisville; and many other cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Services were Wednesday, June 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. David LeNeave and Bro. Darrell McDonald officiating. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery

#### Phillips

Don Hayden Phillips, 95, of Burna, died Saturday, June 1, 2024 at his home.

He was born April 30, 1929 in Burna. He was a Korean War veteran, a dedicated member of the Burna Fire Department and Dyer Hill Baptist Church. Don began driving trucks for Chipps Brothers and retired after 31 years with McLean Trucking Company. After retirement he worked two years for Sumner County Sheriff's Office in Gallatin, Tenn. He was a 74-year member of Salem Masonic Lodge 81, a 72-year member of American Legion Post 217, a member of Scottish Rite and Rispah Shrine of Madisonville.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katie Phillips; his parents, Vernon and Thelma Warren Phillips; a sister, Vernelle Dunkerson; a brother, Joe Phillips; and Stacy Doom who was like a daughter to him.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 8 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Randy Beals officiating.

Masonic Rites will be conducted at noon. Burial will follow in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 217 or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

#### Dossett

Sharon D. Dossett, 80, of Salem, died Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center. She was a member of Carrsville Pentecostal Church.

Surviving are her husband, Malcolm L. "Mac" Dossett of Salem; two sons, Craig (Amanda) Dossett of Salem and Brad (Lisa) Dossett of Marion; four grandchildren, Jacob Hill, Maria Dossett, Ragon (Mack) Fugate and Ethan Dossett; two great-grandchildren, Waylon and Jaxson Fugate; and a brother, Malcolm "Sonny" Berry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Malcolm and Bonnie Berry. Services were Friday, May 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Carrsville Cemetery.

#### Gillott

Charlotte "Char" Stallion Gillott, 75, of Leesburg, Fla., died Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at her home in Plantation Resort, Leesburg, Fla. She was born on July 30, 1948, in Marion to Dallas "Dick" Stallion and Naomi Stallion.

Surviving are her former husband of 10 years, Richard Gillott; a sister, Branda K. Stallion; a brother, William "Bill" Grant (Dianne) Stallion; two nieces, Kristal and Sabrina; four great-nieces and one great-nephew. Gillott dedicated her career to education, serving as an elementary teacher and reading specialist. She obtained her undergraduate and Master's degree from Murray State University. Her passion for teaching touched the lives of many students throughout her 30-plus year career.

Outside of work, Gillott found joy in reading and crafts. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Leesburg, where she found solace and community. Contributions can be made to Paws Rescue and Therapy in Honor of her love for dogs.

Services were Tuesday, June 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Bro. David LeNeave officiated.

Charlotte will be dearly missed by her family, friends and all those who knew her.

#### Holt

Carl L. Holt, 86, of Benton died Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah.

He retired after 32 years as a school teacher and was a land surveyor for over 50 years. He enjoyed being outdoors raising cattle, fishing, farming and gardening. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Little Cypress Baptist Church in Possum Trot for 45 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his grandkids.

Surviving are his wife of almost 60 years, Beulah Nell Holt; two sons, Kendall (Rhonda) Holt of Possum Trot and Kerry (Phuong) Holt of Lucas, Texas; a sister, Ida Jane (Buster) Allgood of Calvert City; two brothers, Lois (Sally) Holt of Paducah and Jimmy (Kay) Holt of Boaz; three grandchildren, Jared Holt and Justin Holt, both of Possum Trot, and Abby Holt of Lucas, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Taft and Birdie Josephine (Dycus) Holt.

Services were Tuesday, May 28 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Barry Summerville officiating. Burial was in Old Salem Cemetery.

#### Masse

Lana Riley Masse, 68, of Paducah died Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at her home. She was born to the late Dentis "D.K." Riley and Naomi Hale Riley. She was a 1973 graduate of Lone Oak High School and a retired surgical tech.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Paul Masse; a daughter, Taylor Masse of Greece; three sons, Tyle Masse of Princeton, James (Jennifer) Masse of Charleston, S.C., and Sean Masse of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Mona (Michael) Gish, of Owensboro; a brother, Monty Riley of Marion; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ricky Riley.

Services were Tuesday, May 28 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Curtis Prewitt officiating. Burial was in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

#### Ordway

Carl Deane Ordway, 83, of Marion, died Sunday, May 27, 2024 at his

home.

He was a United States Air Force veteran and worked in several capacities over the years, including at Ford Motor Company and the City of Marion.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Linda Dianne Ordway; and a son, Tim Ordway of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Iva (Scott) Ordway; a daughter, Crystal Lynn Ordway; two sisters; and three brothers.

There will be no services at this time.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

### Gillott

Charlotte "Char" Stallion Gillott, 75, of Leesburg, Fla., died Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at her home in Plantation Resort. She was born July 30, 1948, in Marion to Dallas "Dick" Stallion and Naomi Stallion.

Charlotte dedicated her career to education, serving as an elementary teacher and reading specialist. She obtained her undergraduate and master's degree from Murray State University. Her passion for teaching touched the lives of many students throughout her 30-plus year career. Outside of work, Gillott found joy in reading and crafts. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Leesburg, Fla., where she found solace and community.

Surviving are her former husband of 10 years, Richard Gillott; a sister, Branda K. Stallion; a brother, William "Bill" Grant (Dianne) Stallion; two nieces, Kristal and Sabrina; four great-nieces and one great-nephew. Services will be held at Gilbert Funeral Home at a later date with Pastor David Leneave officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Paws Rescue and Therapy in Honor of Gillott's love for dogs.

### Chipps

Robert Perry Chipps, 84, of Marion, died Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, S.C. He was a member of Marion Methodist Church, was a Kentucky Colonel, a lifetime member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Harvard School of Interior Design, and a retired federal employee.

Surviving are two daughters, Rachael (Ed) King of Paducah and Rebecca (Kevin) O'Brien of Summerville, S.C.; five grandchildren, Perry O'Brien,

Margaret O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Molly O'Brien and June O'Brien; a sister, Mildred "Mimi" (Henry) Evans of Covington; and a nephew, Dr. David Evans of Columbus, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Bush Chipps; his parents, Louis Davis and Mildred Nunn Chipps; and his godmother, Ethel Tucker.

Private services were held at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Marion Methodist Congregation, 112 South College St., Marion, KY 42064.

#### Damron

Wanda L. Damron, 72, of Salem, died Monday, May 13, 2024 at her home. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and spending time with family.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Damron, Steven Damron and Joseph Eric Damron, all of Salem; two sisters, Christine Hunter and Charlotte Keene, both of Salem; seven grandchildren, Dakota Damron of Salem, Ericka Tanalski of Elizabethtown, Ill., Hannah Barnes of Shawneetown, Ill., Cheyenne Smith and Triston Thomas of Rosiclare, Ill.; John and Teri Winters of Harrisburg, Ill.; four great-grandchildren, Eretria Winters, Danica Thomas and Hunter and Owen Tanalski.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Damron Jr.; her parents, Roy and Gracie (Miller) Harris; a sister Brenda Bradford; and a brother, Charles Roy Harris.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Chris Damron officiating. Burial will follow in Lola Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

#### McClure

Charles W. McClure, 73, of Marion, died Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at his home.

He had worked as a sales manager in the automotive business and was a United States Army veteran. He was a member of Marion First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was an avid sportsman.

Surviving are a brother, Bill McClure; a sister, Phyllis (Brigham) Kirk, both of Marion, KY; two nephews, Brian (Kaitlyn) Berry and Matt Berry; a niece,

Abby (Trevor) Peppler; and great-nephew, Bo Berry, all of Marion. He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Hodges McClure; and her parents, Herbert R. and Martha Jane Moran McClure. Funeral services were Monday, May 6 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Sugar Grove Cemetery. Donations may be made to Gideons International in lieu of flowers.

#### Buckingham

James "Melvin" Buckingham, 81, of Crittenden County, died Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, playing the guitar, woodworking, tending his flowers, riding his Harley Davidson, and was an avid yard sale enthusiast. He was a member of Freedom General Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife Lena (Swinford) Buckingham; four daughters, Caprecia Simmons of Ft. Worth, Texas, Brandi (Brandon) Hard of Paradise, Texas, Gayle (Jim) Guess and Tina (Brad) Walker, both of Marion; a brother, Kenneth (Brenda) Buckingham of Paducah; seven grandchildren, Luke Simmons, Ivy Simmons, Jett Hard, Maverick Hard, Brad Guess, Jason Guess and Jessie Walker; four great-grandchildren, Courtney Berry, Gwen Guess, Brinley Tramble and Jasely Guess; and a niece, Mitzi Mason. He was preceded in death by a son, Lynn Driskill; his parents, Delbert and Verline Buckingham; and a sister, Phyllis McDougal.

Services were Sunday, May 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. David Perryman officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Crider

Ola Rhea Crider, 80, of Marion, died Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was a member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Ola Rhea loved to drive. Over the course of her life, she was a school bus driver, PACS bus driver, Rocket Band bus driver and avid road tripper. In the 1970s, she owned a ceramic shop on the town square and finally retired from Crittenden Health Systems where she held numerous jobs from clerk to physical therapy technician. She was a seamstress, painter, weaver and amazing cook. She volunteered in both the community and her church. She was a beacon of light to her children, grandchildren, great-

grandchild and all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her children, Patricia Gage of Marion and Greg (Mary) Crider of Bethpage, Tenn.; two sisters, Carolyn (Harold) Cannon and Elaine (Ronnie) Shinall, both of Marion; three brothers, Vernon (Linda) Gilland of Fredonia, Paul Gilland of Fredonia and Dwight Gilland of Marion; five grandchildren, Amanda (Wes) Stallings, Ian (Brittany) Crider, John Michael Gage, Jacob Gage and Emma Rhea Gage; and great-grandson, Isaiah Crider.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Ola Mae Gilland; and two sisters, Faye George and Connie Gilland.

Memorial services are at 3 p.m., Saturday May 11 at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Dickey

Gordon Lewis Dickey, 82, of Marion, died Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a journeyman in the electrical industry, and he had been a 50-year member of IBEW Local #531 in LaPorte, Ind. He was a member of Dycusburg Lodge #232 F&AM, the Scottish Rite and Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a Kentucky Colonel, an avid car collector and enjoyed motorcycle travel.

Surviving are a daughter, Chelle Logan of Chesterton, Ind.; two sons, Gordon L. "Guy" Dickey of Chesterton, Ind., and Darren Dickey of Marion; four grandchildren, Aaron (Laura) Dickey of Fredonia, Sha (Patrick) Logan of Chesterton, Ind., Levi (Anglelia) Dickey of Marion and Crystal Dickey of Loris, SC; several additional grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, David Dickey and a sister, Eugenia Dickey, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy Lewis and Doris Dowdy Dickey; a sister; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service and visitation are from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Thursday, May 2 at Bigham Lodge # 256 F&AM, 206 Sturgis Rd. Marion, KY 42064.

#### Thatch

Barbara Evelyn Thatch, 78, of Salem, died Monday, April 22, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a homemaker who loved her family more than life itself.

Surviving are three children, Tommy (Jill) Croft of Salem, Patty (Jeff) McGrew of Smithland and Sharon (Randy) Crouch of Salem; four step-children, Sharon (Randal) Sorg of Powhatan, Ark., Sheila Hancock of Oxley, Mo.; Cindy (Donald) Nickles of Clever, Mo., and Jonathon (Karen) Thatch of Pocahontas, Ark.; five grandchildren, Colton McGrew of Nashville, Jantzson (Ally) Croft of Berea, Masa (Taylor) Champion of Smithland, Clay Croft of Madisonville, and Audrey Croft of Richmond; 27 step-grandchildren and a very special nephew Donnie (Cindy) Watson of Oakland City, Ind.; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, John Thatch; her parents, Trice and Ruth Tinsley; two brothers, Jimmy (Linnie) Tinsley and Doug; a sister, Shirley (Pete) Watson; and nieces Debbie Harris and Wendy Tinsley.

A joint graveside funeral service honoring Barbara and John Thatch was held Saturday, April 27 at Good Hope Cemetery.

#### Belt

Bonnie Kay Belt, 73, of Marion, died Friday, April 26, 2024 at her home in Marion. She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Shelia (Rusty) Miniard of Marion; a son, and David (Tabitha) Belt of Marion; four grandchildren, Hurst Miniard, Caitlyn Guess, Bailey Tanner and Seth Riley; a great-grandchild, Hunter Ann Yates; and siblings, Kenneth Williamson, Keith (Lucinda) Williamson, Norma (Steve) Guess, June (William) Jones and Lois (Bill) Gregory; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Belt; parents, Herman and Christine Williamson; and a sister, Sharon Driver.

Services were Wednesday May 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery.

#### Cullen

David Lewis Cullen, 81, of Mayfield, died Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

His career was made up of military, law enforcement, and ministry. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving with the 28th Bomb Wing, 821st Air Division and the Aerospace Group Titan I Missile Project. He also served 5 years with the California Air National Guard. In law enforcement he served as a Patrolman in Providence, Police Chief in Clay, and retired with 28

years service to Kentucky. He was also Vehicle Enforcement as Regional Commander. He was ordained in 1972 as a minister, and pastored Beech Grove General Baptist Church in Dyersburg, Tenn., Enon General Baptist Church in Marion, The Mount Lebanon General Baptist Church in Dixon, and The Cornerstone General Baptist Church in Bertand, Mo., where he was currently a member.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Timmons Cullen of Mayfield; four sons, Ronnie (Kelley) Cullen of Providence, Johnny (Shelly) Cullen of Marion, Jerry Cullen of Mayfield, and Steven (Jim Pat Wallace) Dupree of Paducah; a daughter, Cammie (Chad) Beasley of Mayfield; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael David Cullen; his father-James Cullen; his mother Ruby Curry Cullen Negley; stepfather Ehlman Negley; two brothers, John Cullen and James Paul Cullen; and a sister, Sharon Pitzer.

Memorial services are at 5 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at Grace Life Church in Mayfield with Rev. Chad Lamb officiating. Friends may call after 3 p.m., on Sunday, May 5 at the Grace Life Church in Mayfield. Military Rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #26.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Life Church Playground Fund, 915 Paducah Road, Mayfield, Ky 42066.

Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.

## Hastings

Linda L. Hastings, 77, of Benton, died Sunday, April 14, 2024. She was born June 6, 1946 in Detroit, Mich., to Fred and Ruby Lanham Stinnett. They moved to Crittenden County when Linda was 2 years old. She always considered Kentucky her home. She worked in the secretarial field for some wonderful companies and made many friendships through the years.

Surviving are her husband and best friend of 35 years, Richard Hastings; a sister, Barbara Butler; a stepson, Cole (Jael) Hastings; two step grandchildren, Asher and Emilie; a sister-in-law, Brenda Stinnett; and eight nieces, Cynthia, Debbie, Lisa, Kim, Jennifer, Kathy, Chase and Julia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bob, Mark and Clifton Stinnett; a nephew, Bill Adams; a sister-in-law, Clara Stinnett and two brothers-in-law, Harold Adams and Monroe Butler.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday April 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home with

burial in Mexico Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

#### Brantley

Jo Ann Brantley, 77, of Marion, died Monday, April 15, 2024 at Baptist Health Madisonville. She was a member of Marion First Christian Church. Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Jo Koscinski of San Antonio, TX; two grandchildren, Sydney and Jacob Koscinski of San Antonio; two nephews, John Hamilton of Marion and Jason Brantley of Iowa; and a niece, Nari Hadden of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Mary Brantley; a brother, Bennie Brantley, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Fritts.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday April 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from noon until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380.

#### Flahardy

Michael K. "Mike" Flahardy, 67, of Lexington, formerly of Marion, died Friday, April 12, 2024.

Surviving are his wife, Sheila of Lexington; two children, Aaron of North Carolina and Amber (Jonathan) Hartman of Virginia; and six grandchildren, Mason of North Carolina, and Mikalah, Nathan, Kaitlin, Steele and Dean of Virginia; five brothers, David (Nelda), Richard, Larry/Dwain (Linda), Donald (Cynthia) and Randolph/Randy (Phyllis); two sisters, Penny Bodnar and Barbara (Bud) Byrge; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Randolph "Todd" and Loberta Flahardy; a brother, Kenneth Flahardy; and a sister, Mary Connors.

In accordance with his wishes, Flahardy was cremated and his ashes will be scattered during a celebration of life Saturday, April 27 at the family cemetery in Ridgway, Ill.

#### Orndoff

Nickie Dale Orndoff, 72, died Thursday, April 18, 2024 at his home in Nortonville. He was a pilot in the river industry.

Surviving are a son, Stephen (Jenny) Orndoff of Nortonville; three

grandchildren, Stephen Orndoff, Jr., Gabriel Orndoff and Luke Orndoff. He was preceded in death by his parents, W. A. "Cat" and Mary (Barger) Orndoff; a sister, Irma Dean Perrin; and a great-great-grandson, Jaxton Orndoff.

There will be no service at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

## Faughn

Dale Faughn, a distinguished teacher, military veteran and accomplished individual, died Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson. He was born Nov. 8, 1925 in Lamasco. His legacy is one of dedication and excellence in various aspects of his life.

He dedicated 61 years to the field of education after earning a master's degree in education and being recognized in both the National Teacher Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame. He visited 28 universities and colleges during his career, providing recommendations for improvement.

Faughn trained as a scout sniper and served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the battle of Iwo Jima and witnessed the historic raising of the flag on Mt. Suribachi.

He was a charter member of Unity Baptist Church of Fredonia and held the Guinness World Record for oldest regular blood donor in 2016 (and continuing to donate blood up to 2023), serving as the Kentucky Poet Laureate, appearing on prestigious game shows like the \$64,000 Challenge and Jeopardy, receiving a Science award from a U.S. President, and being one of the top candidates in Kentucky for the tragic Challenger Space Shuttle mission in 1986.

Surviving are Phillip Faughn (Renee) of Dixon, Stephen Faughn (Pam) of Fredonia, Mark Faughn (Kay) of Princeton, Paul Faughn (Debbie) of Hanson, Ruth McClure of Princeton; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wayne and Dora Faughn; his wife of 71 years, Virginia Faughn, two sons, Timothy Faughn and Nathan Faughn; a brother Herman Faughn; two sisters, Ilene Faughn and Lillian Faughn; a grandson, Cody Brent Stewart Faughn; and a son-in-law, Rick McClure.

Services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 27 at Fredonia First Baptist Church Activities Building (Old Fredonia School). Visitation will take place from 4-8

p.m., Friday, April 26 and from 10 a.m., until the service on Saturday, April 27. Bro. Mark Faughn, Bro. Ken Cummins and Bro. Danny Sherrill will officiate.

#### Fox

Lillian Mae Fox, 82, of Marion, died Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was a member of Lola Baptist Church. She was a fabulous cook, especially her chicken and dressing. She loved the beach, and she dearly loved all of her family.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Eddie Coleman "Coley" Fox; four daughters, Tammy (Roger) Croft of Salem, Teresa (Billy Bob) Bebout of Salem, Sherry Williams of Marion and "Debbie" (Matt) East of Lawrenceburg; seven grandchildren, Heather Hape, Brittney Smith, Coleman Bebout, Jenny Orange, Emily Coriell, Jessica Pierson and Jordan Croft; 12 great-grandchildren, Keira, Bryan, Paysen, Taylyn, Ayla, Arya, Beckett, Sawyer, Rawley and Branch, Reed and Frances Grace; several nieces and nephews and very close friends Edna and Paula.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Wesley and Ila Mae (Brown) Holloman; and a brother, Eugene Adrian Guess.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Service. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from noon until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

#### Todd

Carrie Ann Todd, 49, of Marion, died Friday, April 12, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, James Todd of Marion; five children, Dalton Stormoen, Keagan Hicks, Shiann Kirk, Joshlyn Kirk and Aidan Smith; nine grandchildren, Fiona Ritchie, Clint Ritchie, Coulson Kirk, Hayden Baker, Rylynn Renner, Willow Lawless, Tora Smith, Rhemis Smith and Maverick Stormoen; her mother, Bonnie Taylor; and a brother, Robert Nennig.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Hastings

Linda L. Hastings, 77, of Benton, died Sunday, April 14, 2024. She was

born June 6, 1946 in Detroit, Mich., to Fred and Ruby Lanham Stinnett. They moved to Crittenden County when Linda was 2 years old. She always considered Kentucky her home. She worked in the secretarial field for some wonderful companies and made many friendships through the years.

Surviving are her husband and best friend of 35 years, Richard Hastings; a stepson, Cole (Jael) Hastings; two step grandchildren, Asher and Emilie; a sister-in-law, Brenda Stinnett; and eight nieces, Cynthia, Debbie, Lisa, Kim, Jennifer, Kathy, Chase and Julia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bob, Mark and Clifton Stinnett; a nephew, Bill Adams; a sister-in-law, Clara Stinnett and two brothers-in-law, Harold Adams and Monroe Butler.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday April 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

#### Brantley

Jo Ann Brantley, 77, of Marion, died Monday, April 15, 2024 at Baptist Health Madisonville. She was a member of Marion First Christian Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Jo Koscinski of San Antonio, TX; a sister, Barbara Butler; two grandchildren, Sydney and Jacob Koscinski of San Antonio; a two nephews, John Hamilton of Marion and Jason Brantley of Iowa; and a niece, Nari Hadden of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Mary Brantley; a brother, Bennie Brantley, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Fritts.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday April 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from noon until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380.

#### Montgomery

Billie L. Montgomery, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024 in Paducah.

She was a registered nurse and U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are a sister, Mona Kirk of Paducah; two cousins, Thomas George and Marilyn Long; special friends Mickey Weitlauf and Sandy Geving; and

special best friend, Maggie Mae.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arlin and Eva Lee (Gilland) Ramage; a sister, Bonnie Lee Guess; and a brother, Vernon Guess.

There will be no visitation. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

#### Tabor

Donna Sue Tabor, 69, of Salem, died Monday, April 8, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Donna Sue liked to crotchet, listen to country music, do craft projects, and read her Bible.

Surviving are two sisters, Brenda Tabor (Leo) Zimmerman of Smithland and Betty (Bobby) Brown of Marion; and a brother, Charles Thomas Tabor of Burna.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Lynn Hopper; a brother, J.C. Tabor; and her parents, Coy Clifton and Mamie Lois (Curnel) Tabor Barnes.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 13 at New Union (Ditney) Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

#### McDonald

Gary Lee McDonald, 78, of Leoma, Tenn., formerly of Marion, died Monday March 18, 2024 at his residence. He was a retired iron worker.

Surviving are a son, Brian; several grandchildren; and a sister, Judith Eskew of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Johnson McDonald.

Private graveside services were held.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Wiggins

Joe Paul Wiggins, 93, of Salem, died Monday, April 8, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of Lola Pentecostal Church. He worked at CCMA for over 37 years in the maintenance department. He was a veteran of the Korean war serving in the United States Navy. He loved his family, enjoyed watching his grandkids play sports, working on the farm and raising watermelon's.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Myra Lee Wiggins; two sons, Ricky

(Carla) Wiggins of Salem, and Michael (Carrie) Wiggins of Eddyville; five grandchildren, Shelly, Josh, Tori, Grant and Cohen; and three great-grandchildren, Lilly, Ally, and Finley.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Audrey Beard; two sisters, Eva Lou Head and Robbie Long; a brother, Thomas Wiggins; and his parents, Robert and Edith (Hardin) Wiggins.

Services are at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 14, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from noon until the funeral hour on Sunday, April 14.

#### Peek

Van Evans Peek, 66, died Friday, April 5, 2024 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Care Center in Paducah.

He enjoyed the outdoors, including fishing, arrowhead hunting, mushroom hunting, gardening and watching westerns. He was a coal miner and logger.

Surviving are daughter, Toni (Kurt) Hansen of Paducah and step-daughter Shellee (David) Fritts of Marion; a step-son, Bradley (Melanie) Loyd of Marion; three sisters, Sandy Fitzgerald of Frances, Janice Tinsley of Frances and Regina Peek; and a brother, Tracy Peek of Frances.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard M. and Nina (Farmer) Peek and a brother, Kenneth Peek.

Services were Tuesday, April 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

#### Reed

Tammie Reed, 42, of Kuttawa, died Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a 2000 graduate of Lyon County High school where she played basketball. She was a member of Ohio Valley Baptist Church where she was baptized several years ago. She was a country girl who loved the outdoors, especially camping, fishing and spending quality time with her family. She had a huge heart for people. She loved helping people when she could at the nursing home.

Surviving are three children, Olivia Montgomery of Kuttawa, Kendra Reed and Jason Reed; her parents, Rickey and Jocille Manhart of Kuttawa; a sister, Sheryl Campbell of Benton; two brothers, Michael Reed of Kuttawa

and Jessie Reed of Calvert City; a nephew, Joseph Goforth; two nieces, Mackenzie and Willow Campbell; two great niece and nephew, Sterling Looper-Goforth and Bailey Beach.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Harold Eugene and Lucille Mae (Carter) Reid, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Ralph and Halene Manhart; a brother-in-law, Steve Campbell; maternal uncle, Jacob Slivia; and paternal uncle, Andy Walton.

Services are at 1 p.m., be Friday, April 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in the Edmonds Cemetery near Smithland.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour Friday, April 12.

#### Herrin

Frances Dean Herrin, 90, of Marion, died Friday, April 5, 2024 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

She was of the Baptist faith and had been employed at the Sturgis Pants Factory and the Marion Coffee Shop.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn (Danny) Belt and Debra (Larry) Hearell, both of Marion; a son, Russell Herrin of Marion; a brother, Donald E. (Ann) Slaton of Madisonville; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton Pratt and Ruth Frances Drury Slaton; five sisters; and two brothers.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 14 at Repton Cemetery.

Friends may visit the family at Myers Funeral Home, between 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Repton Cemetery Association, c/o Donna Starrick, 5109 US Hwy 60 East, Marion, KY 42064.

#### Tolley

James Carroll Tolley, 82, of the Lola community, died Friday, March 19, 2024 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

He was a member and board member of Lola Pentecostal Church. He worked in construction, coal mining and was a farmer over the years. He loved his family and church family and sang in many gospel quartets since the late 1970s.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Carol (Butler) Tolley; three daughters, Lisa (Steve) Holland of Calvert City, Kim (Gaylon) Spraggs of Paducah,

Paja (Allen) Crider of Marion; seven grandchildren, Peyton Holland, Madison (Travis) Edwards, Keaton Holland, Ellie (Lucas) Englert, Wil Spraggs, Ross and Luke Crider; three great-grandchildren, Anna Englert, Carter Englert and Kendall Edwards; two brothers, twin Harold Tolley of Salem and Kenny (Pat) Tolley of Salem.

He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher James Tolley; a brother, Robert Tolley; a sister, Nellie Jean Robertson; and his parents, Rob and Mildred Bryan Tolley.

Services were Sunday, March 24 at Lola Pentecostal Church, with Bro. Tim Fouts and Bro. Ed Machan officiating. Burial was in Lola Pentecostal Church Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Freeman

Charles "Buddy" Orlan Freeman, 91, of Marion, died Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, a member of Deer Creek Baptist Church and was passionate about his long career in the trucking industry.

Surviving are two daughters, Melinda Gipson of Marion and Carmen (John) Rodgers of Nashville; a son, Chris Freeman of Marion; seven grandchildren, Julie (Kevin) Young of Marion, Darren (Magen) Tinsley of Paducah, Andrew Freeman of Murray, Matthew Belt of Kentucky, Christin Freeman of Madisonville, John Luke Rodgers of Nashville and Kinley Freeman of Virginia; two great-grandchildren, Kaynan Freeman of Marion and Braxton Beller of Madisonville.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Norma Freeman; a son, Bobby Freeman; his parents, Carmel Elton and Laura Mae Bebout Freeman; a brother, Paul Freeman; and two grandchildren, Charlie Freeman and Casey Freeman.

Services were Saturday, March 23 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Deer Creek Cemetery.

#### Fleming

Etta Lucille "Lou" Fleming, 72, died Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of Lake City Baptist Church. She enjoyed reading, Classic Car Club, spending time with her granddaughter, diamond art and jigsaw puzzles.

Surviving are a daughter, Jamie Lynn Diaz of Sharpe; a son, Rodney James Duncan (Fabrizio Dellabernarda) of San Francisco; three sisters, Annabelle (Phil) Brewster of Corydon, Nevalyn Hubbard of Henderson, Vicki Garrett of Kuttawa; two brothers, Joe "Buddy" Combs of Burna, Eric "Ricky" Combs of Kuttawa; a granddaughter, Kennady Paige Robinson of Reidland; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jackie Kenneth Fleming; her parents, Joseph Lynn Combs and Fronia Estelle Walker Combs; and two brothers, Charles Combs and James "J.B." Combs.

The family plans to have a Celebration of Life Service at a later date with burial in Kuttawa Cemetery. Lakeland Funeral Home of Eddyville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Gideon International, Lyon Caldwell Camp, P.O. Box 254, Princeton, KY 42445 or Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

## Runyan

Prudence Mason Runyan, 72 died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024 at her home in Wyndmoor, Penn. Her family confirmed that she died less than two years after a diagnosis of ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). Runyan was a Frankfort, Ky., native and was the wife of Marion native C. Stanley Runyan and the daughter-in-law of the late Edward A. and Dell Runyan of Marion. She was born July 7, 1951 in Frankfort to Franklin Chinn Mason and Edna Henniger Mason. Her early years were marked by riding in American Saddlebred horse shows at county fairs and the World's Championship Horse Shows at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, singing in the junior church choir and performing in musicals.

She attended Hollins College and the University of Louisville, then graduated from the North Carolina School of the Arts with a BFA in Drama in 1974. Soon after, she earned her Actor's Equity card and moved to New York to become a professional actress. After several years, she made her way back to Frankfort and took a job with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Commerce. It was in Frankfort that she met her future husband, architect Stan Runyan. They married in 1978 and their honeymoon took them to Japan where Stan had briefly lived as a child in Tokyo.

In 1980 in Philadelphia, Runyan began a career in marketing and advertising. She spent the last eight years of her career commuting to FCB

Health New York, specializing in supporting marketing agencies to develop Customer Relationship Management (CRM) programs. As a leader in the FCB office in New York City, she was considered a true partner, master of her craft, visionary and advocate. She became a Senior Vice President and retired in 2021. Colleagues say that their CRM practice would not be where it is today without Runyan's wisdom and sense of humor.

Prudence and Stan moved to Philadelphia in 1980 and established their home in Chestnut Hill, raising two children, Abigail and Benjamin. Runyan was dedicated in every way to maintaining a deeply loving and supportive home for her husband and children. She also shared her beautiful voice with the church choir at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill, volunteered on several church committees, supported the Philadelphia Orchestra on the "Musical Cocktails" committee, and tutored children. Throughout her life she continued to find new avenues of creative expression, including trying her hand at comedy classes, learning to make jewelry, writing and becoming an accomplished gardener. Prudence and Stan traveled extensively at home and abroad including many trips with the children back to Kentucky.

Runyan embraced grandmotherhood in 2013, finding joy in sharing her passions with her grandchildren, Jack Arlington, Eleanor Mason and Charles Everett Romanul. A proud and doting grandmother, she delighted in teaching the kids to garden, organizing crafts, playing games, and traveling to Boston to help care for them at every opportunity, all while still balancing a demanding work schedule.

She will be remembered for her dedication to family, humor, easy-going nature, work ethic, passion for gardening and love of reading. After she was diagnosed with ALS in 2022, she chronicled the childhood tales that she and her half-brother Sam Mason had woven together in her book "Postcards from Spongolia: A Memoir About My Brother Sam Mason."

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Stan Runyan of Wyndmoor, Penn.; a daughter, Abigail (Devin) Romanul of Melrose, Mass.; a son, Benjamin Runyan of Philadelphia; and grandchildren Jack, Eleanor and Charles Romanul of Melrose, Mass.

Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. A graveside service and burial will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 27 in the Frankfort Cemetery in Frankfort, Ky.. A celebration of life will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to Bridging Voice

([www.bridgingvoice.org](http://www.bridgingvoice.org)), an organization that enables individuals living with ALS to better communicate through technology.

#### Asbridge

Patrick Edwin Asbridge, 56, of Marion, died Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville.

Surviving are his father, Tom (Diane) Asbridge of Kingwood, Texas; daughter, Marissa Asbridge of Madisonville; a brother, Jeff (Wendi) Asbridge of Marion; and girlfriend, Jessica Long of Marion, KY. He was preceded in death by his mother, Victoria Bradford Asbridge; and a brother, Troy Asbridge.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Smith

Sam J. Smith, 86, of Marion, died Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Livingston Hospital. He was born July 16, 1937 in Princeton.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church, a past commander of American Legion Post 111 and past president of Marion Country Club. He never met a stranger. If he didn't know someone he would make it a point to meet and become a friend. He wanted to make someone smile or laugh every day. He didn't take up the game of golf until age 35 and in 4 years won the Sycamore Hills Tournament at Marion Country Club. Through the game of golf he met many people and enjoyed a variety of experiences, including playing a round with a blind man and playing golf with JD Summers of the Stamps Quartet. He and his wife owned and operated Clark Building Supply in Marion for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; a daughter, Sharron K. S. (Billy) McDaniel of Fancy Farm; a son, Brad Smith of Kuttawa; a grandson, Cameron (Jasmine) McDaniel; and a great-grandson, Baker McDaniel of Mayfield; two sisters, Rosie (Jimmy) Carner of Caldwell County and Pat (Mike) Jenkins of Christian County; and three brothers, Rufus Smith, Johnny (Gloria) Smith, both of Princeton, and Richard Smith of Parker, Colo. He was preceded in death by his parents, John S. Smith and Louise Jackson Smith; two brothers, Charles and Shellie; and a sister, Linda Jane Brindley.

Services were Sunday, March 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude

Children's Hospital.

#### Walker

Janet Louise Walker, 87, widow of James Harold Walker, died Wednesday, March 13, 2024. She was born in Elizabeth City, N.C., the daughter of the late Martin and Georgia Garrett.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine Louise Cox and Carol Drewry; four grandchildren, Daniel Cox, Phillip Drewry, Brooke Moxley, Mike Woods; and six great-grandchildren, Aubrey Moxley, Jazz Drewry, Ledger Woods, Tristan and Sophia Longoria.

#### Greer

Loretta Greer, 60, of Marion, died Saturday March 16, 2024.

Surviving are her husband, Kim Bradley; two sons, Christopher Sleeper and Michael Bunting; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Martin; her mother, Eva Marshall; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; Raymond Hutchinson; and a brother, Kevin Hutchinson.

Gilbert Funeral Home will handle arrangements for a memorial service to be held a later date.

#### McDowell

Virginia McDowell, 94, of Crittenden County, died Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Breckenridge Place in Morganfield. She was born April 3, 1929 to the late Plez and Erma Dempsey Newcom in Crittenden County. She was a member of Rosebud Methodist Church for many years. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed quilting and reading but most of all, she loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

Surviving are two sons, Robert (Ann) McDowell of Madisonville and William (Laura) McDowell of Dekoven; four daughters, Sharon Maddox of Marion, Mayree (Dwight) Sherer of Marion, Cynthia (Maurice) Jett of Houston, Texas and Kemberly (John) Thompson of St. Mary's, Ga.; a half-brother, Roger (Marilyn) Newcom of Marble Falls, Texas; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-greatgranddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy McDowell Jr.

Services were Saturday, March 16 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Rev. Tom Easley officiated. Burial was in Rosebud Cemetery.

### Davis

Douglas Wayne Davis, 72, of Marion, died Sunday, March 17, 2024 at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Davis of Marion; a daughter, Jeana (Jason) Falkenstein of Evansville; a grandson, Aiden Falkenstein of Evansville; two brothers, David (Jan) Davis of Smithland and Keith (Chris) Davis of Marion; and two sisters, Jo Anna (Charlie) Merritt and Mary Mitchell, both of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. J.W. and Anna Mae Davis. Services were Wednesday, March 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Rosebud Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rosebud Cemetery, 5757 US 60 East, Marion, KY 42064. [Raveservice.Center..](#)

### Cordell

Rebecca Jean Cordell, 68, of Marion, died Friday, March 8, 2024.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Cordell; four children, Michele Braden, Jesse Ferguson, Daniel Davis and Steven Cordell; eight grandchildren, Seth, Micah, Gabriel, Raven, Richard Lee, Trexler, Jaimie and Cody; and 15 great-grandchildren, Neava, LaKay, Little Richard, Natalia, Gabrielli, Luna, Cameron, Liliana, Octavia, Little Jesse, Haven, Paityn, Chevy, Jacks, and baby Trip.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Neva Gay. Services were Sunday, March 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

### Harris

Michael Harris, 51, of Salem, died Friday, March 1, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born April 3, 1972 to Henry E. and Peggy J (Cox) Harris. He worked as a carpenter the majority of his life and was a member of Life in Christ Church. He loved wood working and tinkering on old cars. But above all, he loved his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Harris of Salem; six children, Jeremy Harris of Princeton, Jeffery (Rhonda) Belt of Salem, Nicholas (Randi) Belt of Burna, Christopher (Glenda) Belt of Salem, Dakota Belt of Salem and Levi Oliver of Marion; three brothers, Samuel (Helena) Harris of Salem, Everet (Karen) Harris of Marion and Quinton (Ashley) Harris of Paducah; a sister, Tina (Anthony) Cook of Burna; and four grandchildren, Addison, Jayla,

Emma and Lyla Belt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and five brothers, Joseph “Dinky” Harris, Perry “Pewee” Harris, Everett Dale Harris, Terry Wayne Harris and Tony Harris.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Lola Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., on Saturday, March 16.

Akridge

Nona Christine Akridge, 88, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family and caregivers Sunday evening, March 10, 2024. She was born July 22, 1935 in Bowling Green to Emmett Garland and Marcella Matthews Taylor. The Taylor family soon moved to Marion where Nona grew up, graduating from Marion High School when she was 16. She was a dedicated, passionate teacher. After attending Western Kentucky State College (now Western Kentucky University), she taught first at Crittenden County High School. There she met a handsome young typing teacher and basketball coach named Dean Akridge and they were married on May 17, 1958. Akridge then accepted a position as an Extension Home Demonstration Agent for Caldwell and Crittenden counties, and later became a nutritionist for the Kentucky Health Department in Livingston and Crittenden counties. She began teaching home economics at Lyon County High School in the mid-1960s and taught there until she retired in 1983.

Akridge loved the women she taught with and she loved her students – all girls until she started teaching bachelor’s living to boys in the late 1970s. She coached track and the cheerleaders, was class advisor, directed school plays, built floats for the Founder’s Day parade... the list goes on and on. She especially loved serving as advisor for the Future Homemakers of America (FHA). There is something ironic about a woman who taught home economics to so many young women during her three decades in the high school classroom having three sons. So, not surprisingly, Akridge loved getting daughters when Jill, Michelle, and Andrea came into the family.

Nona and Dean Akridge had an amazing 63 years together – their love for each other was on display every single day. They were inseparable and everything was ‘Dean and Nona’. Nona’s support for Dean was a constant, whether it was a hot breakfast every morning, being a sounding board for

business decisions, or hosting all the guests that Dean would invite home, many at the last minute. She did all those things on top of her job as a teacher, giving her sons early and important lessons about women as professionals.

Akridge loved to travel and she and Dean had wonderful trips to Germany, Australia, Mexico, the Rockies, New England, Florida and so many other places, traveling with friends or to visit friends. They could make an adventure out of a trip to a 4-H speech contest or a basketball tournament. She was an amazing cook. Period. She loved to cook and while her boys were in school, few things made her happier than a big group of their teenage friends coming over to the house and devouring ridiculous quantities of her cooking. Store parties, after-prom parties, birthday parties, showers, anniversary receptions, Nona knew how to throw them all – and she did, in her own wonderful style.

Surviving are three sons, Jay (Michelle), Paul (Jill), and Lance (Andrea); seven grandchildren, Logan (Jennifer), Olivia (Luke), Sean (Liz), Samantha, Bryce, Luke, and Elise; and five great-grandchildren, Audrey, Henry, Charles, Samuel, and Jack.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean; her parents, Emmett and Marcella Taylor; and a brother, Donald Taylor.

The family would like to express their thanks to all who remained close to Nona as her health declined. A very special thanks to her caregivers – Melissa, Beth, Jane, Jennifer, Pauletta, Stephanie and Karen. We will be forever grateful for the loving care you provided our ‘Nana’ – she was blessed to have a group of angels around her who loved her like their own mothers.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Lyon County Retired Teacher’s Scholarship Fund, 1808 US Hwy. 641 North, Eddyville, KY, 42038; or the Dean and Nona Akridge Family Scholarship at Murray State University payable to MSU Foundation, Office of Development, 200 Heritage Hall, Murray, KY 42071 or [MurrayState.edu/givenow](http://MurrayState.edu/givenow).

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 14 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Eddyville Baptist Youth Minister Jay Brown officiating. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 13 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville. Burial will follow in Fredonia Cemetery.

Lanham

Michael Thomas Lanham, 60 of Salem, died Monday, March 11, 2024 at his

home.

He enjoyed caring for his animals, playing guitar and was an avid Hot Wheels collector.

Surviving is his wife of 37 years, Karen Rushing Lanham of Salem; a daughter, Kennidy (Cass Bennett) Lanham of Fredonia; and a nephew, Casey Woodall of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Perry and Sherrie Ann Turley Lanham; and a sister, Dawn Michelle Lanham.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Adams

Roger Wayne Adams, 76, of Fredonia died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 at Continue Care of Western Baptist Hospital at Paducah.

He was a retired lineman for Kenergy Corporation and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. He attended Emmaus Baptist and Bethel Baptist Churches. He was a fan of UK basketball and the St. Louis Cardinals and enjoyed acquiring antiques and collectibles.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa Fox of Benton and Brooke Adams of Hardin; three sons, Stacey Adams of Eddyville, Rodney (Whitney) Adams of Benton, and Jake Adams of Kuttawa; and four grandchildren, Nikki Adams, Trace Adams, Kenyan Fox and Kollin Fox.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Willie Mae Travis Adams; a brother, Johnnie Adams; and a sister, Suzie Phillips.

Services were Sunday, March 3 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.  
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### Cherry

It is with a warm remembrance and profound respect that we announce the passing of Mike Cherry, 81 of Princeton, who left us on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 at Dawson Springs Health and Rehabilitation.

He was born in Princeton Feb. 6, 1943 to his late parents, Everett and Winnie Cherry.

Cherry embarked upon the path of higher education and attained a Bachelor of Science from Murray State University, a Master of Science from the University of Louisville, and further enhanced his academic portfolio with Master Equivalency from both the Naval War College and the

National Defense University. His thirst for knowledge was evident in each aspect of his illustrious career and personal endeavors.

He proudly served his nation as a Captain in the United States Navy, bringing honor to his family and country through his service in the Vietnam War. His service took him and his family from Guantanamo Bay and Honolulu to Italy. He served as the public affairs officer for the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, spokesman for the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and ended his service in Norfolk, Va., as Chief of Public Information for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

After retiring from naval life, he channeled his entrepreneurial spirit into the rejuvenation of his beloved hometown. In the 1990s, he pioneered the downtown Princeton renaissance, renovating six business district storefronts, opening the Big Springs Antique Mall, and reviving the Capitol Theater, once again offering silver screen entertainment to the smallest county in Kentucky with a cinema.

His political journey began in high school as president of the Kentucky Young Democrats and the youngest delegate for the 1960 Democratic Convention that nominated John F. Kennedy. In November 1998 he was elected as Kentucky State Representative (D), serving the 4th Legislative District of Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston and part of McCracken counties until his retirement in 2012. His tenure was characterized by dedication and groundbreaking achievements, such as being the first person from Caldwell County to be elected to the legislature in nearly 40 years and maintaining the honor of being one of the longest-serving members in recent history. Cherry's legislative legacy included serving as chairman of the State Government Committee, the Agriculture and Small Business Committee, the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee, the Education Committee, and leadership as Vice Chair of the Appropriations & Resources Committee. He was instrumental in enacting over 40 bills, including the first reform bill of the State Pension System and Kentucky's inaugural Bullying Bill, earning him accolades such as the "Kids First Advocacy Award" and the "Heavy Hitter" Award. His impacts include securing millions of dollars for local infrastructure improvements and community projects, thus aid in transforming Caldwell County. Beyond his political ventures, Cherry's community engagement was substantial. His passion for community advancement led to his roles including elder and former treasurer of Central Presbyterian Church,

participation in the Caldwell County High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council, founding member of Caldwell County Free Clinic, member of the Princeton Tourism Commission, and the Kentucky School-to-Work Council.

His profound ability to inspire change was echoed in County Judge Van Knight's compliment, attesting to the unprecedented level of state support Cherry garnered for the area. Numerous awards celebrated his contributions, including Citizen of the Year titles from organizations like Kiwanis and Woodmen of the World, and community distinctions such as the Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Service. His pride shone brightly when he led as Grand Marshal in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade and upon receiving the Key to the City from former Mayor Danny Beavers.

Cherry was an interesting, spirited and endlessly funny man whose legacy is imprinted on the community he served with such commitment. His influence will resonate within the community and in the hearts of those who cherished him. His life stands as a testament to the extraordinary impact one person can have on the world around them.

Cherry is lovingly survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Dixie Gale Cherry; a son, Davis Rudd Cherry of Brooklyn, NY; and a sister, Dinah Sue Marshall of Alexandria, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Winnie Davis Cherry. Services were Saturday, Feb. 24 at Central Presbyterian Church in Princeton with Pastor Steve Fortenberry officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mike's honor to Central Presbyterian Church, 206 West Main Street, Princeton, KY 42445.

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## Barrett

Robert Keith Barrett, 79, of Salem, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was born Dec. 21, 1944 to James and Elaine (May) Barrett in Lola. He worked as a brick mason the majority of his life and was a member of Lola Missionary Baptist Church. He loved fishing, hunting, and watching UK basketball. But above all, he loved his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Pat Barrett; two daughters, Shelly (Curt) Swinford of Paducah and Tiffeny (Wade) Ramage of Burna; a sister, Pat "Sister" Hall of Salem; a brother, Louie Barrett of Smithland; five

grandchildren, Barrett Ramage, Hannah Ramage, Keely Hall, Sydnie Swinford and Carter Swinford; and four great-grandchildren, Charlee Munday, Bode Ramage, Lydia Hearell, and Henry Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Alan Barrett and Charlie Barrett.

Services were Sunday, February 25 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Carrsville Cemetery.

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#### Armstrong

Charlene Armstrong, 82, of Marion, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was a member of Glendale General Baptist Church.

Surviving are a brother, Billy Carter of Marion; a grandson, Shane Armstrong of Marion; a granddaughter, Maggie Tabor of Louisville; a sister-in-law, Agnes Armstrong Brown of Marion; a nephew, Tracy Armstrong of Murray; and a great-nephew, Landon Tracy Armstrong of Murray.

She was preceded by her husband, Gary Armstrong; two sons, Troy and Tony Armstrong; and her parents, Virgil and Edith Carter.

Services were Sunday Feb. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Love Cemetery.

#### Peck

Timothy Alan Peck, 55, of Salem, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 at his home.

He was a member of Faith Church in Salem, and was an active churchgoer. It didn't matter the denomination; he was always happy to praise the Lord. He would go to the nursing home and preach to the residents whenever he could. He was employed by Salem Food Market for more than 30 years, working in various rolls. He was always eager to help and always greeted people with a cheerful word and a smile on his face.

Surviving are his father, Rell (Pat) Peck, Sr. of Salem; a sister, Rhonda (Mark) Wiman of Paducah; a brother, Rell (Debbie) Peck, Jr. of Salem; several nieces and nephews, Brandon and Jordan Wilson, Rachelle (Todd) Korves, Ron Hansen, and Bill McNarmara; and a great-niece, Lona Kay Korves.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lona Guess Peck; and a nephew Jim Hansen.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Faith Church, with Rev. Israel Sanders and Rev. Phillip Sanders officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

#### Booth

Kimberly Rosa Booth, 58, of Marion, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 at University of Kentucky Medical Center. She was a member of Ambassadors For Christ Church.

Surviving are her husband, Dale Booth of Marion; a daughter, Jessica (Jason) Fox of Marion; five grandchildren, Shyla, Matthew, Miranda, Jada and Micah; a brother, Ralph; and three sisters, Gladys, Paula and Sandra. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Pauline Broughton; two daughters, Opal and Amanda; three sisters, Eulonda, Barbara and Tammy; and a brother, Larry.

Services were Saturday Feb. 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Hamilton

Bradley Glenn Hamilton, 71, of Salem, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024 at Mercy Health Lourdes.

He was of the Baptist faith and attended Deer Creek Baptist Church where he was a member of the cemetery board. He was born Aug. 10, 1952 to the late Boyce Hamilton and Margery Bell Beard Slayton.

Surviving are his step-father, Jimmy Slayton; and three nephews, Scott McKinney, Shawn Slayton and Ty Slayton.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Teresa Mae McKinney; a brother Tony Slayton; and his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Deer Creek Cemetery Fund, 69 Deer Creek Church Rd, Marion, KY 42064

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Milner & Orr Funeral Homes and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

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#### Guess

Ricky Dean Guess, a loving husband, dad and dadaw, 68, of Bartlett, Tenn., gained his wings on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

He leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Cindy Guess; a daughter, Nicole (Todd) Musso; three granddaughters, Shaylee (Sammy) Kadhim and Ensley and Sadie Musso; a son, Nathan (Carey) Guess; and three grandsons, Maverick, Max and Christian.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Guess; and mother, Vanda Williams.

He was a friend to all that knew him and he will be greatly missed by all.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 2 at Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at Gilbert Funeral Home.

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#### Osburn

Greta Fern Osburn, 77, of Fredonia, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She enjoyed playing the piano at Baker Baptist Church and was a member of Salem Baptist Church. She had been employed by the Sturgis Pants Factory for many years and retired from the Crittenden County Convalescent Center. In her spare time, she enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Alicia Thornton of Fredonia and Vicki Berry of Marion; a sister, Amy Bell of Marion; two brothers, Richard Newcom of Illinois and Phil Newcom of Arkansas; three grandchildren, Jordan Murray, Dyllan Thornton and Brynna McDowell; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Stross and Mina Scott Newcom; a brother, David Newcom; and a granddaughter, Shawna Murray.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23 at Myers Funeral Home. Friends may visit with family from 10 a.m., until service time. Burial will follow in Maplevue Cemetery.

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#### Rorer

Frances Ann Rorer, 78, of Marion, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz.

She was a long standing member of Marion Church of God.

Surviving are a cousin, Melissa (Don) Thomas of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robin Ray and Mary Dee Rorer; two brothers, James T. Rorer and Robert D. Rorer; and a sister,

Mary Catherine Rorer.

Graveside services were Saturday, Feb. 10 at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

#### Adwell

Rachel Ann Adwell, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024. She was born March 17, 1931 in her family home in Tiline.

She was a godly woman who loved her church, family, and friends. She lived an extraordinary life full of many adventures such as traveling to 49 states, going on mission trips in her 70s, and spending much of her time with family. She will always be remembered for her 300+ hand-sewn Christmas stockings created for those she loved. Her last one was finished at the age of 91. She was beyond loved by all who knew her.

Surviving are her children, Barbara Ann Silvey, James Lee (Melody) Lanham III, Janie Evelyn (Wendell) Shelton, stepchildren Mike Adwell, Dick Adwell, Margie Brown, Debbie Thacher and Bruce Adwell; 25 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lee Lanham Jr.; and first husband Herschel Carter Adwell; a son, Herschel Adwell; a son-in-law, Bill Silvey; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were Thursday, Feb. 8, at Old Salem Church Cemetery. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

#### Dukes

James Wilford "Bill" Dukes, 88, of Smithland, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024. He was born Aug. 14, 1935 in Smithland, and remained a proud resident of Livingston County his entire life.

He attended Livingston County High School Class of 1954 and upon graduation began work at Higdon Foods/Kraft where he served in various capacities for over 40 years. He was a member of the Potter's House Worship Center where he faithfully attended and served. He was a member of the Smithland Masonic Lodge for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wives Betty Jean Blair Dukes and Joyce Hale Dukes; his parents, Oliver and Ethel Dukes; brothers Lonnie Dukes and Dean Dukes and a sister, Sylvia Dukes Dove.

Surviving are a daughter Debbie (Art) DeWeese of Pelham, Ala.; a granddaughter, Nicole DeWeese Helm (Derrick) of Birmingham, Ala.; three great-grandchildren, Isabella, Ainslee and Josiah Helm of Birmingham, Ala.;

a brother, Albert Dukes of Paducah; a sister, Beatrice (Willis) Henson of Paducah; two stepsons, Everett Smith, Jr., of Smithland and Jeff (Lynn) Smith of Smithland; a step-grandson, Duell Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews; a stepson, Greg Smith; and a step-grandson Curtis Smith. A visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 15 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Masonic rites will be conducted prior to the 11 a.m. service. Burial will follow at Leeper Cemetery in Tiline. The service will be conducted by Andrew Sexton.

Memorial donations can be made to the Men's Ministry of Potter's House Worship Center, 881 Cutoff Road, Smithland, KY 42081 or St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem is in charge of arrangements.

#### Walker

Carson Edgar "Chad" Walker III, 49, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are two sisters, Rebecca (Bob) Hyatt of Waynesville, Mo.; and Angie (Duke) Owen of Marion; life partner Heather Hudson of Marion; three nephews, Ian and Carson Hyatt and Logan (Haviland) Owen; a niece, Emily Owen; and aunt, Sue Thomas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Edgar and Nancy Ann Walker and grandparents, Buck and Kathryn Pritchett and Carson E. and Mary B. Walker II.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Crittenden County Coalition For A Drug Free Community, PO Box 22, Marion, KY 42064.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Sisco

Charles Sisco, 80, of Salem, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a union operating engineer from 1965 to 2002. He was a member of Tarbolton Masonic Lodge #351 in Fairbury, Ill., petitioned Dec. 26, 1995, elected Jan. 22, 1995, initiated March 9, 1996, passed March 9, 1996, raised as both a Mason and Shriner on March 9, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia (Clint) Cockerham of Christiana, Tenn.; a son, David Sisco of Fairbury, Ill.; a sister, Shirley Dalton of Kevil; four

grandchildren, Chantel (Jake) Reeder, Michelle (Keith) Brodeur, Amanda (Logan) Rathbun and Samantha Sisco.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Annette Haskell; four brothers, William T. "Cobbie" Sisco, James Sisco, Alvie Sisco, Morris Sisco; two sisters, Evalean Curnel and Dorothy Guill; and his parents, Roy and Rosa Josephine Waters Sisco.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating.

Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

#### Parker

Donna Sue (Lindsey) Parker, 65, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Angela (Josh) Whitt of Marion; two sisters, Patricia (Tim) Bowling of Greenville and Rena Lindsey-Coerver of Arnold, Mo.; two brothers, Jimmy Lindsey of Fulton, and Rudi (Kathy) Heim of Summerfield, Fla.; two grandchildren, Austin Whitt and Cole Whitt.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Wayne Parker; two sisters, Kay McWorthy and Marylan Lindsey Trail; a brother, Tommy Lindsey; her parents, Lowel "Kurt" Lindsey and Rosemary (Campbell) Farmer.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 4 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Vasseur

A celebration of life for Russell Wayne Vasseur, 32, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 at Fohs Hall. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until service.

#### Champion

Linda Sue Champion, 76, of Salem, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 at her home.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, watching her grandchildren play ball. She loved her sister Martha and had fond memories of growing up on the family farm in Crayne.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen (Eugena) Champion and Scott Champion, both of Salem; four grandchildren, Taylor (Masa) Champion, Lane Champion, Madison Champion and Trent Champion; a great-grandchild,

Jameson Champion; and a sister, Martha Smith of Salem. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Gyneth (Guess) Strong; a sister, Donna Jean Strong; and a brother-in-law, Carroll "Smitty" Smith.

Services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9 at the funeral home.

#### Sherer

Mary Kathryn Nesbitt Sherer, 91, of Marion, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

She was retired from Potter and Brumfield Manufacturing and was a longtime member of Deer Creek Baptist Church. She loved her family, her church family and friends. She also loved working in her yard and attending to her flowers.

Surviving are two sons, Dwight (Mayree) Sherer and Jim Sherer, both of Marion; a sister, Naomi Jamison of Marion; and several nieces nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Doyle Sherer; her parents, Clarence and Verona Nesbitt; and two brothers, Buddy and Glen. Services were Saturday Feb. 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Alzheimer's Association.

#### Kinnin

Gerald W. "Bear" Kinnin, 77, of Marion, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 at his home. He was a member of Cave Springs General Baptist Church and retired from truck driving in January of 2021.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Kinnin of Marion; four children, Gerald W. Kinnin, Jr. of Middletown, Ohio, Adrienne L. (Andre) Cruse of Henderson, Jennifer R. (Ed) Benson of Henderson and Jerry (Lea) Chance of Inola, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Jessica Moss; 12 grandchildren, Shelby Kinnin, Kaelin Hildreth, Andre Cruce II, Zion Cruce, Xavier Cruce, Ava Benson, Cooper Benson, Paxton Benson, Levi Chance, Katie Chance, Ty Chance and Gwen Chance; and a step-granddaughter, Mattie Moss.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sherry Kinnin; his parents, Louis

and Anna Kinnin; and two infant brothers.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

#### Bell

Catherine Marie Winfrey Bell, 91, of Media, PA died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. She was born Dec. 4, 1932, in Fordsville, Ky., the daughter of the late William and Lera (Cary) Winfrey. She graduated from Marion High, Marion in 1950 and Western Kentucky State College in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education. She then became a schoolteacher in Burkesville, Ky., and later in Azusa, Calif. She was a Christian missionary, serving overseas for 25 years with the North Africa Mission, later known as Arab World Ministries. When she moved to Pennsylvania, she was a music teacher in Havertown and Springfield. There she was a member of Manoa Community Church, part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Havertown.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, William Delbert Bell; three sons, Richard Keith Bell, Mark Allan Bell and Paul Duane Bell; and eight grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at Manoa Community Church in Havertown, PA at 2 pm., Saturday, Feb. 10.

#### Towery

Yolonda Mae Towery, 85, of Providence, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024 at Shemwell's Health Care.

She was born on March 31, 1938 in Providence. She is the daughter of the late Mr. James Jennings and Mrs. Reva Dean Grimes Jennings.

She was of the Primitive Baptist faith. She retired after 21 years of service to the St. Clair Missouri school system where she was the cafeteria manager. She was a graduate of Providence High School.

Surviving is her husband of 67 years, Owen Towery of Providence; two sons, James Owen (Mary) Towery of St. Charles, Mo., and Keith Dwayne Towery of St. Clair, Mo.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 27 at Lucille Melton Memorial Chapel of Melton Funeral Home with Bro. Donnie Coursey officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

#### Tabor

James E. "Jimmy" Tabor, 89, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at Livingston Hospital after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Tabor was born Nov. 8, 1934 in Crittenden County. He was the longtime owner and operator of Tabor's Chevron, Muffler Shop and Towing Service in Marion. He was a U.S. Army veteran and former member of Crittenden County Lions Club. He was a charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion, where he served as a deacon.

Tabor is survived by his wife of 59 years Betty Teer Tabor of Marion; two sons, Scott (Laura) Tabor and Daryl Tabor, both of Marion; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon (Alma) Tabor; his mother, Esther Tabor (Ed) Phelps; and two brothers, Doug (Betty) Tabor and Tommy (Mary) Tabor.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Kirk Greenfield and Rev. Lester Watson officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marion Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 544, Marion, KY 42064.

#### Shaffer

Donald Wayne Shaffer, 84, formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. He was born in Marion and spent 53 years working at United Facilities, dedicated to the logistics and warehouse management business as he traveled the United States in support of their business.

He was a car and motorcycle enthusiast, and was very proud of his multiple Corvettes, his 1934 Ford truck and his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He made many lifelong friends while pursuing these interests.

Surviving are two sons, Tom (Sarah) and Tim (Darla); a daughter-in-law Lynn; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn Burge; and cousins Linda Cook, Debbie Peek, Hershal (Agnes) Shaffer, Bill (Pat) Fuller and Harry (Evelyn) Fuller; extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Anthony "Tony" Shaffer. His parents were Harry and Wilma Dixon Shaffer.

Arrangements were under the direction of Schoedinger Worthington in Ohio. Burial was Saturday, Jan. 13 at White's Chapel Cemetery. A

celebration of life will be held in Marion at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### Hazzard

Pearl Mae Hazzard died Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at Crittenden Health and Rehab. She was a retired registered nurse. She was born to Roy and Gladys Hazzard and a big brother, Franklin, on April 5, 1958. She could play multiple music instruments but most memorable was the keyboards. She graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1976 and put herself through school to become a nurse. She had a love of helping young nurses as many have shared since her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and multiple relatives; including a brother who was the love of her life.

She leaves behind nieces, cousins, other relatives, and multiple friends and coworkers from all over the country. We will all miss her very much but we are comforted with the thought of a little blonde pigtailed girl strolling over heaven with her big brother, whom she missed so desperately.

A private family memorial will be held after out of state family are able to attend. Memorial acts of kindness should be given to any dedicated nurse in her memory. Paid obituary

#### Stone, 101

Elsie Stone, 101, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at her Crayne, Ky., home of almost 52 years. She would have been 102 on March 24.

She was a member of Frances Community Church. When she was 21 years old, she served her country as a Rosie the Riveter while her then husband was serving in the military during World War II. She riveted on airplane wings in the war effort at the Briggs plant in Evansville, Ind. She also worked at Potter and Brumfield in Marion for a short time and then at Arvin Industries in Princeton for several years. She left Arvin Industries in 1979 to babysit her second grandchild while her daughter taught school. Her favorite place to be was outside. She loved pushmowing her yard, planting and tending to her vegetable garden, planting and tending to her flower gardens, planting trees and shrubs, and she even loved pulling weeds. If Heaven ever needs to hire a gardener, Stone will be first in line with her application. She was an avid reader with westerns being her favorite genre. In her earlier years, she enjoyed doing pencil drawings and oil painting on canvas. Her daughter's elementary teachers at Mattoon

Elementary School loved it when she would come to school to paint holiday scenes on their large bulletin boards while their students watched in amazement at her talent.

Surviving are two children, Gary (Terry) Nunn of Sturgis and Paula (Dennis) Porter of Crayne; three grandchildren, Greg (Vanessa) Nunn of Morganfield, Lee Anna (Nathan) Boone of Marion and Dennise Beck of Crayne; three great-grandchildren, Natalie and Anna Boone, both of Marion and Blake Beck of Crayne; three nephews, Bob Price of Roundup, Mont., Wayne Price of Buckhannon, W Va., and Roger Price of Clay; four great-nephews and three great-nieces, Kevin Price of Clay, Jeff Price of Many, La., Michael Ryman of Brazoria, Texas, Mickey Hust of Lake Jackson, Texas, Deborah Kanekeberg of Soldotna, Alaska, Barbara Ervin of Uniontown and Sherry Price of Anchorage, Alaska; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Byron Gregory Nunn; her first husband, Byron Nunn; her second husband, James V. "Jimbo" Stone; her parents, Milton and Virgie Price; three brothers; three sisters; two nieces; a nephew; a stepson, Mike Stone; and a special friend, John Asbridge.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 21 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Ward

Thomas "Tom" Lee Ward, 53, of Princeton, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 at Caldwell Medical Center.

Ward covered high school sports in western Kentucky, taking photographs, compiling game summaries and sharing player interviews at multiple schools for the online site West Kentucky Sports Network. He also was employed by WMJL in Marion.

Arrangements are incomplete at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton.

Expressions of sympathy may be made toward funeral expenses at [www.morgansfuneralhome.com](http://www.morgansfuneralhome.com).

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#### Loveless

Robert William "Bobby" Loveless, 83, of Salem, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a retired from the United States Navy, earning the rank of Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate H after 30 years of service. After retirement he

went to work for Pan-Am. He loved farming and spent many an hour working on his farm.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Loveless and Kevin Loveless, both of Salem and Ron Jones of Nidda, Germany; a sister, Ester Pruett of Omaha, Neb.; a grandchild, Romina; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Marie (Tabor) Loveless; a brother, J.F. Loveless; a sister, Mary Jordan; and loving companion, Charlotte Belt

Services are at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from noon until the funeral hour at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Crawford

Peggy Sue Crawford, 75, of Madisonville, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 at Ridgewood Terrace Nursing Home.

She was always smiling and laughing. She enjoyed fishing, playing cards and Yahtzee. She was a phlebotomist at Baptist Health in Paducah. She especially loved her family and friends.

Surviving are a daughter, Georganna (Randy) Ellis of Salem; a grandson, Frank Eli Ellis; and a sister, Bonnie Watson of Virden, Ill.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frank Crawford; her parents, Floyd Wright and Francis Elmina (Smith) Wright; and two sisters, Floyd Ann Sunderland and Helen Mitchell.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 at Lola Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Ellis officiating. All family and friends are welcome to attend to celebrate the life of Peggy Sue Crawford.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Tabor

Thomas Warren "Tommy" Tabor, 80, of Marion, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital. He was a member of Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Tabor of Marion; a son, Trent Tabor of Paducah; and brother, Jimmy Tabor of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Esther Tabor; and a brother, Doug Tabor.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Green

Winfred Lee Green, 81, of Paducah, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. He was a member of Seven Springs Baptist Church and was attending Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Paducah.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Green of Paducah; three daughters, Wendy Christine (Jerry) Franklin, Ginger Leigh Brandon and Tara Danielle McQuegge, all of Paducah; two stepsons, Carrolle (Meredith) Conger of Marion and Jason (Lynn) Pupek of Merrillville, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Rob Lee, Adam, Christopher, Zakkary, Miles, Lyric, Marilyn, Courtni, Austin, Cassidy and Jaxson; seven great-grandchildren; four brothers and six sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Lester and Edna Mae Green; a granddaughter, Madison LaShae Conger; two brothers and a sister.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

#### Maynard

Laureen Watson Maynard, 84, of Marion, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. She was born Jan. 16, 1939 in Crittenden County.

She was a member of Glendale Baptist Church. She was employed by Potter & Brumfield for several years. She was an active member of Eastern Star, White Shrine and the Red Hat Society. She was married to Andy Maynard for 64 years.

Surviving are two sons, Tommy (Kathy) Maynard and Jimmy (Leisha) Maynard, both of Marion; three grandchildren, Brandon (Carrie) Maynard of Clay, Kaitlin (Andrew) Loveless of Salem and Alex Maynard of Marion; two great-grandsons, Matthew Maynard and Owen Loveless.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Maynard; a daughter, Sharon Maynard; and her parents, Sidney and Tidie (Rogers) Watson.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 27 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.

#### Croft

Harold Keith Croft, 91, of Marion, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He served in the Army during World War II, being stationed in Germany. He retired from Caterpillar in Peoria, Ill.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Collins of Peoria; three sons, Rick Croft (Lisa) of Washington, Ill., Jeff Croft of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Brian Croft (Kelly) of Marion; eight grandchildren, Michael Croft, Chase Lostutter, Deric Lostutter, Dakota Croft, Meganne Croft, Jared Stone, Hunter Stone and Ethan Stone; five great-grandchildren, Brianna Croft, Tanner Croft and Fiona, Josie and Lily Lostutter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brent Croft; a sister, Helen Robinson; two brothers, Neil Croft and Franklin Croft; and his parents, Roy and Ruby (Singleton) Croft.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 7 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Ross Atwell officiating.

#### Bowman

Rickey Bradley Bowman, 42, died Thursday, December 28, 2023 at his home. He was a retired crane operator in the construction industry, a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church and a U.S. Marine veteran with the rank of Corporal.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Mitzi and Harold Rodgers of Kuttawa; two daughters, Rachel and Caroline Bowman, both of Lexington; a son, Bradley Bowman of Michigan; a brother, Brian Bowman of Eddyville; a sister, Brandee Bowman of Mexico; a stepsister, Virginia (Robert) Adams of Kuttawa; a stepbrother, Kenneth Rodgers of Princeton; maternal grandmother, Anna Helmick of Georgia; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ricky Bowman; and paternal grandparents, Stacy and Jeanette Sutton.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 at Dycusburg Baptist Church. Lakeland Funeral Home of Eddyville is in charge of arrangements.

#### Perryman

Oliver Preston Perryman, 98, of Evansville, formerly of Marion, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 at Envive Healthcare in Evansville.

Perryman was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. He worked at

International Harvester and moved to Gary, Ind., in 1956 to work at U.S. Steel and he retired 28 years later. He then returned to Marion and drove a bus for Crittenden County Schools for several years and was a member of Crayne Community Church.

Surviving are three children, Joe (Debbi) Perryman of Lake Station, Ind., Jan Perryman of Evansville and Jon Perryman of Evansville; three grandchildren, Jennifer (Bryan) Petsche of South Beloit, Ill., Dan (Carrie) Perryman of Valparaiso, Ind., and Mandy (Barrett) Cody of Radisson, Wisc.; two great-grandchildren, Breanna Perryman and Bristol Cody; and two sisters, Jenny Webb and Phyllis Nichols, both of Providence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Willie Mae Perryman; his wife of 66 years, Nell (Boyd) Perryman; three brothers, Jerry, Lynn and Gene; and four sisters, Helen Cole, Donna Young, Carol Bragdon and Doris Kirk.

Services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Crayne Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Friday and from 9 a.m., until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Rev. James Driver will officiate.

## Ramage

Carnelia L. Ramage, 88, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at her home in Tiline. She was a homemaker, school bus driver, mail carrier, drove a dump truck, loved flowers and was an Avon Lady. She was a member of Birdsville Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandy Guess of Eddyville and Janice (Dennis) Jones of Ledbetter; four sons, Daniel "Dan Dan" Cowen of Salem, Mikey (Wendy) Ramage of Tiline, Jimmy Cowen of Lake Superior, Wisc., and Ronnie (Frances) Ramage of Smithland; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Brenda Joyce Cowen, Pamela Cowen Guill, and Elizabeth Henson; two sons, Gary "Gabby" Cowen and Kenneth Cowen; her first husband, Harry Neal Cowen; second husband, who was the love of her life, Cleveland Richard Ramage; and her parents, James Oliver and Carmetta (Champion) Anglin.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Leeper Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Stofko

The hat and booties knitting antique hunter and Mattoon General Store proprietor Elizabeth Stofko, 69, of Sturgis, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.

Stofko began her journey through life in Szczecin, Poland in 1954, born into the home of Henryka and Stefan. With the tragic death of her father Stefan at a young age, she became a second caretaker for her younger siblings, Regina, Anna, and Waldemar. She finished primary and secondary education in Poland before finishing trade school and entering the workforce.

She married her first husband, Jerzy, in Szczecin, Poland in 1977, and they welcomed into the world their only son Robert the following year.

She and Jerzy divorced in 1983 and she used the life opportunity to immigrate from Poland to the United States, settling in Denver, Colo., with her sister Regina.

Over the ensuing years she maintained a friendship with and eventually married her long time friend, Ryszard, in 1997. After several more years in Colorado, the pair moved across the country to Kentucky, settling in a small, rural home near Sturgis.

Elizabeth and Ryszard took ownership of the Mattoon General Store and quickly became a fixture in the community. Whether you enjoyed her food or haggled over an antique, Stofko's no-nonsense attitude and assertive temperament were memorable and left an impression on all those who frequented the store.

With her exacting standards and expert guidance, she and Ryszard expanded on and together built a beautiful home where they lived, until first his and then her own passing.

Her journey ends, but her smile and laugh live on in our memories, and for those lucky enough to have them, a hat or pair of booties she knitted with her love.

Surviving are her son Robert; grandson Jackson; sister Regina, and brother Waldemar.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stefan and Henryka; as well as her younger sister Anna and husband Ryszard.

Services will be held at a later date. Visit the memorial page and post a memory at <https://everloved.com/life-of/elizabeth-stofko/>. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Pugh

Donald Lewis Pugh, 80, of Marion, went to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born Nov. 2, 1943 in Crittenden County to the late Virgil Pugh Sr. and Agnes (Millikan) Pugh. He served in the United States Navy, and worked as a diesel mechanic for Wayne Supply until he retired in 2005. He was a member of Crooked Creek Church where he taught Sunday School and led singing.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Bonnie Pugh; five children, Donna (Jamie) Scott and Charlotte Pugh, both of Paducah, Mickie Topp of Charleston, SC, Kelly (Stacey) Brawner of Gallatin, Tenn., and Kim Mathis; four grandchildren, Trevor (Kendall) Travis of Charleston, SC, Andrew (Stephanie) Scott and Jordan (Tyler) Nichols, both of Paducah, Katie Woodruff of Metropolis, Ill.; six great-grandchildren, Dawson Travis, Ansley Travis, Carter Scott, Ariana Scott, Harper Nichols, and Tucker Nichols; a sister Mary Pugh; a nephew, Chris Pugh; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Pugh; and several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Velda Henderson, Jewell Pugh, Pauline Willings, Anna Louise Pugh, Barbara Pugh, Zora-Nell (Zoe) Davis, Sue Tabor, Virgil Pugh Jr., and Harry Lee Pugh.

Services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14 at Gilbert Funeral Home with military rites and burial in Sullivan Cemetery. The family will accept visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Sunday at the funeral home.

## Lawrence

Ann Elizabeth Lawrence, 91, of Hampton, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a farmer and a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Becky (Terry) Croft of Salem; and four grandchildren, Jonathan (Miranda) Croft, JoAnna Croft, Justin (Jessica) Suits and Tyler Suits; three great-grandchildren, Gavin Croft, Riggs Croft and Weston Suits.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.W. Lawrence; her parents, Jim and Margaret (May) Wallace; a daughter, Connie Suits; and a sister, Mona Rae Wallace.

Services were Friday, Dec. 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Jim Greer officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

## Edwards

Garce Bryant "Little Garce" Edwards, 77, of Dixon, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

He was born Jan. 31, 1946 in Providence, the son of the late Garce Wayne Eddwards and Thelma Bryant Edwards.

He was a graduate of PHS Class of 1964 where he played football and ran track. He was an avid golfer, was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and was a member of the Jack McDowell VFW Post #5480. He was a farmer and cattle broker and would do anything for anybody and not ask for anything in return.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Linda of Dixon; two sons, Brad (Sheri) Shoulders of Owensboro and Jeremy (Stefanie) Shoulders of Marion; a sister, Anna Gayle Gibson (Rand) Montgomery of Providence; four grandchildren, Dylan (Hannah) Shoulders, Hayden (Faith) Shoulders, Dalton Shoulders and Macye Shoulders; two great-grandchildren, Abrah Shoulders, and Sumner Shoulders; and three nephews, Todd Gibson of Willow Park, Texas, Ben (Julie) Gibson of Providence, and Brian (Jessi) Gibson of Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 30 at Melton Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Gibson officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

## Conyer

Magdaline "Peggy" Conyer, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was born March 31, 1937 in Mullikin, Ky. Her parents were Gwendolyn and Roy Holliman.

She was a 1955 graduate of Salem High School. On Sept. 30, 1956, she married her grade school sweetheart, Dave Conyer. She was a homemaker and helped her husband with their family business, Conyer Oil Company in Salem. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching and many other crafts. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She will be greatly missed.

Surviving are a son, Mike (Vicki) Conyer of Paducah; a daughter, Mel (Ted) Gillum of Salem; two grandsons, Tyler Porter of Springville, Ala., and Drew (Hannah) Conyer of Paducah; three granddaughters, Emily (Frank) Phillips of Monticello, Katelyn Gillum of Frederick, Md., and Chelsey Gillum of

Owensboro; three great-granddaughters, Emma Jane Phillips, Maggie Anne Phillips and Libby Rose Phillips all of Monticello; a great-grandson, Warner Todd Conyer of Paducah; two sisters, Betty Holliman and Connie (Dickie) Berry; a sister in law, Dianne (Carl) Ordway of Marion; two nephews, Roy (Beth) Berry and Tim Ordway of Marion; a niece, Jenny (Brad) Fuller; a great-nephew, Mason Fuller and great-niece, Ali Berry, all of Salem.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Dave Conyer; a daughter, Lisa Conyer; her parents, Gwendolyn and Roy Holliman; in laws, Lenville and Rosa Nelle Conyer; and a niece, Crystal Lynn Ordway.

Special thanks to caregivers Jewell Chittenden and Phyllis McKinney. Also, to Dr. Yazigi and the medical staff at Livingston Hospital.

Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 30 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. John East and Bro. Josh Bumpus officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital.

#### Hamilton

Anna Louise "Tootsie" Hamilton, 97, of Marion, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 at Livingston Hospital. She was a member of the Marion United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are three children, Patsy (Ed) Peek of Hopkinsville, Mike Hamilton of Marion and Robin (Mike) Hamilton-Folks of Brentwood, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Robin Clay Patton, Ross Hamilton Love, Joshua Hamilton, Heather Belt, Ashley Hamilton, Matt Folks, Mike Folks and Holly Folks; several great-grandchildren and on great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.C. Hamilton; her parents, Hillis and Iva Hunt; a brother, R.D. Hunt; a grandson, Ryan Love; and a daughter-in-law, Denise Hamilton.

Services were Saturday Dec. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ryan Love Youth Services Scholarship, c/o First United Methodist Church of Hopkinsville, 1305 S. Main, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

#### Lapp

Nancy Barnes Lapp, 82, of Marion, died Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are two daughters, Holly (Ian Harrington) Lapp of Wayland, Mass., and Barbara (Randy Boyd) Lapp of Tucson, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Christopher Lapp, Kimberly Boros and Nicholas Lapp; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by a son, Howard Albert Lapp III; her mother, Bernice Barnes and father, Joseph Ray Barnes.

Memorial services are scheduled for a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to New Hope Animal Rescue, 526 Atkinson St., Henderson, KY 42420.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY is in charge of arrangements.

#### Ford

Gerald Lee Ford, 67, of Marion, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023 at Baptist Health Paducah. He was a member of Masonic Lodge Number 256 and was a United States Army Veteran.

Surviving are a brother, Skip Hawkins of Marion; a sister-in-law, Rachel Ford of Paducah; three nieces, Hilary Ford of Louisville, Hailey (Patrick) Nolan of Louisville and Cassidy Hawkins of Somerset; and a grandson, Kanyon Piper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loice and Georgia Ford; a brother, Robert G. Ford; and step-mother, Mary Helen Ford.

Services were held Sunday, Dec. 31, with burial in Rosebud Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rosebud Cemetery, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 W. Bellville St. Marion, KY 42064.

#### Conner

Martha Conner, 67, of Marion, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 at Heart-to-Heart Hospice in Evansville.

Surviving are two children, Damien (Tracy) Haire of Marion and Salena (Jeff) Young of Robards; her father, James Todd; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Vilas Todd.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Travis

Jerry "Bud" Travis, 81, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehab.

Surviving are a daughter, LeAnn (Lee) Blazina of Marion; a son, Rodney Travis of Marion; three sisters, Geneva Rustin of Fredonia, Donna Winders of Marion and Brenda Clark of Marion; three grandchildren, Travis and Caden Blazina of Marion and Elijah Travis of Owenton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; his parents, Corbett and Barbara Travis; four brothers, Wendell Travis, Randell Travis, Corbett Travis and Harold Travis; and three sisters, Virginia Klutey, Linda Kirk and Shirley Brown.

An avid trucker, Travis followed in his family's passion and logged over 5 million miles, earning multiple safety and driving awards throughout his decades-long career.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Gipson

Heath Burton-Gipson 36 of Henderson, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson.

He had been employed as a factory worker and attended Victory Baptist Church. He enjoyed hiking and exploring the great outdoors and was an avid wrestling fan.

Surviving are his mother, Susan Burton Kellough; his father, Sammy Gipson; a son, Braxton Gipson; two brothers, Ryan Burton and Daniel Gipson; and grandmothers, Wanda Burton and Melinda Gipson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Danny and Peggy Gipson. Services were Saturday, Dec. 30 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

#### Hunter

Sharon Hunter, 63, of Marion, died Monday Jan. 1, 2024 at Livingston Hospital. She was a former foster child for the Easterseals rehabilitation center telethon, as well as a devoted volunteer for the telethon for many years.

Surviving is her mother, Ruth Ann Hunter.

She was preceded in death by her father, O'Dell Hunter.

Memorial donations may be made to the Easterseals Rehabilitation Center.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

