

OBITUARIES

William L. 'Bill' Noble

1925-2025  
William L. "Bill" Noble, age 99, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 2 in Oklahoma City, Okla. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and farmer, he lived a long and full life defined by service, hard work, and enduring optimism.

Bill was born in his parents' home in Union Star, Ky. on Dec. 31, 1925, the son of Edgar and Caroline Noble. He grew up in rural Kentucky, attending a one-room schoolhouse and working on the family farm. Though he had to miss school frequently for chores, he was determined to pursue his education and later completed high school and some college coursework during his military service.

He was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1945 during World War II, serving as a diesel mechanic on Sub Chaser SC-1431 off the Florida coast. Toward the end of the war his ship was deployed off the coast of Japan for several weeks waiting for the land invasion that thankfully never came. After the war, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, beginning a 20-year career that became part of the newly formed U.S. Air Force.



Bill's military service took him around the world, including assignments in Germany during the Berlin Airlift; Cold Bay, Alaska; South Korea during the Korean War; and Puerto Rico. He also served stateside in Texas, Tennessee, New York, Mississippi, and California. He retired from the Air Force in 1965 as a Tech Sergeant.

While stationed at Sewart AFB in Smyrna, Tenn., Bill met the love of his life, Tennie Berry, at a YMCA dance. They married in 1952 and started their family in 1960. In 1966, they settled on a farm near Charlotte, Tenn. — land once owned by Tennie's grandfather. There, they spent 54 years raising livestock, growing tobacco, and building a life rooted in family and faith. Bill also worked for Taylor Funeral Home, Winner Boat Company, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Bill and Tennie were married for 68 years until her passing in 2020. That same year, he moved to Oklahoma City to be close to his son, Andy and his family. Even in his final years, Bill remained curious, cheerful, and proud of his military service. He often said he hoped to live to 103 and be the last living WWII veteran. Of the 16.4 million Americans who served in WWII, fewer than 50,000 are still living today.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Tennie; daughter, Mary Ann; parents, Edgar and Caroline Noble; and sisters, Lois Horsley and Georgia Cantrell.

He is survived by his son, Andy (Beth) Noble; as well as his grandchildren, Brenna and Ethan.

Funeral services were held on Monday July 21, followed by interment at Dickson Memorial Gardens. To honor his last request, the funeral procession passed by his farm for a final goodbye.

Visitation took place from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, July 20 and from 10 a.m. on Monday until time of service at Taylor Funeral Home, Dickson, Tenn.

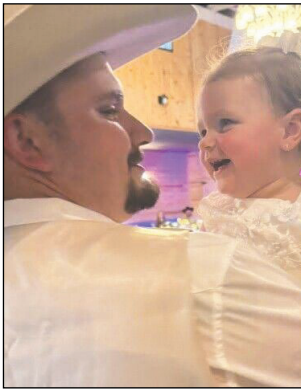
Those desiring memorials may be made to the Charlotte Fagan Community Church Scholarship Fund, 3158 Van Leer Hwy, Charlotte, Tenn. 37036.

Hunter Ray Lyons and Oakleigh Payne Lyons

Hunter Ray Lyons, age 23, and Oakleigh Payne Lyons, age 17 months, passed away on Saturday, July 26, in Breckinridge County, as the result of an automobile accident.

Hunter was born on Oct. 27, 2002 in Elizabethtown. He was a graduate of BCHS and employed as a machinist with RBT. An active member of Constantine Missionary Baptist Church, he often sang and played his guitar for church services. He enjoyed the outdoors — hunting, riding horses, tractors, and his 4 wheeler. He was a tinkerer and could fix anything. Hunter was an honorary stockholder with Snap On tools, due to the amount he had in his shop. Above all, he loved the Lord, his family, and his community.

Oakleigh was born on Feb. 22, 2024 in Owensboro, and was a very loved little girl. Her smile was like a ray of sunshine and shone through in her sassy personality. She enjoyed being outdoors — feeding apples to the horses and riding in the side by side. She and her daddy shared a love of eating. She was funny and



smart and loved her baby-doll.

Hunter is survived by his wife, Macey Lyons of Custer; parents: Jason and Rachel Lyons of Custer, and Carrie and Kent Brewer of Magnolia; two sisters, Taylor Curl (Wesley) of Leitchfield and Addison Brewer of Magnolia; two uncles, Zach Scott (Megan) and Mikey Scott (Shelby) of Big Spring; five nieces and nephews: Magnolia and Mason Curl, Axle, Brodie and Cohen Scott; grandparents: Roger and Carlotta Lyons, and Steven and Cindy Johnson of Big Spring; and great-grandmother, Wanda "Nana" Brewer of Hodgenville.

Oakleigh was preceded in death by her uncle, Garrett Weisser.

She is survived by her mother, Macey Lyons of Custer; grandparents: Leigh Ann and Garey Dale Weisser of Calhoun, Jason and Rachel Lyons of Custer, and Carrie and Kent Brewer of Magnolia; great-grandparents: Roger and Carlotta Lyons of Custer, Steven and Cindy Johnson of Big Spring, Becky Payne of Owensboro, and Annie Crawford of Calhoun; great-great-grandmother, Wanda "Nana" Brewer of Hodgenville; three aunts: Avery Rebecca Weisser of Calhoun, Taylor Curl (Wesley) of Leitchfield, and Addison Brewer of Magnolia; two uncles, Zach Scott (Megan) and Mikey Scott (Shelby) of Big Spring; and six cousins: Remington Weisser, Magnolia and Mason Curl, Axle, Brodie and Cohen Scott.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at Constantine Missionary Baptist Church with burial in the Lyons Cemetery in Custer.

Expressions of sympathy are requested to Trent-Dowell Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

Rita Lynne Decker Roach

1957-2025

Rita Lynne Decker Roach, age 68 of Cloverport, born May 26, 1957, in Hardinsburg, passed away Saturday, Aug. 2 at University of Louisville Hospital, Louisville.

She and her husband, Greg, built life together as they raised five children and worked side by side on their family farm for many years. Her love of home and family was reflected in everything she did. She had a true talent for sewing, arts and crafts, and decorating, always bringing creativity and warmth into her surroundings. She also loved working alongside Greg at the St. Romuald fish fries. She loved her professional life as well; she worked for many years with Brite & Butler Attorneys in Hardinsburg. Her life was a beautiful blend of hard work, creativity, and quiet generosity.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orin and Mary Ruth Stevenson Decker; in-laws, John and



Linda (Carey) Dossey; grandchildren: Katie (Jared) Dubree, Julia and Peter Mattingly, Amelia, Evan, Eric and Benjamin Barr, Anna and Ava Macy, Hunter and Sophia Greathouse, Lydia, Sam, Leah and Joseph Kennedy, and John Isaac Roach.

Pallbearers: Evan Barr, Eric Barr, Benjamin Barr, Hunter Greathouse, Sam Kennedy, and John Roach

Honorary Pallbearers: Phillip Popham, Robbie Camp, David Smith, Matthew Arnold, Chad Ledford, and Mark Roach

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6 from St. Romuald Catholic Church. Rosary services will be held at 11:30 a.m. prior to the funeral mass. Burial will be in St. Romuald Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Romuald Church under the direction of Trent-Dowell Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Romuald School.

Eva Henning Roach; two brothers, Terry and Mike Decker; and one brother-in-law, Steve Shrewsberry.

She is survived by her loving husband, Greg Roach, whom she married on June 28, 1975 (they had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary); four daughters: Mitzi (Harry) Mattingly, Shannon (Jamie) Barr, Sarah Beth (Lee) Greathouse, and Kellee (Michael) Kennedy; one son, John (Whitney) Roach; four brothers: Randall (Mary Tom) Decker, Roger (Gail) Decker, Jeff (Terri) Decker, and Mark (Mitzie) Decker; two sisters, Barbara Shrewsberry and

Rita D. Carman

1949-2025

Rita D. Carman, age 76 of Garfield, passed away Monday, Aug. 4 at her residence. She was born on May 31, 1949 in Custer.

She was a civil service employee and retired after 34 years of service. She enjoyed flower gardening, deer hunting, and being outside. She was known for her sense of humor and infectious laugh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nelse Mabe and Mae Ramsey Dowell; her stepfather, Roy Lee Dowell; stepson, Kenneth Carman; and father and mother-in-law, Doc and Ruby Carman.

Rita is survived by Wayne Carman, her hus-



band of 47 years; four children: Jennifer Peyser (Scott) of Brentwood, Tenn., Jason Carman (Kasey) of Garfield, Jessica Carman of Irvington, and Dewayne Carman (Susan) of Owensboro; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two

brothers, Ron Mabe (Gail) of Louisville and Royce Mabe (Jane) of Kingswood; two sisters-in-law, Bonnie Severs (Bill) and Louise Carman of Garfield; several nieces and nephews; and good friend and caregiver, Kelley Noblett.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7 at Trent-Dowell Funeral Home with burial in the Custer Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6 and from 8-11 a.m. on Thursday. All times are central.

Expressions of sympathy are suggested to Pocket Full of Hope.

Junior Ray Hay

1949-2025

Junior Ray Hay, age 75 of Stephensport, passed away Wednesday, July 30 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was born on Dec. 9, 1949, in Fleming County, Ky., and was the beloved son of the late Charlie Hay and Lida Skaggs-Hay.

Junior was an easy-going man who enjoyed the simple things in life, like a

hearty bowl of beans and cornbread, spending time in his garage tinkering, or bush-hogging the fields. He had a soft spot for animals and was often in the company of the cats and dogs he befriended over the years.

In addition to his parents, Junior was preceded in death by his son, Michael Hay; and siblings: Bonnie Parrott, Albert, Billy and Gladys Hay.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Jeremy (Ashley) Hay; grandchildren: Chris (Cassie) Hay, Jacob (Brooke) Pace, Michael, Raylee, Jordyn and Landyn Hay; siblings, Charles B. Hay and Emily Hay; great-grandchildren, Mason and one on the way; as well as many other loving family and friends.

Care entrusted to Cardinal Cremation Society.

Help vulnerable seniors avoid abuse, neglect, exploitation

The legal protection of seniors in America stems from a desire to defend those who are most vulnerable. By recognizing risk factors and warning signs for abuse, neglect and exploitation, loved ones more readily can prevent potential dangers.

In Kentucky, the terms "abuse," "neglect" and

"exploitation" are defined in KRS 209.020.

Generally, abuse includes infliction though an act that results in physical pain or injury, whereas neglect is the deprivation of resources or services, either by the individual's own inability or through the irresponsibility of a caregiver.



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Exploitation, on the other hand, is the act of taking advantage of another person through deception or intimidation. Whereas abuse and neglect usually result in a physical harm, exploitation usually results in a deprivation of assets.

The key to protecting seniors from abuse, neglect and exploitation is to recognize the risk factors and warning signs of victimization.

It is also important to understand that while focus is often on younger individuals such as family members, neighbors or caregivers, seniors also can be the culprit. Sometimes that victimization is due to a senior's cognitive decline, while other times the offender acts badly while fully aware of his or her actions.

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