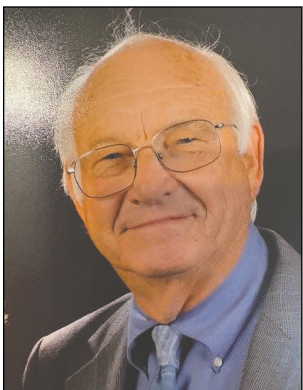


OBITUARIES

Grover Clifford Matthews

Grover Clifford Matthews, age 82, passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 12 at Miami County Hospice in Troy, Ohio. He was born in Glen Dean, son of the late David Matthews and Lillian Ober-ton Matthews. Grover married his one and only true love, Linda Wright, on Aug. 31, 1963, at Goshen Baptist Church in Glen Dean.

He was sworn into the United States Air Force on Jan. 20, 1961, where he began a long and successful career beginning as an aircraft mechanic and becoming a pilot. Grover held advanced pilot licenses including commercial pilot and instructor. After retiring from the United States Air Force on Feb. 9, 1983, he began his second career where he owned and operated a flight school at Greene County Airport in Dayton, Ohio. He was the pilot for WHIO TV, Dayton, Ohio, weather and news, reporting twice daily for many years. He was the owner of Matthews Aviation where he sourced and sold air-plane parts and aircraft and owned and operated North Benton Municipal Airport. Grover loved traveling and he and Linda spent every winter in Laughlin, Nev. for many years. They enjoyed taking cruises to Alaska (Grover's favorite place) and recent years vacationing with their daughters. Grover also loved deep sea salmon



fishing in Alaska where he was stationed twice while in the Air Force.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant son, Grover Matthews, Jr.; sisters, Billie Jane and Betty Sue Matthews; brother, Buddy Matthews; and cousin, Denver Matthews.

Grover is survived by Linda, his wife of 62 years; daughters and sons-in-law: Rhonda and Scott Drake and Linda and Tim Schaeffer; granddaughters: Dr. Emily Schaeffer., Amy Schaeffer, Melanie Schaeffer, Lilly Schaeffer, and Jenifer Schaeffer; and brothers, Billy Matthews and Roger Matthews.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Grover's life from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Trent-Dowell Funeral.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 at Goshen Baptist Church with burial in the Sand Knob Cemetery. All times are central.

Miranda Sue Williams

1979-2025

Miranda Sue Williams, age 45 of Irvington, passed away Thursday, Sept. 11 at her residence. She was born on Nov. 23, 1979 in Elizabethtown.

Miranda was a very strong-willed woman, with a big heart and a happy-go-lucky personality. She had a beautiful smile that would light up a room. She was quite the social butterfly who was the life of the party of any event she attended. As a child, she enjoyed fishing and loved animals.

Miranda is survived by three children: Ericca Makayla Mucker of Custer, Darius Alexander Woods and Aiden Christopher Woods of Garfield; companion, Todd Lucas of Irvington; parents, John and Connie Williams of Custer; brother, John Christo-



pher Williams (Christina) of Mary Esther, Fla.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and their families.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Trent-Dowell Funeral Home with burial in the Cook Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Richard Don Thurman

1990-2025

Richard Don Thurman, age 35 of Elizabethtown, passed away Saturday, Sept. 13 in Georgetown, Ky. as the result of a work-related accident. He was born on June 27, 1990 in Mesa, Ariz.

Richard is survived by his wife, Kacie Thurman; daughter, Bristol Thurman;

stepdaughters, Ruby-Kay and Lucy Hall; mother, Becky Pile; and father, Jeremy Thurman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 19 at Trent-Dowell Funeral Home with burial in the Kingswood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 and after 8 a.m. on Friday. All times are central.

Carol Jean Hall

1960-2025

Carol Jean Hall, age 64 of Hardinsburg, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9 at her residence. She was born on Dec. 19, 1960 in Hardinsburg, daughter of the late William and Candasadie Baker Hall.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Carol is survived by two sons, Jeffery Conder and Matt Conder of Leitchfield.

Cremation was chosen by the family with no services. Trent-Dowell Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Catholic thought on prayers and novenas

The way we pray as Catholics may seem strange at first glance, but, if you read these prayers carefully and prayerfully, they are beautiful. You will quickly come to understand the deep devotion Catholics have to Jesus Christ. Here is a prayer you can say for nine days in a row for a special intention written by the "Priest of the Sacred Heart." (They are a holy order of men in Franklin, Wis.)

"O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger, comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death." We call these nine-

day prayers "novenas." It's taken from Latin: novem meaning nine.

For private devotion, any prayer is fine or you can write your own. But, for public prayer, it must have the Church's "Imprimatur."



DALE DEPOYSTER

This approval is granted by a bishop. Even these articles could be approved by a

bishop, but I have never pursued his imprimatur. If I did receive his approval, you would know the writings of these articles were true and authentic and would not lead you to error.

Catholics believe we are in constant contact with the saints in Heaven and ask them often for intercessory prayers. Here is a beautiful one: "Holy Mother pierce me through. In my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified." Kumbaya!

Dale writes this article from his home in western Kentucky. Have a question? You may contact him at dale54@live.com.

Wills are last option for you to outline property distribution

When someone dies, one of the first questions asked is what needs to be done to transfer property out of the decedent's name. For many, this is an urgent issue. Funeral expenses must be covered, bills must be paid and dependents must have transportation.

The first thought is usually to follow the terms of the last will and testament. However, the way in which property is transferred generally depends on the property rather than on the terms of a will.

The first way in which property passes is when property simply remains with a joint owner. Assets

passing to a surviving joint owner may be in a deed, title or simply through a jointly held bank account, but the survivorship language must be included.

Property owned jointly with a right of survivorship is most common for married couples, but also may be used in other scenarios, particularly when a parent adds a child to a deed or account.

Parents often add adult children to accounts either unintentionally for the purpose of giving the child access to accounts during life or intentionally so the child has access to funds upon death. Assets falling within this category remain

with the survivor with very little, if any difficulty.

The next way in which property passes is through transfer-on-death or paid-on-death accounts. Transfer-on-death means that the property, as it is, transfers to the beneficiary, whereas paid-on-death means the account will be liquidated and paid to the beneficiary. To transfer or cash out the account, a death certificate is required, along with identification for the beneficiary.

For some types of accounts, additional paperwork may be required. For example, to inherit a qualified retirement account, the beneficiary must fill out a form that includes options regarding withdrawals and tax withholdings.

The most common TOD

accounts are investment and retirement accounts, while the most common POD accounts are certificates of deposit, life insurance and checking/savings accounts.

The third way in which property passes upon death is through the use of trusts. Trusts are entities that, like businesses, are set up on paper and have the ability to own property. The person who sets up a trust is the grantor, and the person who manages the trust is the trustee, although for many trusts, both roles are filled by the same person.

Upon the grantor's death, the trust continues to exist and the trustee simply follows instructions for distributing the trust property to intended beneficiaries. Like TOD or POD accounts, trust

transfers are fairly quick and require little paperwork.

Although there are some additional ways that property occasionally transfers upon death, such as through a life estate deed or an affidavit of descent, remaining property usually is required to pass through probate court before reaching beneficiaries. This is the time when the will becomes necessary.

A will is the document in which individuals express their preferences for who will handle the work of wrapping up and distributing remaining assets and who will benefit from those assets. The will must be filed with the court so that the court can determine who the rightful beneficiaries are, as well as to give an opportunity to creditors to file claims

against the estate. Beneficiary designations in wills only apply to property passing through the probate court, not through jointly held, POD, TOD or trust-owned property.

Property passing upon death rarely passes through one method, as each asset may be held in a different way. By understanding how each asset will pass upon death, individuals can plan their estates to ensure that beneficiaries receive property in the way intended.

Cynthia Griffin is an elder law and estate planning attorney at Burnett and Griffin PLLC in Elizabethtown. She can be reached at cynthia@bcglaw-center.com.

Elizabethtown event helps veterans, their families connect with local resources

Care Guide Partners PACE Veterans' Connection Series offers resources for area veterans and their families

Care Guide Partners PACE, an affiliate of Hosparus Health, invites area veterans and their families to the next installment of its Veterans' Connection series on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Care Guide Partners PACE Center, located at 109 Buffalo Creek Dr. in

Elizabethtown, Ky.

This free public event will feature guest speaker Perry Cooke, executive director of Mark 12 Ministries in Shepherdsville. A former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs employee, Cooke is well-versed in veteran benefits and services,

and will share valuable insight to help veterans and their families navigate available resources.

"We're committed to bringing veterans information they can use to improve their daily lives," said Prentiss Alford, Community

Outreach Coordinator at Care Guide Partners PACE. "Perry's extensive knowledge of veteran benefits will empower attendees to better access the support they've earned."

The Veterans' Connection series is designed to foster

meaningful dialogue, share experiences, and connect attendees with helpful local resources. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information, contact Alford at (270) 600-2580 or TTY: (270) 600-2589. To learn more

about Care Guide Partners PACE and the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), visit careguidepartners.org/PACE.

The next Veterans' Connection event is scheduled for Nov. 20.

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