

# Deaths And Funerals

## Mary Jo Hayes

Mary Joe (Smith) Hayes, 90 of Sebree passed away April 10 at Redbanks Colonial Terrace in Sebree.

She was born April



27, 1934, in Onton to the late Clate and Effie Mae Smith.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary Joe enjoyed cooking and watching UK basketball.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her

husband, H.K. Hayes; two children, Joyce Ann Richmond and Wilbure Joe Hayes.

Mary Joe is survived by her children, Brenda Fister (Stan) of Owensboro, Kentucky, Carolyn Catlin (Tommy) of Sebree, Janet Hayes of Sebree, Rodney Richmond and Keith Hayes, both of Onton; two sisters, Esther Springfield and Wilma Smith, both of Sebree; 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 12 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Sebree.

Bro. David Bumpus officiated, and burial was in Onton Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Autism or St. Jude.

## Betty Zane Rider

Betty Zane Rider, 94, of Sebree, passed away at home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice on April 20, 2025.

Betty was born in Sebree on September 23, 1930 to the late Edward and Lessie (Hanley) Liggett.



A cherished and faithful pillar of the Sebree community, Betty wore many hats throughout her life as a licensed funeral director, skilled income tax preparer, and a committed EMT who proudly served on the local fire department, supplying anything needed to firemen on duty.

She played a vital role in the town's Independence Day celebration at Sebree Springs Park with the Woodmen of the World. Betty was also a proud and active member of the Women's Auxiliary and the Fraternal Organization, where she served as secretary.

A foundational and faithful member of Sebree Baptist Church, Betty served in countless capacities throughout the years. She played the organ and piano for over 80 years, gracing the sanctuary with music during services and played for the Sebree Ministerial Association Easter sunrise service for 80 years. She sang in the choir, helped with AWANA and Vacation Bible School, and was a devoted member of her Sunday School class. Alongside her beloved husband Kenneth, she once led the church youth group, even taking them to Louisville to witness the ministry of Billy Graham.

Her love of family was one of her greatest joys. She never missed an opportunity to brag about her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In her spare time, she found joy in sewing, fishing, canning, painting ceramics, cooking, basket weaving, camping, gardening, music, and even a competitive game of corn hole.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Rider and brother, E. W. Red Liggett, Jr.

Survivors include her daughter Sherri Hargis (Wayne) of Henderson; son Keith Rider (Chele) of Sebree; sister Anna Hernandez; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday April 26, 2025 at Sebree First Baptist Church with Christi Henderson, Pastor Dylan Zahn and Bro. Bob Hardison officiating. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Sebree First Baptist Church and Saturday Noon until service time at the church.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Hargis, Adam Hargis, Ryder Hargis, Timmy Qualls, Zane Rider, Jason Langston, Brad Jones and Tony Hernandez. Aleksandr Rider will be an honorary pallbearer.

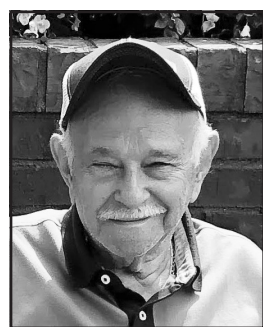
Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony's Hospice.

Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel is handling arrangements. Paid

## Raul Gonzalez

Raúl González, at 90 years of age passed away peacefully in his home under the care of hospice.

Raúl was born in Camagüey, Cuba on August 10, 1934 to Roman Gonzalez-Cruz and Amparo Jimenez.



Raul's mother died during his birth which led to a difficult childhood. During a revival in 1955 he gave his life to Christ and this turned his life around. In 1959, at the age of 25 he married the love of his life, Ana Trenhs, who was from a large

and happy family. Raul and Ana had twosons, David and Daniel by 1962. During the 70s and 80s they endured the hardships of the communist regime of Fidel Castro, but remained strong in their faith.

Raul and Ana came to the United States in 1993. The proudest moment of Raul's life was when he was sworn in to become a US citizen in 2002. Raul loved God, this country and playing his guitar and singing old hymns.

Raul was proceeded in death by his wife, Ana.

He is survived by his son, David and his wife, Lorena Gonzalez of Monterrey Mexico, his son, Daniel and his wife, Lori Gonzalez of Slaughters; and 5 grandchildren, Yarlene Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez, Gabriel Gonzalez, Valeria Gonzalez and David Gonzalez and two great-granddaughters, Bryanna and Brittany Machado.

A graveside service will be held at Slaughters Cemetery, Saturday April 26 at 11:00 A.M. His son, Pastor Daniel González will officiate.

Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel is handling arrangements. Paid

## Connie Clayton

Connie Clayton, 77, of Manitou, Kentucky passed away April 14, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.



She was born on March 6, 1948, in Providence, to the late James Travis and Helen Keeney Adams.

Connie was a loving wife and mother. Connie retired from GE Aircraft Engines. She was also an active member of First Christian Church in Providence. She enjoyed reading, volunteering

at Common Garments in Nebo, and helping with the backpack program at Nebo Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Ronald Clayton of Manitou; daughter, Beverly Crowell and her husband, James of Providence; daughter, Annette Parsons and her husband, Robert of Hastings, Michigan; granddaughter, Victoria Wheeler and her husband, Ryan of Bloomington, Indiana; grandson, Robert Parsons of Clarksville, Michigan; grandson, Brandon Parsons and his wife, Danielle of Vermontville, Michigan; granddaughter, Makayla Parsons of Hastings; nine great-grandchildren, Lily, Mary, Khloe, Ryder, Ayden, Sawyer, Mia, Charlie, and Clayton; and her sister-in-law, Doris Creasey of Providence.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Friday April 18, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home - Providence Chapel with Pastor Kim Hudson and Pastor Howard Crowe officiating.

Burial was at Shady Grove Cemetery in Crittenden County, Kentucky.

Memorial donations can be made to Common Garments in Nebo, Kentucky or to the Backpack Program at Nebo Christian Church. Paid

**God Knows You**  
By Dr. Bob Hardison

## Christ Can Give You Peace Of Mind In Polarized Times

Q: I am troubled over our fragmented and polarized country. People on both ends of the political spectrum use fear tactics to try to get what they want. I worry about the long-term stability of our nation. How can I have peace of mind amidst our political chaos?

A: It seems people in America have not been as polarized as they are now since the slavery issue causing the Civil War. Falsehoods and darkness travel freely and openly over social media. Many modern Americans are filled with greed and race prejudice.

But, there's good news! Most people of our great country are good people who are willing to help others and are willing to work to make this country stable and strong. Instead of wringing our hands in worry, we should pray for our leaders to make good choices so America is strong for generations to come.

Ultimately, we will not have true peace of mind until we put our trust in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). In Him, we can experience peace when the entire world seems to be falling apart. In a time of great stress for His disciples, Jesus announced, "Take heart! I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33). His strength to overcome the world is our strength to overcome it, too.

The old saying is true. "When Jesus is all you have, it is then that you discover He is all you need." Our Savior puts our lives together so we can have balance and serenity in trying times.

## WC Retired Teachers Meet

The Webster County Retired Teachers met Monday, April 14, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Providence. Twelve members were present. President Nan Laughary welcomed the group, and Pauletta Yarbrough led the pledge to the flag. Marilyn Whitsell gave the devotional, "Spare Time for Seniors".

Nan Laughary offered the prayer before lunch. The hostess for April was Janice Gillaspie who also catered lunch. Mrs. Gillaspie organized an Easter egg hunt after lunch. White elephant prizes were awarded. The grand prize winner was Pauletta Yarbrough, who won a carton of eggs.

President Laughary presided over the business session. Secretary Geraldine Stone had sent out the minutes by e-mail. Treasurer Marilyn Whitsell gave the present balance in the treasury, and said that all major financial obligations for the year had been met. Food donations had been divided between Landon's Hope and the Food Bank. Suggestions were made as to how to remember Teacher Appreciation Week in May. It was decided that the United Community Bank Scholarship funds could be used for more than one recipient. The scholarship committee agreed to read and decide on the essays of entrants after the meeting. Plans were made to attend the state convention.

The next meeting of the WCRTA will be June 9, at the Audubon State Park.

## Billy Puckett

Billy Puckett, 78 of Clay passed away Saturday, April 19, 2025 at ContinueCARE Hospital at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, Kentucky.

Billy was born in Blackford on May 10, 1946 to the late George and Catherine Odell

Puckett. He was in the United States Navy for 11 years and served 3 tours in Vietnam. He was coal miner and was employed at Pyro for 27 years.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Sue; two daughters, Michelle Donaldson

(Mike) of Nebo, Kentucky and Tammy Hunter of Madisonville; brother, Kenny Puckett (Brenda) of Clay, four grandchildren, Danielle Perry (Scotty), Mason Donaldson (Madi), Will Hunter, and Sterlin Hunter; and one great-grandchild, Hayden Perry.

Along with his parents he is preceded in death by a sister, Anna Mae Beabout.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Webb Memorial Community Church in Clay. Pastor Michael Knight and Brother Jason Buckman officiated.

Burial was in Oddfellows Cemetery. Military Honors were held at the gravesite.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Webb Memorial Community Church, 370 State Route 109 N, Clay, KY 42404 or Oddfellows Cemetery, 750 Oscar Todd Rd, Clay, KY 42404

Online condolences can be made at [www.vanoverfuneralhome.com](http://www.vanoverfuneralhome.com) Paid

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES**

Webster County Fiscal Court is requesting proposals from experienced contractors for current and future disaster debris removal and disposal services. Companies desiring to provide services can access the Request through the DFS Procurement Portal ("Portal") at [dfs.bonfirehub.com](http://dfs.bonfirehub.com) or at [erassist.com/work](http://erassist.com/work). Proposals are due no later than May 1, 2025 at 8:00 AM through the online Portal. Award is scheduled to occur at a special call meeting of the Webster County Fiscal Court at a to-be-determined date and time. A public notice will be issued in the Portal when scheduled.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on January 21, 2025, scheduling a hearing to be held on May 13, 2025, at 9 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for Case No. 2024-00326. This is an examination of the Electronic 2024 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company.

This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

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