

OBITUARIES

Wayne Saltzman

Wayne Saltzman, age 84 of Braidwood, Ill., passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025 at Morris Hospital.

Wayne was born on Dec. 3, 1941, in Custer Park, Ill., to Thomas Sr. and Audrey (née Williams) Saltzman. On Feb. 11, 1961, he married Geraldine Mae Bergera at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Braidwood.

Wayne had a strong work ethic and steady leadership throughout his life. He worked as a meat cutter for Jewel food stores for 35 years, and later at Testa's IGA, where he also served as Manager of the meat department for 10 years.

Wayne was a devoted public servant and a true pillar for the Braidwood community. He served as President of the Braidwood Park District for 30 years, Mayor of Braidwood for four years from 2003 to 2007, and Braidwood Finance Commissioner for two years. He was also the chairman of the Lions Club Summerfest beginning in 1981 at its conception, continuing on for many years.

During his time as Mayor, Wayne founded the Braidwood Food Pantry, an effort that earned him a Hometown Pride Award. He was also recognized as Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2017. Wayne was a Charter Member of the Braidwood Lions Club for 54 years and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus as well as the Braidwood Historical Society. Wayne was a longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and served as an usher.

Wayne enjoyed time spent golfing at Braidwood Rec with his son and longtime friends, Charlie Votta and Glen Fabian. He also enjoyed bowling and never missed a trip down to Leitchfield with his friends and family. Every February, he looked forward to attending his carnival conventions in Riverside, Fla. Wayne never met a stranger, and his friendly, welcoming nature left a lasting impression on everyone he met.



Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Joseph Brian Saltzman, in infancy.

He is survived by his wife; his children, Jeffrey (Shelly) Saltzman of Braidwood and Rita (Peter) Blackwell of Bloomington; his brothers, Richard (Barbara) Saltzman of Braidwood and Thomas (Kim) Saltzman, Jr. of Dwight; his grandchildren: Alysha (Drew) Vickers, Samantha (Steve Tortorella) Blackwell, and Joseph Saltzman; his great-grandchildren, Sophia and Alice; and his special uncle and aunt, Curtis (Helen) Saltzman of Braidwood. Other survivors include his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Randy and Celeste Clark; many nieces, nephews; and many special friends, especially Pat Keenan and Josh Bolatto.

Visitation was held from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025 at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, Ill. Mass of Christian Burial took place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Braidwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Wayne's name may be made to the Braidwood Lions Club or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in recognition of his longstanding dedication to the Braidwood community.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit Wayne's online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Nancy Jo Jacobs

Nancy Jo Jacobs, age 83 of Clarkson, lost her battle with cancer on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025 at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1942, in Hardin County, Ky., to the late Robert Paul and Hazel Marie Gattion Thurman.

Nancy was a library aide at the Grayson County High School for many years. In her youth, she was a member and attended the White Mills Christian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her spouse, Kenneth Jacobs.

She is survived by a son, Kenny Jacobs, Jr.; a



daughter, Patricia Durence; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Dale Thurman; and a sister, Elizabeth Alice Moss.

Services will be held at a later date under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jordan David Alvey, age 38 of Wax, Ky., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025 under Hosparus at his parent's home.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1987, in Horse Cave, Ky., the son of David and Lisa Alvey.

Jordan found joy in life's simple moments; fishing, collecting basketball cards, attending concerts, nurturing his plants, and losing himself in music. He had a very meticulous nature and found comfort in order. He also enjoyed watching the hummingbirds battle. His greatest pride was being a daddy to Ryatt; she filled his life with purpose beyond measure.



Jordan faced his battle with stage four Metastatic Adenocarcinoma with remarkable courage and strength. Through it all, he remained positive, never complained and continued to think of others. His quiet bravery will never be forgot-

ten. He was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Ozzy Vann Alvey; paternal grandfather, Colbert Alvey; and his maternal grandparents, Hurley and Betty Jane Alvey.

He is survived by his daughter, Ryatt Dennis; parents, David and Lisa Alvey of Wax; one brother, Ryan Alvey of Wax; one sister, Ariel Alvey of Leitchfield; his beloved girlfriend, Krystal Dennis of Leitchfield; paternal grandmother, Wiladean Alvey; and one nephew, ORyen Davis. Several aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family, who loved him deeply, also survive.

Funeral Mass was at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025 at the St. Benedict Catholic Church with Deacon T.J. Dennison officiating. Cremation followed the service.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 at the Dermitt Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Dermitt Funeral Home to assist with final expenses.

Online condolences can be made in the guestbook at www.dermittfuneral-home.com.

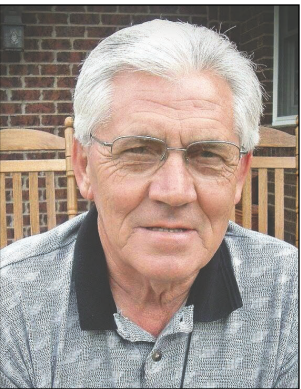
John E. Mudd

John E. Mudd, age 83 of Clarkson, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 at his residence.

He was born on March 8, 1942, in Grayson County, to the late Dent and Evelyn Stith Mudd.

He served as a vice president of Houchens Industries and retired after 57 years of service.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by a daughter, Danissa Mudd Lewis; two brothers, Allen Ray and Joseph Leo; and four sisters: Elizabeth



Ann, Julia Beatrice, Betty Jean, and Sister Anne Michelle Mudd.

John is survived by his

spouse, Sue Hagan Mudd; two sons, David and Daniel (Nancy); six grandchildren: Nina, Jude, Hope, Miles, Asher, and Lucy; a great-grandchild, Willow; a brother, Ralph Mudd; two sisters, Martha Hill (Leon) and Sondra Gavieres (Vince); a brother-in-law, Mike Hagan; and two sisters-in-law, Joyce Mudd and Darlene Hagan.

A funeral mass was held at 12 p.m. (CST) on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Clarkson with Fr.

Stephen Van Lal Than, Fr. Suneesh Mathew, and Fr. Brian Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the St. Augustine Catholic Church cemetery.

Visitation was held from 1-8 p.m. (CST) on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025 at Rogers Funeral Home and on Monday from 9-11:30 a.m.

A prayer service was held on Sunday at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul School, 1812 St. Paul Rd., Leitchfield, Ky. 42754.

Alton Teamon Mattingly

Alton Teamon Mattingly, age 72 of Clarkson, passed away Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 at Grayson Manor Nursing and Rehab in Leitchfield.

He was born on March 21, 1953, in Grayson

County, the son of the late William H. and Gladys Wells Mattingly.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sheila Mattingly; and one son,

Kenny Mattingly and fiancé, Mandy Woodcock.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025 at the Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield with Bro. Josh Milburn officiating. Burial

was in the Antioch Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 and from 9 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the Dermitt Funeral Home.

Director named for KDA's Division of Agricultural Economic Development

SUBMITTED

Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell has announced Hunter Jones as the director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) Division of Agricultural Economic Development.

"Creating a greater economic presence within and for our agriculture community is the goal of the Agricultural Economic Development Division," Shell said. "Hunter's prior experience and commitment to the growth of Kentucky farmers will be instrumental in the success of this Division. I am pleased to have him onboard and see where he can take Kentucky's farming future."

The Division helps administer the Kentucky Agricultural Economic Development Board, which was established this year through Senate Bill 28. The board was created to strengthen and expand

Kentucky's agricultural economy through strategic planning, targeted partnerships, and financial incentives. It will administer programs, such as grants, forgivable loans, and revolving loan funds, to support infrastructure upgrades, market expansion, and value-added agricultural development. The overall goal is to attract private investment, create new economic opportunities, and uplift farming communities throughout Kentucky.

The creation of this board is the result of Shell's vision that "Agriculture is Economic Development." In 2024, Shell conducted a statewide listening tour, hosting regional meetings with farmers, business leaders, and community stakeholders. The input gathered during those meetings shaped the priorities and design of this new initiative.

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beginning Jan. 1; to appoint Dee Dee Beeler and Denny Fentress to the hospital district for four-year terms beginning Jan. 1; and to appoint April Bowman to the hospital district for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1.

*Voted to discontinue .123

MEREDITH

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Meredith encourages all residents of Breckinridge, Butler, Grayson, Meade, and Ohio counties to participate. Responses will help inform legislative priorities throughout the 2026 session. The survey is intended only for constituents who live within the district. Residents who are unsure of their legislative district may use the "Find Your Legislator" tool available at Legislature.ky.gov.

"Before the 2026 legislative session begins, I want to seek feedback from constituents on important topics and policy issues," Meredith said. "This

of a mile of Tunsell Road from county maintenance.

*Approved the Grayson County Sheriff's 2026 budget, amended 2025 budget, 2026 bonds and advancements, and annual order setting the maximum amounts for deputies and assistants, the latter of which is \$1.5 million.

*Approved the Grayson County Tourism Commission's amended budget for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2026.

survey helps me better understand the thoughts and concerns of the people I represent, so I hope many will participate."

Constituents may also contact Meredith's office directly or leave a message for any lawmaker during the session by calling the General Assembly's Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. Additional information lines include:

- Bill Status Line: 866-840-2835,
- Meeting Information Line: 800-633-9650,
- Linea de Información en Español: 866-840-6575, or
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