

OBITUARIES



RICHARD AKERS
Richard Jeffery “Rick” Akers, 53, domestic partner Debby Carter, of Harrodsburg, died Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital.
Born May 2, 1971, in Morehead, he was the son of Patty (Kegley) Akers and the late Sammy Akers.
He worked in production at Summit Polymer, was a part of the National Trail Ride Association, was part owner Bluegrass Animal Land and worked for FEMA.

Survivors, in addition to his partner and mother, include: one son, Corey Akers; one stepson, Logan (Valerie) Price; three sisters, Samantha Pope, Sheila Sharp and Mary Lambardo; three nephews; and two step-grandchildren.

There are no public services planned.
Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mercer Co. Animal Shelter, 896 Moberly Road, Harrodsburg KY 40330.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



HADDY BAILEY
Haddy Jane Bailey, 100, widow of William Harold Bailey, of Harrodsburg, died Monday, March 3, 2025, at her home.

Born Aug. 19, 1924, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Jordan and Martha Jane (Patterson) Bugg.
She was a retired seamstress for Cricketeer Mfg. Co. and was a member of Benton Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one son, Johnny Bailey of Harrodsburg; one sister, Josie Freeman of Campbellsville; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, John Paul Bailey, and several brothers and sister.

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received over the years,” the organizers added. “If the community sees value in keeping Oktoberfest alive, we hope new leadership will step up to carry it forward.”

“The organizers extend their heartfelt thanks to the businesses, volunteers, and attendees who have supported Oktoberfest Harrodsburg throughout the years.”

The tourist commission announced they were taking over Oktoberfest the next day. Here is their statement:

“The Mercer County Tourist Commission is dedicated to ensuring that the beloved Oktoberfest tradition in downtown Harrodsburg continues, despite the decision by the previous Oktoberfest committee to discontinue the event. While we respect and appreciate the hard work and dedication the committee has shown over the years in making Oktoberfest a success, we are not willing to let this cherished tradition fade away.

“Oktoberfest has become a staple in our community, bringing people together to celebrate music, food, and culture. Understanding its importance, the Mercer County Tourist Commission is stepping in to take the reins and ensure that the festival

Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Monty Carney officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jimmy and Tony Lay, Kenny Coyle, David and Chuck Bugg.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 176, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 or a charity of one’s choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



RITA CLINE
Rita Carol Cline, 75, of Harrodsburg, wife of James Nelson Cline, died Monday, March 3, 2025, at her home.

Born Dec. 28, 1949, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Rosa (Whitaker) Haywood.

She attended Betsy Layne High School in Floyd County, was a banker and was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include: one daughter, Rosemary (Chris) Bottom of Harrodsburg; one son, James G. (Ashley) Cline of Danville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Haywood and Henry Haywood, and eight sisters, Betty Hensley, Brenda Ritter, Norma Anderson, Lois Haywood, Judy Schoolcraft, Oma Weddington, Mary Richardson and Barbara Shewmaker.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, at Sims Funeral Services by Bro. Doug Wesley.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.simsfuneralservices.com.



JANET GASH
Janet Rachel Gash, 51, of Danville, died Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Ephraim

McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born July 30, 1973, in Danville, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Clelland and Jayne (Hagerman) Gash Sr.

She was a graduate of Craigmont High School in Memphis, Tennessee, worked for JC Penney in retail sales and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: two sisters, Deborah Gayle Shelton of Danville and Miriam Jayne Gash of Nampa, Indiana; and one brother, Samuel Clelland (Angie) Gash Jr. of Dickson, Tennessee.

Sims Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

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GARY LAKE
Gary Mitchell Lake, 63, husband of Lisa Gail Whitenack, of Willisburg, died Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Born March 24, 1961, in Marion, he was the son of the late Buford D. and the late Linda Pearl (Divine) Lake.

He was a Baptist and farmer.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Linda LeAnn Lake; two sons, Mitchell McKinley Lake and Jamie Lynn Lake; one brother, Terry (Kim) Lake; five grandchildren; and two nieces.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Battle Cemetery in Washington County.

Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of one’s choice.

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MARY NEAL
Mary Ellen “Petie” Neal, 101, of Salvisa, widow of James Edward Neal, died

Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin Hospital.

Born Dec. 8, 1923, in Fayette County, she was the daughter of the late Brent and Emma Jane (Durbin) Crawley.

She was a nurse at James B. Haggin Hospital and Harrodsburg Health Care.

Survivors include: four daughters, Joyce Bast of Salvisa, Patricia Ann Scholtz of Danville, Sandra K. Terhune of Harrodsburg and Janie Ellen Stratton of Lawrenceburg; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sons; Luther Gene, Joe Edward, Donald Lee and Thomas Glenn Neal; four sisters, Lagatha Monroe, Isabele Moore, Nancy Prather and Brenda Smith; and two brothers, Alvin and Manford Crawley.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 10, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Long, Billy Joe Cornelius, Ben Stratton, Johnathan Robertson, Zach Taylor and Brad and Randy Scholtz. Honorary bearers were Tony Bast, Brandon Stratton and Mary Ellen Stratton.

Memorials contributions are suggested to the Mercer Relay for Life, American Cancer Society P.O. Box 173 Harrodsburg, KY or Heritage Hospice P.O. Box 1213 Danville, KY 40423.

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DAVID PEAVLER
David Lawrence Peavler, 72, of Harrodsburg, husband of Cindy Peavler, died Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin Hospital.

Born Oct. 11, 1952, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Lawrence Boyd and Lila Mae (Harley) Peavler.

He was a retired employee from Modine Manufacturing and farmer.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Scott (Brenda) Peavler of Harrodsburg; one sister, Brenda (Bob) Hinkle of

Danville; one aunt, Betty Roger of Harrodsburg; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a private burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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tacted the vendors and are meeting with the production company that handled the staging, lighting, and sound at last year’s event.

“We’re trying to be cost effective,” Gray said. He said they may need to cut Sunday, which has always seen the lowest attendance of the three-day festival, but declined to give any details beyond that.

Gray said he had received at least 50 calls from people asking to help with the event.

In addition to approving the street closures for Oktoberfest, the Harrodsburg City Commission approved street closures for the Christmas parade on Friday, Dec. 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. The parade, a partnership between the Tourist Commission and the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, will culminate with the Christmas tree lighting in Old Towne Park.

Gray said they were still trying to work out the logistics.

In another partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, the tourist commission will organize a New Orleans-themed kick-off for the Kentucky Heritage Jazz Festival on Friday, Oct. 10, at Old Towne Park.

The Harrodsburg City Commission approved street closures for the event and asked about the tourist commission’s plans for Oktoberfest’s tenth anniversary next year.

“We’ll see,” Gray said.

For more information, contact Gray at tourism@dharrodsburgky.com.

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