

# OBITUARIES



### MARGARET BRITTON

Margaret A. Britton, 66, wife of Ronnie Britton, died Sunday, March 23, 2025, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Born June 6, 1958, in Washington County, she was the daughter of the late Johnny R. and Delcia Pearl Southerland Curtsinger.

She retired from Cricketeer and Aggie Sale Sport Shop, and more recently worked at Walmart and was a member of Bohon Christian Church.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include: three sons, Jason (Amanda) Britton, Matthew Britton and Marcus (Skylar) Britton, all of Harrodsburg; one brother, Robert (Connie) Curtsinger of Wilkesburg; two sisters, Elizabeth Spalding of Harrodsburg and Shirley (Donnie) Gibson of Bronston; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Kenny Curtsinger, David Curtsinger and Lonnie Curtsinger.

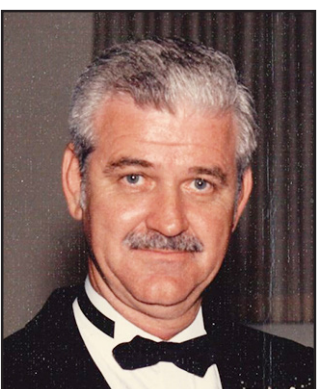
Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Tim Darland and Jeff Hart officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Visitation 10 a.m. until the hour of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 176, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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



### CHARLES CANNON

Charles Franklin Cannon Jr., 79, husband of Veneida Welch Cannon, died Monday, March 24, 2025, in Lexington.

Born Jan. 24, 1946, in Mercer County, he was the son of the late Charles Franklin and Ruth Edna Rogers Cannon.

He was a retired from IBM/LexMark and KOI and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Caylon (Amy) Cannon of Denver, Colorado; two daughters, Shana (Duane) Hall of Lancaster and Gretchen (Clifton) Miller of Lexington; one sister, Connie Bartlett of

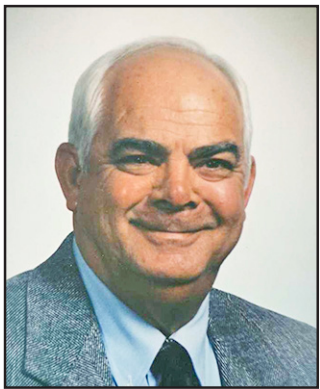
Nicholasville; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two nieces.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services with Mitchell Toll Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Michael Miller, Jackson Miller, Benjamin Miller, Josiah Green, Robert Ward and Clifton Miller.

Visitation 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home.

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



### HOLLY CHILTON

Holly Howard Chilton 91, of Harrodsburg, widow of Annunziata "Ann" (Williams) Chilton, died Saturday, March 22, 2025.

Born June 2, 1933, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Kellis Holly and Margaret (Dean) Chilton.

He was a retired Lt. commander in the US Navy who served during the Vietnam War and directed the Naval Choir in Pensacola, Florida, was a member of the Mercer Masonic Lodge and a former vocational school teacher.

Survivors include: one daughter, Janet Kathleen (Aaron) Cox of Harrodsburg; one son, H. Howard Chilton Jr. of Harrodsburg; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Friday, March 28, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Micki McHugh officiating. Burial with military honors will be held in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation, today, Thursday, March 27, from 5-8 p.m., at the funeral chapel.

Pallbearers will be Kellis Poynter, Aaron and Tanner Cox, Daniel Chilton and Jonathan and Spencer Collado.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Heritage Hospice.

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



### LORENA CRAWLEY

Lorena Crawley 88, widow of Alvin Crawley Sr., of

Harrodsburg, died Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Harrodsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center in Harrodsburg.

Born July 14, 1936, in Shelbyville, she was the daughter of the late Delois and Beatrice (Catlett) Peavler.

She was a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and retired from Trim Masters.

Survivors include: one daughter, Carolyn (Billy) McGinnis of Harrodsburg; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Tony Crawley and "Junie" Alvin Crawley Jr.; one grandchild, Christopher Crawley; and two great-grandchildren, Palmer Long and Paisleigh Hurst.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 25, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with John David Lane officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jordan Long, Josh Collier, Billy McGinnis, Devan Majors, Ralph Phillips III and A.J. Curtsinger.

Memorial contributions are suggested to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



### LYNN GILKISON

Lynn Martin Gilkison, 66, husband of Cindy Gilkison, died Thursday, March 20, 2025, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Derek Baker officiating.

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



### SUE KURTZ

Susie A. (Green) Kurtz 90, of Harrodsburg, died Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Stanford Crossing in Stanford.

Born Feb. 25, 1935, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Dixie Mae (Warren)

Green.

She was a Christian and a homemaker.

Survivors include: one daughter, Paula Durham of Bronston; two sons, Jerry Kurtz of Versailles and Charles Kurtz Jr. of Lexington; one brother, Richard Green of Alabama; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



### DANIEL MOREHEAD

Daniel F. Morehead, 57, husband of Lisa Fisher Morehead, of Harrodsburg, died Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the Select Medical Hospital in Danville.

Born Aug. 2, 1967, in Butler, Ohio, he was the son of the late William "Bill" Morehead and the late Dianna Hurst Bennett.

He was formerly employed by Hitachi and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: three sons, Steven Morehead, Daniel (Amy) Morehead Jr. and Jason (Jessica) Morehead, all of Harrodsburg; one brother, Lee Roy Bennett of Versailles; three sisters, Lori Morehead of Lexington, Christina (Scott) Curry of Versailles and Melissa Garcia of Versailles; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Kyler Wayne Morehead.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

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### DONALD PENNINGTON

Donald Pennington, 85, husband of Rella Beasley Pennington, died Thursday, March 20, 2025, in Harrodsburg.

Born July 14, 1939, in Clay County, he was the son

of the late Mack and Della Hensley Pennington.

He was a retired Osram Sylvania employee and a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Trish (Chris) Dunbar of Harrodsburg; one brother, Arthur (Judy) Pennington of Ohio; two sisters, Betty Baker and Eunice Cole, both of Harrodsburg; three grandchildren, Matt Dunbar, Andrew (Alex) Dunbar and McKenzie (Jacob) Coleman; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley and Forrest Pennington, and three sisters, Polly Lamb, Susan Baker and Emma Hicks.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation

Services with Shawn Durham officiating. Burial is in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Chris Dunbar, Matt Dunbar, Andrew Dunbar, Jacob Coleman, Chad Beasley and Damon Beasley.

Visitation 11 a.m. until the hour of service.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mercer County Fiscal Court had first reading of Proposed Open or Controlled Burning Ordinance No. 2025-05 on March 25, 2025. Second reading and adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 2025-05 will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 10am in the Mercer County Courtroom. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

### MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECT SERVICES

The Mercer County Board of Education is requesting proposals for Architect Services for a new high school football stadium, tennis courts, and parking lot. Specifications can be found on the Mercer County Schools website at [www.mercer.kyschools.us](http://www.mercer.kyschools.us) or may be requested by emailing Jason Booher, Superintendent, [jason.booher@mercer.kyschools.us](mailto:jason.booher@mercer.kyschools.us). Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2025.

### MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Mercer County Board of Education is requesting proposals for Construction Management Services for a new high school football stadium, tennis courts, and parking lot. Specifications can be found on the Mercer County Schools website at [www.mercer.kyschools.us](http://www.mercer.kyschools.us) or may be requested by emailing Jason Booher, Superintendent, [jason.booher@mercer.kyschools.us](mailto:jason.booher@mercer.kyschools.us). Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2025.



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## Fiscal

inmate plus medical costs, while Woodford County charges \$46 per inmate per day plus medical costs. Nelson County is charging \$32 per day per inmate.

In other business, the Mercer County Fiscal Court:

- Recognized Building Inspector Kenny Milburn, whose retirement is official on Monday, March 31.

"We thank you for your service," said Mercer County Judge-Executive Sarah Steele, who presented Milburn with a tool belt for the projects he can take on when he retires. Milburn has worked as the county building inspector for three years, but has more than 20 years of experience as a building inspector and 30 years of experience as a flooring contractor.

"The last three years we've seen record growth," Milburn told the court. In 2022, Milburn said 110 sin-

gle-family dwellings were built in Mercer County, totaling up to \$33 million in housing. In 2023, 112 new houses plus 11 multifamily units were built, totaling \$49 million. In 2024, 83 new dwellings plus 30 multifamily units were built, totaling \$49 million. Milburn said his office has received 54 permits for houses so far this year, plus \$8.7 million in construction, not counting new commercial development.

"The state of the union is good," Milburn said.

Milburn thanked the magistrates for hiring David Coleman, the former manager of Old Fort Harrod State Park, as his replacement.

"He's a legend," Milburn said. "He has taken to the job very well."

- Proclaimed Friday, April 4, as Arbor Day. The Harrodsburg Tree Board will host an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 4, at 10

a.m. at Anderson-Dean Community Park (1501 Louisville Road). Sarah Shewmaker, co-chair of the Harrodsburg Tree Board, told the court the board was established in 1993. Made up of volunteers, the board has planted over 200 trees over the past 10 years in various locations in Harrodsburg.

"We don't just plant trees, we also do a lot of education and outreach," Shewmaker said. On Tuesday, the board planted 10 pawpaw and 10 hazelnuts at Anderson-Dean. It's the first part of a planned orchard. They will plant 22 saplings at Anderson-Dean on Friday, March 28, to replace dead maples. They are planting two persimmons at the Arbor Day celebration on April 4. The Arbor Day celebration is open to the public and starts at 10 a.m.

- Approved purchasing a 2012 John Deere backhoe with 2,300 hours and new

tires from state surplus at a cost \$36,000. The county will surplus the old one in the next budget.

- Gave second reading to a budget amendment related to county clerk excess fees.

- Gave first reading to an ordinance concerning open burns. The ordinance follows state law.

- Approved easement requests for two private lanes. The first request would name the driveway for the new Mercer County Elementary School as Titan Way. This will give the new school the address of 1 Titan Way. "I love that," Judge Steele said.

- It's a little easier for Google to find them," Building Inspector Kenny Milburn explained to the court.

The second request changes a private roadway currently known as Coghill