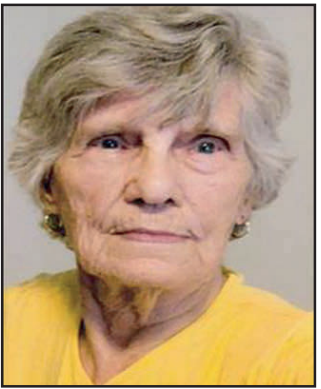


OBITUARIES



JEAN CASEY
Thelma 'Jean' Casey, widow of William Casey, died Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Sayre Christian Village in Lexington.

Born Aug. 17, 1929, in Jenkinsville, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Ethel (Harmon) Bottom. She was a homemaker. Survivors include: two sons, David Casey of Lexington and Daniel (Michelle) Casey of O'Fallon, Ill., one sister, Jewell Bottom of Harrodsburg; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Harrodsburg, KY.

Visitation is today, Thursday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services. Burial is in Spring Hill Cemetery.

The family requests no flowers and instead asks friends and family plant something and help it grow.

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

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



CAROLYN GABEHART
Carolyn Gabehart, 84, widow of James Weldon Gabehart, of Harrodsburg, died Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Born Sept. 26, 1940, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Roy Bernice and Wilma Bell (Pinkston) Catlett.

She was a retired bookkeeper for Mercer County School Systems and a member of Harrodsburg United Methodist Church and United Woman of Faith (formally the Doris Davis Circle).

Survivors include: one daughter, Wanda Gabehart of Harrodsburg; one sister, Sandra Thompson of Harrodsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia "Trish" Jolene Gabehart.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 7, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with Garland Hawkins, Allen Gibson and Sylvia Baker-Noren officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jeff Simpson, Jim McGlone, John Wayne Peavler, Mike Barnard, Joe Bentley, Kenny Milburn, Shep Holladay and Clay McGlone. Honorary pallbearers were Ernie Gabehart, Spencer Tatum, Daryl Walton, Paul Adrian Thompson, Seth Tatum, Nathan Tatum, Andrew Tatum, Brennen Walton, Bryce Walton, Jimmy Sanders, Russ Sanders, Jason Sanders, Tony Shirley, Dee Jones, Bobby Record and Jacob Tatum.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023; American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692; or Gideons Bible Fund, P.O. Box 176, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



HAROLD MULLINS
Harold Mullins, 72, husband of Doris Darland Mullins, died Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born Aug. 23, 1952, in Boyle County, he was the son of the late Homer Jefferson and Ellie Griffin Mullins.

He was retired from the Kentucky State Highway Department and was a member of Mitchellsburg Church of God.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two daughters: Carolyn Michelle King and Jessica King Holt both of Harrodsburg; one brother Michael (Lisa) Mullins of Crab Orchard, one grandson and several nieces, nephews, and his special cat Remi.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Nathan Holt, one sister Patsy Treadway, and one sister-in-law, Cindy Mullins.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Wesley Wil-

liams officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Zach Lyons, Mark Boswell, Ricky Releford, Timmy Prather, and Johnathan King Griffin and Daniel Napier.

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

Memorial contributions are suggested to assist the family with funeral expenses to Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, P.O. Box 253, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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



JOE RUSSELL
Joe Allen Russell, 77, husband of Shelby Hendren Russell, died Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in Danville.

Born on Oct. 7, 1947, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Henry and Hazel Russell.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, a farmer and a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Kevin (Jennifer) Russell; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Carroll, Frank, Wayne and G.W., Russell.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 6, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home Inc., and Cremation Services with Nelson Reynolds and Justin Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Deep Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Cheatham, Mark Russell, James Russell, Larry Devine, Brent Steele, Richard Watts, Jacob Murphy and Mark Murphy.

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



DIANE SIMMS
It is with sadness that the family of Diane Simms announces her passing on April 3, 2025, at the age of 81 years.

Born on March 16, 1944,

in Denver, Col., she was the daughter of the late, Hugh L. and Martha K. Davis. Stationed in Colorado, her father served as a paratrooper instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corp throughout the World War II.

Diane was the first-born of twins, and she was the best of sisters and closest of friends to her twin sister, Donna. The family returned to Kentucky after the war and settled in Richmond. Diane graduated from Model Lab High School in Madison County in 1962, and she received her BA from Eastern Kentucky University in 1966. Diane completed her graduate work at the University of Arizona where she received her Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.) in 1976.

Diane was as a public school teacher for over 40 years. After finishing her graduate studies, Diane worked in the Pima County School District in Tucson, Ariz. where she taught art and became the head of arts education for schools across the district. In 1983, Diane returned to Harrodsburg and began teaching at Harlow Elementary in the city school system. In the 1990s, Diane cherished her participation in a teacher exchange program with primary schools in Japan, and she traveled to Japan with a group of teachers. Over the years, Diane taught and loved hundreds of students. Diane strongly believed that education and reading for children advances a lifetime of curiosity and learning. After her retirement from teaching, Diane volunteered as an long-term care Ombudsman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services where she advocated for nursing home residents.

Diane loved to travel and spend time with her beloved husband, sister, son, grandchildren and her dogs. Since retirement, Diane and her husband Michael traveled the world taking multiple yearly trips to France, England, Germany, Italy, Chile, Argentina and many others. Diane supported historic preservation and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Harrodsburg Lions Club, and the James Harrod Trust Society. Diane was particularly proud of her son Kirk, who is a former federal prosecutor and senior partner with a law firm in Washington, DC.

Diane is survived by her husband of 35 years, Michael T. Simms, her twin-sister Donna Davis Coffey, her son Kirk Ogrosky (his wife Holly C. Barker), her grandson Beck Ogrosky, and granddaughter Margo Ogrosky. In addition to her son, Diane treated her sister's children like her own and she is also survived by

her niece Beth Wilson (her husband Joel Wilson) and their children Jack Wilson and Ashley Wilson, and her niece Diana Frucci (her husband Jason Frucci) and their children Cade Frucci, Colin Frucci, and Robert Frucci.

Diane and Michael are members of the Harrodsburg United Methodist Church and believed that honesty and kindness to our fellow man would lead to heaven. A Memorial Service for Diane will be held at the church on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. Diane will then be interred beside her mother and father.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mercer County Animal Shelter, 896 Moberly Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330, email at animal_shelter@mercercy.com. Diane loved her dogs and would encourage all to support animals in need.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sims Funeral Services in Harrodsburg.

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DARREL WATTS
Darrel Dewayne Watts, 74, of Harrodsburg, died Sunday, April 6, 2025, at the Harrodsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born on Feb. 18, 1951, he was the son of the late Hezekiah June Watts and Dorothy Roberts Price.

He was a member at Pioneer Baptist Church and

worked as a steeplejack for R&P Chimneys.

Survivors include: two children, Shane Watts of Lawrenceburg and Layla Camden of Harrodsburg; special friend, Mike (Jo Ann) McCoy of Harrodsburg; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Cindy Clifton Watts, and one sister, Daphne "Tootie" Wilham.

Cremation was chosen and memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harrodsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center, Activities Department, 853 Lexington Rd, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Arrangements by Noon & Son Funeral Home.



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**UPDATE ON TRASH AND
RECYCLING BID:**

The deadline to submit sealed bids for the City of Harrodsburg trash and recycling has been extended for one week. The new deadline is 4pm Thursday, April 17, 2025. The bids will be opened at 9am Monday, April 21, 2025 at City Hall, 208 South Main Street, Harrodsburg.

Bids must be submitted to Harrodsburg City Hall, 208 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330, or via email to smaynard@harrodsburgky.gov no later than 4pm Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Bids will be opened on the conference room on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 9:00am. The bid winner will be announced at the Harrodsburg City Commission meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025 at noon. The City of Harrodsburg reserves the right to waive formalities and reject any and all bids or to accept other than the lowest bid evaluated if deemed in the best interest of the City.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dollar General Partners, a Kentucky general partnership, 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072, hereby declares its intention to apply for an NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License no later than April 18, 2025 for Dollar General Store No. 10394 at 115 Pleasant Hill Drive, Burgin, KY 40310. Dollar General Partners will be acting by and through its general partners, DG Strategic VI, LLC, whose officers are Zachary J. Brining, Chief Executive Officer and Emily C. Taylor, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary and DG Promotions, Inc., whose officers are Zachary J. Brining, Chief Executive Officer, Kelly M. Dilts, Chief Financial Officer, Emily C. Taylor, Secretary and Neal E. Miller, Vice President (Tax), all with a mailing address of 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverages, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within thirty (30) days (pursuant to KRS 243.430) of the date of legal publication.

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WKYT subsequently clarified the gate openings were part of a controlled spill after discussions with KU and other city officials. The initial report was based on an announcement from Carroll County officials who had ordered mandatory evacuations because of the flooding.

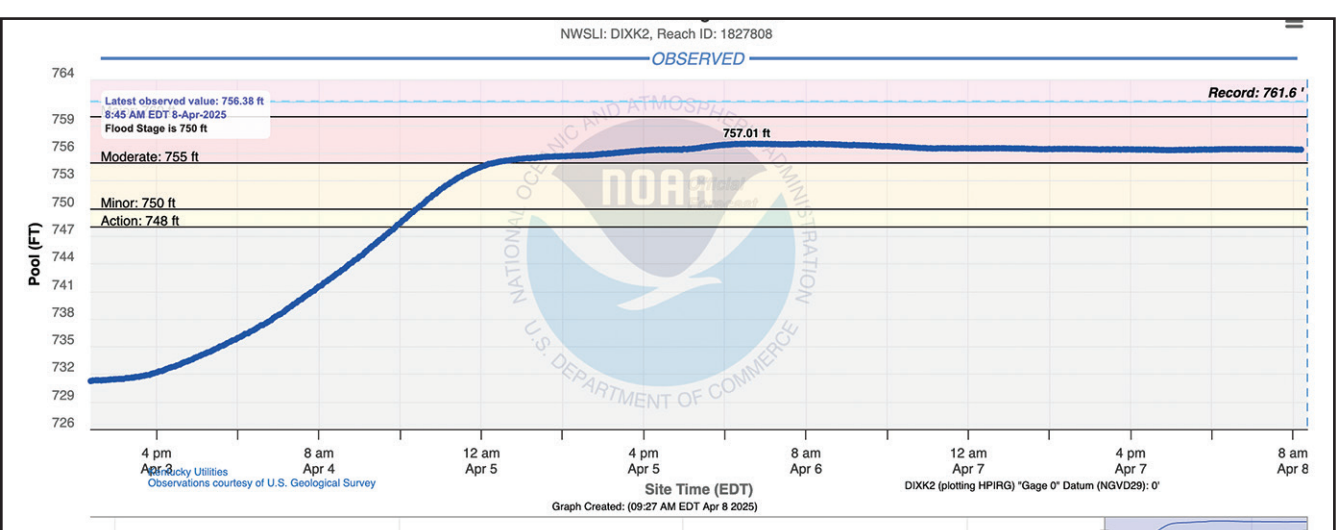
Carrollton Mayor Robb Adams subsequently shared

a video to Facebook, apologizing for the misinformation, according to WKYT.

The Herrington Lake Conservation League is hosting its annual town hall meeting on Thursday, April 24, at the Oar House Restaurant and Kamp Kennedy Marina (4646 Kennedy Bridge Road, Lancaster). The meeting starts at 6 p.m. and a limited menu will be served.

The conservation league is an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation created to restore the natural beauty of Herrington Lake and improve its environmental health. The organization performs this mission by directing and financing year-round cleanup operations on the lake's 2,940 acres

of water surface and 325 miles of shoreline. They also work with property owners, marina operators and boaters to improve public safety, discourage littering and to provide information to the general public on a wide range of topics important to the future of the lake and its surrounding counties. For more information, visit online at hlcl.org.



This chart from NOAA shows the dramatic increase at the Dix River at Herrington Lake over the last several days.

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