

# OBITUARIES



**GERALD SHEPERSON**  
Gerald B. Sheperson, 80, of Harrodsburg, husband of Linda Hazelwood Sheperson, died Sunday, May 4, 2025, at his home.

Born Aug. 5, 1944, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Robert L. and Lelia (Burns) Sheperson.

He was retired from the Information Technology department at IBM Inc., was a North Mercer Water District member and commissioner, a former Mercer County Judge Executive and member of the Carpenter's Christian Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Libby (Mac) Mayes of Harrodsburg; one son, Scott (Danielle) Sheperson of Harrodsburg; one sister, Vena Preston of Lexington; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one pending great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Lee, Vincent and Connie Gene Sheperson.

Funeral services will be held 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at the Carpenter's Christian Church, with John Kesel and John David Lane officiating. Graveside services will be held 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 9, at the Kirkwood Cemetery, with Greg Warren officiating.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 8, from 3 p.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Seth and Caelan Mayes, Noah, Michael, Andrew and Mike Sheperson. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Cinnamon, Brent, Alan, Mark, Howard L., and Charles Hazelwood, Steve Gash and Jim Burns.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Gideons International, 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](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**JOEY CATRON**  
Joey Lee Catron, 47, husband of Shannon (Baker) Catron, of Salvisa, died Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at his home.

Born Jan. 12, 1978, in Hazard, he was the son of the late Danny Lee and Helen Joann (Crum) Catron.

He was a Marine Corps veteran, where he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War and Terrorism Service Medal and Korean Defense Service Medal, and was a former railroad employee.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two daughters, Shaelyn Catron and Ella Catron, both of Salvisa; one son, Gavin Catron of Salvisa; one sister, Kristi Catron of Ohio; mother and father-in-law, Bobby and Donna Baker of Hazard; and mother and father-in-law, Hurley and Polly Combs of London.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**KAREN HORTON**  
Karen Lea Horton, 79, of Harrodsburg, wife of Charles Layne Horton, died Tuesday,

April 22, 2025, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Born Feb. 27, 1946, in Oroville, California, she was the daughter of the late Howard Lorin and Essie Mae (Howell) Collier.

She was a graduate of Las Plumas High School in Oroville, California, worked for the former Woolworth retail store and served as a pastor in the Pentecostal religion.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include: one son, Dereck Layne (Monica) Horton of Harrodsburg; one daughter, Kari Lynette (Joe Arthur) Allen of Palm Coast, Florida; one sister, Erma Jean Stewart of Oroville, California; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service with family and friends will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.simsfuneralservices.com](http://www.simsfuneralservices.com).



**ALMA MEAUX**  
Alma Louise (Burrus) Meaux, 94, of Harrodsburg, widow of the late Ivan Singleton Meaux, died Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the Walker's Trail Senior Living in Danville.

Born March 4, 1931, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Raymond Mark and Hallie Mae (Jones) Burrus.

She graduated salutatorian of the West Side High School, was a self-employed domestic worker and Sunday school teacher and song leader at the Dividing Ridge Baptist Church and attended the Centennial Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one brother, Jimmie Burrus of Nicholasville, one daughter, Mary Ann (Cornelius) Peery of Lexington; two sons, Ivan Wayne (Cleo) Meaux of Louisville and Larry McRay (Shirley) Meaux of Lexington; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Charles Brown III; one brother, Davis Burrus; four sisters, Flossie Burrus, Edna Coates, Opal Sgar and Elizabeth Burrus.

Funeral services will be 12 p.m., Friday, May 9, at Centennial Baptist Church with Pastor Donald Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will be in Dividing Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Cornelius Peery, Tiras Meaux, Ivan K Meaux, Julian Morgan, Randy Sgar, Raymond Patton, Gus Parks, Henry Parks, and Lester Patton. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Meaux and Larry Meaux.

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**JERRY PERKINS**  
Jerry B. "Brent" Perkins Sr., 72, died Monday, April 28, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born Nov. 30, 1952, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Fred and Doris Bottoms Perkins.

He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired Modine employee.


Survivors include: two sons, Jerry B. (Shauna) Perkins Jr. of Danville and Llyric Perkins of Harrodsburg.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Sandra Crain.

Graveside services are today, Thursday, May 1, at 1 p.m. at the Spring Hill Cemetery with Michael Perkins officiating.

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](http://www.alexanderandroyalty.com).



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Mercer County Sanitation District has been moved from 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 8, 2025 to 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025. For more information regarding the meeting please contact the Mercer County Sanitation District office at (859) 748-9654.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITIONS**

The Mercer County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for:

- Full-Time Inmate Transport Officers**
- Part-Time Inmate Transport Officers**

A complete list of qualifications and job descriptions are available upon request at the Mercer County Judge Executive's Office. Applications are being accepted through May 12th, 2025 at 4pm. Applications should be picked up and delivered to the Mercer County Fiscal Court Clerk, Missey Ellis, at 207 W. Lexington St., Harrodsburg, KY; or, online at <https://mercercounty.ky.gov/departments/pages/human-resources.aspx>

**THE MERCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE. M/F/D**



**INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Harrodsburg is accepting sealed bids to clean City Hall. Bid specs can be picked up at City Hall at 208 South Main Street. Sealed bids should be turned in to the Mayor at City Hall, 208 S. Main Street, or emailed to [mayorbob@harrodsburgky.gov](mailto:mayorbob@harrodsburgky.gov) no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025. Bids will be opened at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025. Bid will be awarded at the City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The Commission Meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. Cleaning at City Hall will begin on July 11, 2025.

The company that is awarded the bid must possess a City of Harrodsburg Business License and also hold liability, workers comp and commercial auto insurance. The City of Harrodsburg must be listed as additional insured. A W-9 must be completed once the bid is awarded.

The City reserves the right to waive formalities and reject any and all bids or to accept other than the lowest evaluated bid if deemed in the best interest of the City.

Robert Williams, Mayor and Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk



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**THE MERCER COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS**

The public will take notice that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled at the request of the following:

25-03 – Habitat for Humanity is requesting a 4' Variance from 25' to 21' on the front yard setback and a 3' Variance from 20' to 17' on the rear yard setback. The property is located at 357 Pheasant Drive in Harrodsburg. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-2 (High Density Residential).

25-04 – Altus Mercer Hospitality LLC is requesting an amendment to Conditional Use Permit 21-15 to replace John Lyons as the listed applicant with Altus Mercer Hospitality LLC. The property is located at 2565 Louisville Rd in Mercer County. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-1 (Agriculture).

This public hearing has been scheduled for **Friday, May 23rd, 2025** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **9:00AM**. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to view proposed plans, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at (859) 734-6066 or you may visit the Planning & Zoning Office at 109 Short St. Harrodsburg, KY.

Bobby Upchurch, Chairman

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athletic programs and four residence halls.

"The majority of the student population at CU Harrodsburg will not be impacted by the decision to discontinue undergraduate programs after the Fall 2025 semester," Meagan Murphy, assistant vice president of strategic enrollment planning at Campbellsville, said via email. "All impacted students will be able to continue their education through the Campbellsville campus, either as commuting students, in on-campus housing, or through CU Online, with no change to their current out-of-pocket expenses."

"Every effort will be made to ensure that each student's financial aid situation remains comparable and that their out-of-pocket costs do not increase," Campbellsville said in the press release. Dedicated admissions counselors, financial aid advisors, academic advisors, and student services staff will be available to support each student through the transition, the university says.

Athletes will be invited to join the junior varsity program in Campbellsville.

Murphy was asked about staff currently employed at the Conover Education Center.

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release, MCSHS has also seen four straight years of growth in 11th-grade ACT scores and a significant decline in novice-level performance in state assessments.

"Most notably, 100 percent of last year's senior class met a postsecondary readiness benchmark." The press

"The university is actively working to retain as many employees as possible, making decisions based on instructional needs, program alignment, and institutional priorities," Murphy said. "University administration is meeting individually with impacted employees to discuss their roles, explore options, and provide guidance throughout the transition process."

One concern has been raised about what the university intends to do with the campus buildings, including the dorms and athletic facility.

"Campbellsville University plans to continue utilizing all building spaces at CU Harrodsburg as part of our ongoing presence and operations in the region," Murphy said. "Looking ahead, we are actively exploring opportunities to develop new academic and workforce programs that reflect the evolving needs of our community."

Murphy said this includes "expanding access to career-ready education, supporting local workforce development, growing programs in Chiropractic and certificates, and providing meaningful learning opportunities that serve students and families in Mercer County and the sur-

rounding area."

"The university remains deeply committed to maintaining and strengthening its role in the region, focusing on long-term sustainability and local impact," Murphy said.

As for the athletic complex, Murphy said that is being reviewed for future use, "with options under consideration including support for health sciences training, student wellness, and community partnerships."

Murphy was asked how this decision aligns with current trends in college enrollment.

"Regional instructional sites are a place of enrolling challenge nationwide, chiefly because of the impact of online education," Murphy said. "Institutions nationwide are also preparing for the effects of the demographic cliff, a projected decrease in the number of traditional college-aged students. There is a growing emphasis on career-aligned, workforce-ready education that supports both student goals and the needs of regional employers, and Harrodsburg is strategically positioned to address these needs."

Murphy said Campbellsville is "actively responding" to demographic shifts

interviewing for this job for seven years."

He thanked the staff for their hard work. "If not for you all, I'm not in this position," Floro said. "It's you and the students."

He also thanked his family, who were present at the

by "strengthening programs that offer direct pathways to employment and long-term career growth."

She said Campbellsville remains "deeply committed to growing our School of Chiropractic, enhancing Allied Health Certificate programs, and boosting high-demand offerings in Cosmetology and Barbering."

"Additionally, we are pursuing new programs in skilled trades and workforce development to meet evolving industry needs across Kentucky and beyond," Murphy said.

"Equally important is our continued focus on dual credit partnerships in Mercer and surrounding counties, which provide meaningful college-level opportunities to local high school students in Mercer and surrounding counties," she said. "These relationships with high schools in the region remain a cornerstone of our commitment to expanding access and empowering future generations through high-quality, affordable education."

Campbellsville University offers over 100 programs, including doctoral, master's, bachelor's, associate's, and certificate programs. For more information, visit [campbellsville.edu](http://campbellsville.edu).

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meeting.

"They are my biggest support," Floro said. "They are my safety net."

He promised the staff he would continue to strive for excellence in everything they do.

"It is full steam ahead," Floro said.