

OBITUARIES



DAVID BAKER
David Lee Baker, 80, husband of Patricia Votaw Baker, of Harrodsburg, died Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Born Jan. 22, 1945, in Mercer County, he was the son of the late John D. and Sally Belle Coyle Baker.

He was a U.S. Army and Army Reserves veteran, a real estate developer, a lifelong farmer and a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Jared (Angela) Baker of Harrodsburg; one daughter, Davette Baker (Donnie) Swiney of Elizabethtown; three grandchildren, Reiss (Erica) Baxter, Macy Baker and Jade Swiney; three step-grandchildren, Kyle (Bethanie) Logdon, Jonathan Logdon and Emily (Nick) Venn; two great-grandchildren, Bennett Lee Baxter and Colton Baxter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Griffin Cole Baker; five brothers, Donald Ray, Jim, Raymond, Kenny and Ronnie Baker; and two sisters, Corene Humfleet and Irene White.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Dr. Robert DeFoor and Rev. Micki McHugh officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jim McGlone, Bill Rogers, Robert White, Tommy Hundley, Todd Hurt and Rick Dartt. Honorary pallbearers were his Harrodsburg Baptist Church Sunday School Class, Marion Pittman Jr. and Ron Leech.

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

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ANNETTE CLAUNCH
Annette Claunch, 99, widow of Willie A. Claunch, of Harrodsburg, died Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born Nov. 5, 1925, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Thomas V. and Carrie Lula (Nichols) Warner.

She retired from Cricketeer as a seamstress and was a member of Harrodsburg Christian Church.

Survivors include: one son, Darrell (Cindy) Claunch; four grandchildren, Gaylon Travis (Michelle) Claunch, Sherri Rene Parker, Cheryl (Jeff) Young and Trenton (Ashley) Claunch; six great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Prather; one son, Gaylon Claunch; four brothers, Stuart, Everett, Joe and Brite Warner; and four sisters, Elizabeth Davis, Evelyn Bell, Agnes Adkinson and Virginia Baker.

Funeral services were Friday, June 6, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



ROBERT CLARK
Robert F. Clark, 66, of Campbellsville, died Monday, June 9, 2025.

Born July 10, 1958, in Atlanta, Georgia, he was the son of the late Robert and Vivian Clark.

He was a Christian minister for over 30 years.

Survivors include: his former wife, Cherie Clark; two daughters, Whitnie (Jason Lehe) Clark of Georgia and Abbie Clark (Kelby) Cashel of Tennessee; one son, Bobby (Meg) Clark of Texas; two sisters, Kelly Clark (Jim) Ward and Bonny Clark (Steve) Turner; five grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the UK Comprehensive Stroke Center and Bluegrass Hospice Care at UK HealthCare.

Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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



JUANITA HAYES
Juanita Hayes, 69, of Harrodsburg, died on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born Jan. 15, 1956, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late James Lee Andrews and Mary Ann (Dean) Vaughn.

She attended Harrodsburg High School, retired from General Cable in Lawrenceburg and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Clarissa Michelle Hayes of Harrodsburg; two sisters, Lee Ann (Shawn) Harris of Danville and Chestina (Tony) Richards of Versailles; five brothers, Larry Andrews and James (Frances) Elery, both of Harrodsburg, James Jackson and Eldon Price, both of Lexington, and Sylvester Young of Louisville; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Maurice Hayes; one daughter, Tashina Hayes; and one brother, Wayne Andrews.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Monday, June 16, at the Centennial Baptist Church with Pastor Donald Wayne Smith, Dr. Phillip A. Yates and Bro. Randall Bartleson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tyrone Dean, Leon VanDyke, Bentley Jones, Winford Stafford Trigg, Lee Clemons, Terrill Lamont Trigg and Alajywon Dean.

Visitation Monday, June 16, 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Arrangements by Sims Funeral Services.



TINA GIBSON
Tina Rose Gibson, 67, wife of James E. Gibson, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025, in Burgin.

Born May 13, 1958, in Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Orville and Mary Taylor Watts.

She was a retired dental assistant for Dr. Wittwer and Dr. Ritchie and was a member of Shawnee Run Baptist Church.

Survivors in addition to her husband include: one brother, Bobby Watts of Harrodsburg; two sisters, Julie (Alan) Niehoff of Indiana and Alice Thompson of Alabama; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Penny Bussell.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Bro. Joe Smith officiating. Burial was in the Burgin Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Josh Broce, John Bright, Chris Watts, Charlie Reeves and Scotty Hammons. Honorary pallbearer was Kenny Carey.

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



T.J. JONES
Thomas Edward "T.J." Jones Jr., fiancé of Rachel Pennington, of Seabrook, Texas, and formerly of Harrodsburg, died Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Born June 23, 1980, in Lexington, he was the son of the late Brenda K. Jackson and Thomas E. Jones Sr. and stepmother, Shirley Jones Bertram.

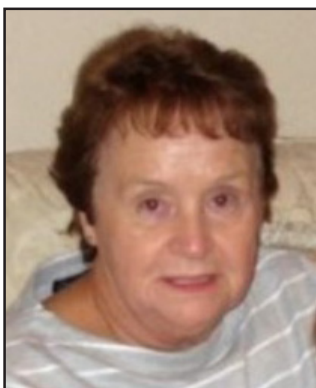
He was a 1999 graduate of Harrodsburg High School, a 2015 graduate of Morehead State University, where he earned his bachelor's of science in business and was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and was a truck driver.

Survivors in addition to his stepmother and fiancée include: one daughter, Teagan Hadley Pennington Jones; four sisters, Stephanie, Bridget and Kimberly Jackson and Kristie Jones; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandmothers Rosetta Sparks and Lou Ella Jones.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, at the Bethany Baptist Church in Lexington. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Lexington.

Smith and Smith Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.



JOYCE ROBINSON
Joyce Ann Robinson, 89, widow of Harold "Rob" Robinson, of Harrodsburg, died Sunday, June 1, 2025 in Louisville.

Born Sept. 22, 1936, in Bonnie Blue, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Roy Winiford Scroggs and Elsie Danette (Taylor) Scroggs.

She was a 1954 graduate of Patterson Co-op High School in Davis, Ohio, went to civil service training, worked for the Dayton Credit Collection Bureau, was an administrative assistant for the Air Force, was owner and operator of the Sunset Lodge ski resort, was an administrative assistant to a ship builder, owned Nassau Pools

and owned a cattle and horse farm in Mercer County.

Survivors include: one daughter, Jill; two step-daughters, Shari and Cindi; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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



BURCHELL SHEWMAKER

Burchell Dewayne "Shew" Shewmaker, 72, husband of Joyce Snipes Shewmaker, died Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born April 17, 1953, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Curtis Shootie Patterson and Elizabeth Jewell Shewmaker.

He had worked at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: three daughters, Chestina (Paul) Jensen, Serena (Erick) Barkman and Joy (John) Rector, all of Harrodsburg; one brother, James Allen (Kathy) Lewis of Versailles, one sister, Leticia Blacketer of Harrodsburg; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one son, Burchell Dewayne Shewmaker Jr.; one brother, Eugene Shewmaker; and one sister, Vicki Warner.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Bro. Lynn Rel-e-ford officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons Cody and Clayton Herring, Blake and Kru'z Smith, Westin Rector and son-in-law John Rector. Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters Bre'z Sadler, Ali, Kali-Bray Barkman, Phoenix Sadler, and cousins Ronnie, Red, Larry, Mike and Sac Hume.

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



HARRY STRICKLAND

Harry E. Strickland, 91, of Harrodsburg, husband of Maryann Jackson Strickland, died Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Baptist Health of Lexington.

Born Sept. 24, 1933, in Freehold, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Elvin B. and Ruhuna (Miller) Strickland.

He was a retired farmer, former co-owner of the Words of Life Christian Bookstore, and was a member and former trustee of the finance committee of the Carpenter's Christian Church.

Survivors in addition to his wife include: two daughters, Joann (Jeff) Sims of Mercer County and Beth Ann Strickland of Columbus, Ohio; one son, Gene Strickland of Mercer County; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Richard Strickland.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, at the Carpenter's Christian Church with Greg Warren officiating. Entombment was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ed

Delp, Hunter Sims, Jacob Humphrey, Jeff Sims, John Sims and John Kesel. Honorary bearer was Larry D. Camic.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Carpenter's Christian Church, 1340 U.S. 127 Bypass, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 or to the Billy Graham Ministries, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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MERCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

KP AUTOMOTIVE
The following motor vehicles stored at 812 S. College Street will be sold at auction to recover all repair, towing and storage charges on Saturday, June 28th at noon. Titles are not warranted, subject to prior liens, all sales are final. Seller reserves right to bid. Terms of sale: Cash Only.
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The Mercer County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for **Part-Time Solid Waste Position** to operate the deceased animal pick up for Mercer County. A complete list of qualifications and job description are available upon request at the Mercer County Judge Executive's Office. Applications are being accepted through June 24, 2025 at 4pm.
Applications should be delivered to the:
Mercer County Fiscal Court Clerk, Missey Ellis, at
207 West Lexington St., Harrodsburg, KY, or submitted online at <https://mercercounty.ky.gov/departments/Pages/Human-Resources.aspx>
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REPAIR	FACTORS	REPLACE
• < 12 YEARS	• AGE OF THE SYSTEM	• > 12 YEARS
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• < 50% OF COST OF NEW UNIT	• COST OF REPAIRS	• > 50% OF COST OF NEW UNIT
• > 13 SEER	• EFFICIENCY OF UNIT	• < 13 SEER
• 2 REPAIRS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS	• FREQUENCY OF REPAIRS	• 3 OR MORE MAJOR REPAIRS ON YOUR UNIT
• RIGHT-SIZED	• SIZE OF UNIT	• OVER-OR UNDER-SIZED

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