

OBITUARIES



LUCILLE COY
Lucille Wiley Coy, 95, widow of Clyde Lee Coy, died Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at her residence.

Born Dec. 30, 1929, in Mercer County, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Minnie Dean Wiley.

She was a retired co-owner of Tic Toc Nursery School, worked at Beaumont Inn Gift Shop and Shaker Village, was a member of the Newcomers Homemakers Club, a former Girl Scout Leader and was a member and Sunday School teacher of Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sandra (Lloyd) Pickett of Harrodsburg; three sons, Michael (Muzzette) Coy of San Diego, California, Larry (Beth) Coy of Lexington and Jeffrey Coy of Harrodsburg; one brother, Harry (Jane) Wiley of Harrodsburg; two sisters, Frances Anness and Norma Jean Lester, both of Harrodsburg; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces.

She was preceded in death by one son, Douglas Coy, and one brother, Donald Wiley.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 4, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Dr. Robert DeFoor officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Coy, Eric Coy, Matthew Heacock, Brian Wiley, Chris Wiley and Carson Coy.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or by visiting www.heart.org.

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



TRACY DARLAND
Tracy Michelle Darland, 54, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, in Mercer County.

Born Aug. 13, 1970, she was the daughter of Cecilia Ann Sutton Darland of Harrodsburg and the late Leslie Thomas Darland.

She was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors in addition to her mother include: three sons, Jordan (Kelli) Darland, Tyler (Autumn) Darland and Noah (Jesslyn Layton) Darland, all of Harrodsburg; two daughters, Hailey Darland and Madison Darland, both of Harrodsburg; one brother, Scott Darland of Harrodsburg; one sister, Jill Darland of Harrodsburg; six grandchildren; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Mark Darland; one daughter, Laney Darland; and grandparents, Wade Thomas and Mary Eva Darland Jr.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, Aug. 7, 1 p.m. at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Terry Morrison officiating. Burial is in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Tim Robinson, Joey Gritton, Jerry Darland, Tony Darland, Eric Darland and Scott Upton.

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



GERALD GOODLETT
Gerald Wayne Goodlett, 74, husband of Betty Jean Claunch Goodlett, of Mack-

ville, died Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at his residence.

Born May 11, 1951, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Harold Truman and Hildred Pauline (Lane) Goodlett.

He worked at Corning Glass and was a member, deacon and trustee of Mackville Baptist Church.

Survivors in addition to his wife include: one daughter, Amy Morgeson of Lebanon; one son, Gerald Wayne (Marlene) Goodlett II of Mackville; one sister, Ruth Ellen (Rick) Curtsinger; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Gene Goodlett and Eddie Goodlett, and grandparents, Thurman "Big Daddy" and Ruth "Nannie" Goodlett.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 1, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with Ron Miller and Jay Hatfield officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Mackville Baptist Church, 10835 Main Street, Mackville KY 40040.

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



OLA ROYALTY
Ola Frances Balden Royalty, 95, of Canton, Georgia, formerly of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Harrodsburg, died Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Born in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Mary E. Jarvis Balden.

She was a 1947 graduate of Harrodsburg High School, co-owned G&H Furniture Showroom and was a member of Harrodsburg Christian Church and First Christian Church Scottsdale.

Survivors include: two sons, Mark (Connie) Royalty of Aberdeen, North Carolina, and Alan (My linda)

Royalty of Marietta, Georgia; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in by former husband Gene Royalty, three sisters and two brothers.

Memorial services will be held 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at Roswell Funeral Home, in Roswell, Georgia.

Visitation 1:30 p.m. until the hour of service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the SLIMS (Sierra Leone International Mission School) at the Alpharetta First Baptist Church, 44 Academy St., Alpharetta, GA 30009 or online at firstcity.com/give.



DONALD TATUM
Donald "Donnie" Ray Tatum, 80, husband of Donna M. (Montgomery) Tatum, of Harrodsburg, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at his residence.

Born Jan. 18, 1945, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Clarence Vernon and Sadie Lee (Sallee) Tatum.

He was a retired unit operator from Kentucky Utilities.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Denise (Elwood) McGlothlin; one son, DeWayne (Heather) Tatum; four sisters, Kathleen Tatum Fain, Betty J. Tatum, Dorothy Lynn Bottom and Brenda Carol (Harold) Thorton; two brothers, Roy Allen (Barbara) Tatum and Vernon Lee (Betty) Tatum; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert E. Tatum Sr. and one sister, Martha Ann Johnson.

Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Derek Baker officiating. Burial will be in Spring

Hill Cemetery Pavilion.

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

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

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

JOHN TURNER
John Perry Turner, 80, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, at his residence.

Born June 28, 1945, he was the son of the late Elbert and Nona Price Turner.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator with Hasker Construction Company of Tomball, Texas and was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Danville.

Survivors include: two daughters, Temika Turner of Danville and Pamela Annet Pate of Alabama; one sister, Sue Harrison of Harrodsburg; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Wilburn, Junior, Louie J., Lavonnie and Edgar O'Dell and six sisters, Evelyn Bush, Buene Lawhorn, Bonnie Turner, Violet Haffley, Betty Jean Sears and Christine Mize.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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

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

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FINANCING AVAILABLE

HELP WANTED

The Greater Harrodsburg/Mercer County Planning and Zoning Commission is accepting resumes for a full-time Administrative Assistant.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- General office practices and procedures.
- Ordinance Interpretation & Enforcement
- Operation of standard office equipment, including software applications as required by specific job duties.
- Understand and apply oral and written instructions to produce a desired result.
- Provide superior customer service
- Communicate effectively (both orally and in writing).

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

This position requires a general office experience background of at least 1 year. Knowledge of Microsoft Office desirable. This position also requires the ability to operate a multi-line telephone system, standard office equipment etc... Driver's License is required. Enjoy working with the public and possessing good communication skills are required. Physically able to climb stairs and carry 30 pounds is needed.

Deadline for accepting resumes is August 29, 2025 at 4:00p.m.

Submit resume & cover letter outlining salary history to:

Greater Harrodsburg/Mercer County Planning and Zoning Commission
109 Short St.
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

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:

25-06 – Juan Garcia is requesting a variance of 43' from 80' to 37' on the front yard setback. The property is located at 101 Morton Drive in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-1 (Agricultural).

25-07 – Keith & Jamie Prince are requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a short-term rental on the property located at 425 Herrington Woods in Mercer County, KY in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 Section 6.4(B) iii(a) of the Mercer County Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned R-2 (Residential).

25-08 – Still Waters LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a short-term rental on the property located at 744 Normans Camp Rd. in Mercer County, KY in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 Section 6.4(C) iii(a) of the Mercer County Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned R-3 (Residential).

25-09 – Altus Mercer Hospitality LLC is requesting an amendment to Conditional Use Permit 25-04 to include the addition of a campground with RV sites and other amenities, as well as a farm-to-table restaurant at the Showbarn. 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, August 22nd, 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

Kentucky Colonels awards grant to the Harrodsburg Historical Society

The Harrodsburg Historical Society announced it received a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (HOKC) in the amount of \$2,450 to undertake a dormer windows refurbishment program at its Morgan Row House headquarters.

"We are very grateful to receive this grant from HOKC. Maintaining historical buildings is a financially demanding task and to again receive assistance from HOKC allows the Society to continue its priority preservation work," said Doug Miell, President, Harrodsburg Historical Society.

The Harrodsburg Historical Society serves the Har-

rodsburg and Mercer County community and seeks to collect and perpetuate facts of historic interest relative to Mercer County; to awaken an interest in the study of the history of this County; and to collect and preserve artifacts and documents of interest.

This year, HOKC awarded \$2.5 million in grants supporting 333 non-profits, impacting more than 4 million Kentuckians. Grants are made possible through donations from Kentucky Colonels from throughout the Commonwealth and around the world who choose to exercise the honor of being named a Kentucky Colonel in a meaningful way.

According to Command-

ing General Gary Boschert: "2024/2025 was a challenging year for fulfilling grant requests, with \$5 million in total requests. We were able to distribute \$2.5 million through the Good Works Program that each of you generously supports. Every dollar you contribute to the Good Works Program goes out to non-profits in the Commonwealth. Together we helped support more than 4 million people this year."

About the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is a 501(c) (3) entity dedicated to supporting charitable activities throughout the Com-

monwealth of Kentucky. The organization is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees. The "Kentucky Colonel" commission is an honorary title granted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Since 1951, the organization has pursued its mission through annual grants totaling \$72 million to more than 1,700 non-profits. Of those Colonels' contributions, each grant is thoroughly vetted by the trustees and staff. Though the corporate name is The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, most know it by its long-term trademark, Kentucky Colonels.

Visit kyclonels.org to learn more.

Sydney Putnam graduates from the Gatton Academy

Sydney Putnam of Mercer County Senior High School has graduated from the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science.

Putnam was also recognized for completing two semesters of research with a research outcome that is presented to a professional audience after being accepted through a vetted process OR four semesters of participation in STEM+, AND documenting 60 hours of service

According to a press release, 83 students from across the Commonwealth made up the graduating class of 2025, the eighteenth graduating class at the Gatton Acad-

emy.

The Class of 2025 represents 39 counties from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Fifteen members of the class were selected as National Merit semi-finalists. 65% of graduates participated in faculty-sponsored research during their Gatton Academy experience. Additionally, 10 graduates completed the STEM+ Critical Languages sequences in either Mandarin Chinese or Russian. Among the graduates are seven students who were named Kentucky Academy of Science KJAS delegates and three who advanced to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair

(ISEF). One student placed in the Top 300 of the Regeneron Science Talent Search. Four graduates won U.S. Department of State National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarships. Two graduates were awarded Questbridge full scholarships to top colleges. One graduate was named a Horatio Alger Kentucky State Scholar and another a Goldwater Scholar. These seniors completed 4381 hours of community service over two years, an average of nearly 53 hours per graduate.

In addition, the Bill Gatton Foundation, announced a \$5 million gift to the Gatton

Academy.

Established in 2007, the Gatton Academy is Kentucky's first residential two-year program for gifted and talented juniors and seniors. Students enroll as juniors and are full-time WKU students pursuing their interests in advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Gatton Academy is a recipient of the 2022 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from Insight Into Diversity Magazine and the Innovation Partnership Award from National Consortium for Secondary STEM Schools. More WKU news is available at www.wku.edu/news.