

# OBITUARIES



**WANDA BAKER**  
Wanda Kay Shewmaker Baker, 72, widow of Jim Baker, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at the Harrodsburg Health Care Manor.

Born May 10, 1953, in Mercer County she was the daughter of the late Berthel and Lola Mae Watts Shewmaker.

She was a housekeeper for many Mercer County families and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her twin sister, Rhonda Baker of Harrodsburg and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Elizabeth Shewmaker, Gleda Hume and Jean Lee.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services with Bro. Kenny Queener officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Doug Robinson, Carl T. Watts, Cruz Smith, Blake Smith, John Rector and Timmy Warner. Honorary pallbearers were nieces and nephews.

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



**TRUMAN BARTLESON**  
Truman Bartleson Jr., husband of Doris Bartleson, of Harrodsburg, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, in Versailles.

Arrangements are incomplete at Sims Funeral Services.



**MARIE COPELAND**  
Mrs. Marie Moore Copeland, 85, a deeply-rooted Kentuckian, died unexpectedly

Nov. 19, 2025, in Winston-Salem, NC, her home for the past two years.

A celebration of life and burial in Lexington Cemetery, will be held in spring 2026.

Born Aug. 10, 1940, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the James Harvey Moore and Vivian Tebbs Smith Moore.

After graduating from Harrodsburg High School she attended Vanderbilt University nursing school. While working in the Vanderbilt Hospital she met a young intern, Dr. Guy Nelson Copeland Jr. Marie and Nelson married Aug. 5, 1961. Marie happily accompanied Nelson to several locations over the next seven years as he completed his medical training: Memphis, Tenn., Chicopee, Mass. (Westover Air Force Base), and Durham, NC. But Marie was planning for the long game – a permanent return to the Kentucky Bluegrass. In 1968 Marie and Nelson, and their two young children, settled in Lexington to establish Nelson's medical practice. The following year they purchased the home where they would raise their family and reside until June 2023. After 54 years in one home filled with purpose and memories (Blue Grass Trust designation), Marie and Nelson moved to Arbor Acres Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, NC to be near their daughter for their next life chapter. Sadly, Marie's complications with Parkinson's accelerated during 2025.

During the 1970s in Lexington, Marie completed her undergraduate schooling, albeit on a different track. She received her BS in Landscape Architecture from University of Kentucky in 1979. Over the next few years she practiced as a landscape architect and Realtor.

But Marie was most often recognized as a life-long contributor to projects. She thrived on the energy of working with people on common interests. As a young mother, she led the effort to plan and build the Cassidy Elementary playground. Later she was involved in erecting historical markers for Bluegrass area rock fences, the Paris Pike Advisory Task Force, and the vision committee for the McConnell Springs park area. She was named a Kentucky Colonel in 1973. In 2008, she was selected to serve on the Lexington-Fayette Urban Planning Commission, a responsibility and honor that gave her much joy.

To her family she was known as the keeper of the family genealogy records, an impressive historical collection started by her mother. Marie was proud of her family's 250 year legacy in Kentucky and enjoyed retelling the stories from generations past. Her deep knowledge of our family's common thread will be missed.

Survivors include: one

daughter, Caren York (Greg) of High Point, NC; one son, James Copeland of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Jamie VanArsdall (Dick Billings) of Anacortes, Wash. and Dixie Moore recently of Cincinnati, Ohio, but also a near-lifelong Kentuckian. Marie was an attentive, intentional and teach-through-doing grandmother to her five grandchildren: Grey York, Catherine York Mace (Daniel), Charles York, Spencer Copeland (Lee-elle) and Emily Stewart Copeland. Her brother's children, niece Elizabeth Ann Hammelrath (Steve) and nephew Hart Moore (Shauna) and their children were dearly loved and appreciated for carrying on many of the Kentucky-family traditions.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Tebbs Shewmaker Moore, her sister-in-law Martha Jane Phillips Moore and her brother-in-law Condit VanArsdall.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Arbor Acres Retirement Community, especially Ali Gilmartin, who helped Marie live independently despite her increasing struggles with Parkinson's complications.

Online condolences may be made through [www.cumbyfuneral.com](http://www.cumbyfuneral.com).

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**JONATHAN LOVINGOOD**

Jonathan Victor Lovingood, 22, boyfriend of Angela Veshia, of Nicholasville, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington after a car accident.

Born Dec. 19, 2002, in Knoxville, Tennessee, he was the son of James "Vic" (Sharon) Lovingood and Susan Blair.

He was a 2021 graduate of Hardin Valley Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee, served in the U.S. Army, was a member of Mt. Pleasant Church and was a parts salesman for Central Equipment in Lexington.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include: one brother, Jeremy Lovingood; half siblings, Brandon Fordham, Hemi Demoss and Cameron Tiller; girlfriend, Angela Veshia; grandmother, Catherine Braden; grandfathers, Mike Blair and Jim Braden; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and nephew.

Funeral service were held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Mt. Pleasant Church, with Derek Baker

Officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brandon Fordham, Jeremy Lovingood and Chase Demoss.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KYMBA).

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

**SANDRA POWELL**

Sandra Marie "Sandy" Powell, 72, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born April 25, 1953, she was the daughter of the late David and Christine Hurst McGinnis.

She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church and a retired Ayrshire Electronics employee.

Survivors include: one brother, Jerry (Debbie) McGinnis; two sisters, Brenda (Bob) Silvers of Lancaster and Kathy (Allen) Lewis of Versailles; friends, John and Teresa Brandon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Amy Mobley; and four brothers, Donnie Daugherty, Cecil Daugherty, Mike McGinnis and Randall McGinnis.

Graveside memorial services are today, Thursday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Spring Hill Cemetery with Derek Baker officiating.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mercer County Humane Society, 165 Eminence Avenue, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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

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



**ELAINE WOOLDRIDGE**

Elaine Joan "Lovey" Wooldridge, 91, widow of Al Wooldridge, of Harrodsburg, died Thursday Dec. 4, 2025, at her home.

Born Nov. 9, 1934, in Adena, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late George and Helen (Bodak) Holyak.

She was a graduate of Adena High School where she was a majorette for over four years. She moved from Cleveland, Ohio, to Harrodsburg in 1972 with Eaton Corporation (later Modine Manufacturing) as secretary to the general manager for 41 years. She retired from Modine and started a new career as secre-

tary at Whitaker Bank, formerly State Bank.

Elaine was involved in the community in various capacities. She was secretary to the Woman's Bowling League in Danville, a member of Chamber of Commerce, board directors of the Mercer Senior Citizens, member and president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club and later served as state president, was on the board of Woman's Democratic Party, was part of the drama board and ethics board and other charitable organizations. Elaine's outside interests included golfing, bowling and bingo but her biggest joy was playing poker or going to the casinos.

Survivors include: one daughter, Terri (Allen) McQuerry; one son, Bruce (Debbie) Wooldridge; two sisters, Linda Bandyk and Diane

Holyak; two brothers, Robert Holyak and Larry Holyak; five grandchildren, Tara, Travis, Brooke, Brittani, Brandi and Jacob; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by siblings, George "Hawk," Carole Jeskey, Sandra Malisiak, Joyce Anderson, Shirley Utter, Joan Donley and Jerry Holyak.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Edwin Netlas officiating.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1125 Danville Road, Harrodsburg KY, 40330.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**KRS.100.207**

A Public Hearing will be held Monday, December 29th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Harrodsburg City Commissioner's meeting room (second floor) at 208 S. Main St.

This hearing is being held by the Mercer County Joint Planning & Zoning Commission for the purpose of considering public comment on several proposed text amendments regarding Conditional Use Permits to the Mercer County and City of Harrodsburg Zoning Ordinances. The proposed changes for Mercer County include revisions to Sections 6.3(A)(iii), 6.3(B)(iii), and 6.3(C)(iii). The proposed changes for the City of Harrodsburg include revisions to Sections 6.1.2, 6.2.2, 8.1.2, 8.2.2, 8.3.2, 8.4.2, 9.1.2, and 9.2.2.

Copies of the proposed text amendment will be available for review in the Planning & Zoning Office, 109 Short Street, Harrodsburg, KY or via telephone 859-734-6066 if you have any questions.

Bobby Upchurch, Chairperson  
Mercer County Joint, Planning and Zoning Commission

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Commissioners discussed several possible options for Lions Park, including selling it.

Commissioner Marvin "Bubby" Isham handed out estimates for demolition, utility, and repair costs for the community center. According to the handout, electricity at the community center costs more than \$23,000 in 2025, and cleaning the facility after rentals costs more than \$10,000.

The capital outlay for the HVAC system at Lions Park is estimated at more than \$115,000, while the roof outlay would be more than \$175,000, according to the information.

To cover those expenses, the city would need to raise the rental rate from \$325 a day to \$1,020.71 a day, based on an average of eight rentals per month. At Monday's meeting, Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Maynard called the numbers "hypothetical" and noted they did not cover the cost of repairing the interior issues at Lions Park.

Commissioner Isham suggested putting Lions Park on hold and doing more research.

"We've had a lot of interest from people in buying the property," Isham said. He suggested getting a realtor involved.

"Is it something that we want to sell?" Mayor Bob Williams asked.

Commissioner Charlie Mattingly said he thought selling Lions Park for a fair price was a better option.

"I think that would be better all the way around," Mattingly said.

Commissioner Kerry Anness agreed that selling the property would be a better option than demolition.

"We're not out \$36,000 to tear it down," Anness said. "That would be an option I would seriously consider."

At Williams' suggestion, the commission tabled it until their meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026.

"We need to do some more due diligence about that," Williams said.

As to the former HPD headquarters on Greenville Street, the commissioners agreed it needs to come down.

"We're going to need the room that adjoins the cemetery," Isham said. He recommended using the property for future grave sites.

Isham said the HPD building has "been in bad shape for years." He said it was built as the home for the Mercer County Health Department in the 1950s. Isham called it a concrete building on a concrete lot that had been subsequently bricked over.

"You couldn't go in there and remodel it like you would a house," Isham said. He noted the HVAC hasn't been run since the HPD moved to their new headquarters on U.S. 127. Isham said he would like to hold off demolition until the beginning of February, until they made sure everything had been cleaned out of the building.

"I believe that's the right way to go," Mattingly said Monday. "That building needs

to come down."

Mayor Williams said he didn't think it was "economically feasible" to repair the building.

Eight contractors bid for the demolition contract. The city will verify that the bidders have the required insurance and licenses. The building has to be surplussed by the city before it can be torn down. The commission will revisit the issue on Jan. 12.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Gave second reading to a zoning change for the property located at 544 North College Street from R-2 (High Density Residential) to B-2 (Business). The commission also gave second reading to a zoning change for the property located at 405 Henrico Road from B-3 (business) to R-2 (High Density Residential).

- Approved municipal orders amending the city's sick leave donation policy, the suspension policy and GPS policy. Under the new policy,

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