

# Obituaries

## Mary Anne Kirkpatrick

CENTRAL CITY – Mary Anne Kirkpatrick, 98, of Central City was called to our Lord Jesus Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital in Greenville. Born December 24, 1926, to Lillie Mae and Harry I. Blackburn in Paducah, Ky. She married the love of her life, Isaac Beauchamp Kirkpatrick, September 3, 1947, at St. Joseph Church in Central City.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Gary Beerbower; and son-in-law, Larry Smith.

Mary Anne was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church who profoundly relied on her religious conviction for guidance in life. She was an avid reader, a bridge player and a traveler. Known as “Nanny” by many, Mary Anne was a matriarch who balanced family, faith and fun. She lived with a loving and gracious spirit and thrived on a good laugh. She enjoyed daily morning walks and cheering on her family’s sporting events. A passionate Atlanta Braves fan, she did not miss a game in the last half century. She loved her family deeply and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her six children, Mary Sue Withrow of Paducah, Cathy Robertson of Owensboro, Jane Smith of Central City, Barbara (Jimmy) Brannon of Central City, Tommy (Karen) Kirkpatrick of Central City and Margaret (David) Hammet of Marion, Ill.; 16 grandchildren, Kevin (Reagan) Robertson of Destin, Fla., Carol Withrow (Travis Walker) of Tiline, Ky, Dr. Kirk (Dr. Lisa) Withrow of Birmingham, Ala., Matt (Megan) Brannon of Owensboro, Katherine Wi-



throw of Paducah, Kelly (Brad) Davis of Bowling Green, Todd (Meagan) Brannon of Beechmont, Kim Withrow of Paducah, John (Tara) Kirkpatrick of Owensboro, Amanda Smith of Central City, Ellen (Silvio) Flaim of St. Louis, Mo., Elizabeth (Brice) Foose of Lake St. Louis, Mo., Ryan (Holly) Kirkpatrick of Park Hills, Ky., Anne (Chris) Kozeny of St. Louis, Mo., Neal (Maddalyn) Kirkpatrick of Utica, and Isaac Hammet of St. Louis, Mo.; and 25 great-grandchildren.

With her red hair and signature green outfits, Mary Anne was unforgettable to those she encountered. Our family will wear green on Friday in her honor.

Funeral Mass will be Friday, March 21, 2025 at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Central City with Father John Ig-hacho officiating, assisted by Deacon Don Adams. Burial in Fairmount Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church on Friday beginning at 10 a.m.. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com). Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family would like to give a special thank you to everyone at the Courtyard, the Long-term Care team at Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital, and Dr. Bracken Lewis and staff. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, In Memory of Mary Anne Kirkpatrick.

## Jessica Reannian Gates

GREENVILLE- Jessica Reannian Gates, 47, of Greenville died Friday, March 14, 2025 at Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital. Born in Muhlenberg County June 15, 1977. She is preceded in death by her father, Clifton Gates.

Survivors include her sons, Braxton Beal, Bryson Beal; two grandchildren; sister, Terri Vincent; brothers, James

Spears, Josh Gates; mother, Rose Kennedy; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Beechmont Baptist Church. Burial will be private. Tucker Funeral Home in Central City is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com).

## Charles “Chucky” Allen

CENTRAL CITY – Charles “Chucky” Allen, 52, of Central City, died Saturday, March 15, 2025 at his residence in Central City. Born April 11, 1972 in Ohio County. He was of the Baptist faith and a Volunteer Firefighter. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Alton Allen; and grandparents, Hib and Belle Allen, James and Bessie Phelps.

Survivors include his mother, Alice Mae Allen; sisters, Brenda Sue Young, and Linda Darlene Allen; companion of 12 years, Virginia Knight; and several un-

cles, aunts, and cousins.

Graveside Services will be Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Hickory Cemetery in Cromwell. Burial to follow. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com). Expressions of Sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the Charles “Chucky” Allen Memorial Fund, c/o Tucker Funeral Home, PO Box 548, Central City, KY 42330, or online at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com).

## Connie “Wayne” Bryant

BEAVER DAM – Connie “Wayne” Bryant, 77, of Beaver Dam, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 5:20 p.m. at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital in Owensboro. Born in Muhlenberg County, September 21, 1947, to the late Connie and Marie Drake Bryant. He, along with his siblings – Mary Eaves Williams, Billy Bryant (deceased) and Jimmy Bryant -were raised to have a strong work ethic and a humble character. Wayne was steadfast in his beliefs. He was a man of strong integrity and faith. He stood for what he believed in, even when he stood alone.

Wayne grew up in Powderly and was a proud member of the Muhlenberg Central Spartan class of 1965. He enjoyed his time as a member of the FFA and could still quote the pledge. He was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist church for 48 years. During that time, he served in many positions including Discipleship Training Director, assistant teacher, and van driver. He also played on Calvary’s Softball team years ago and had fond memories of doing so. He served his church and his Lord as Deacon for 33 years; a position he held with honor and conviction. Wayne enjoyed interacting with people and was a natural born salesman. He began his career at Central City Produce in 1970. While making deliveries to the Dairy Maid, he met the love of his life and best friend, Judy Bowen Bryant, all while ordering a cup of cream. They married on June 25, 1971. In 1975, they moved to the community of Echols where they made their home and raised their family.

In 1976, he accepted a position at Harless Wholesale where he worked until its closure. Later, he was employed by Miller Hartmann, Fleming, and Core Mark corporations making many friends along the way. He took the term “whistle while you work” to heart. Wayne could often be heard whistling his favorite hymns long before he was seen. Wayne always dreamed of being a small-town businessman. He and Judy owned and operated the Thrifty Mart in Echols from 1987-1993. After 44 years of being a faithful provider, his family encouraged his retirement in 2014 at the age of 65.

After retirement, he enjoyed spoiling his grandkids, watching old Westerns, birdwatching while sitting on the back porch with Judy and drives through the country. He knew every backroad and country store in Western Kentucky and beyond.

Although perceived as serious, he could be quite the opposite. His quick wit and charm made him a likable guy. Whether it was funny joke, a scary mask, bringing a kid



home in a box, making silly faces, putting ice down your pants, popping his dentures out or hanging you upside down by your toes, he loved to pick on every youngster who came around. Just ask his nephews, nieces, and grandchildren. His humor and kindness won over the hearts of all that met him. Over the years, he was a hobby farmer raising pigs, cows, and chickens and planting small gardens. He also enjoyed watching dirt track racing especially car #49.

Together, he and Judy lovingly raised four children Jennifer (Jerry) Lear, Melissa (Rickie) Wilson, Julie (Tommy) Horning, and Jonathan (Cassie) Bryant.

Wayne was the proud Papaw to six grandchildren – Lainey Marie Horning, Levi Bryant Lear, Gabriel Thomas Horning, Kensington Mae Bryant, Jackson Wayne Bryant and Baby Lear

He also loved his bonus grandchildren- Amber Webster, Jeri Beth Cobb, Sara Latham, Keylee Wilson, Gabby Wilson – and his nine bonus great grandchildren.

When he departed this world for Heaven, we are sure he was welcomed with big hugs from his granddaughter Lainey Marie Horning, Baby Lear, many friends, family and of course, his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 1 p.m. with Bro. Jerry Eades officiating, assisted by Bro. Curtis McGehee. Burial will be at Pond Run Cemetery in Echols. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com).

The family wishes to express gratitude and thanks to Dr. Jacob Hodgkins and Dr. Dhiren M. Haria and the nurses and staff at the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center and the Fresenius Medical Center for their care and compassion during Wayne’s 4 1/2-year battle with Multiple Myeloma cancer and subsequent Kidney Failure. He fought hard and rarely complained. A true example of strength to the end. He had security in his everlasting home and that made all the difference.

More than anything he wanted others to be prepared for that everlasting home as well. He wasn’t boastful in his approach, but strong and silent. Often, he would leave Christian tracts at restaurants, on benches or whenever he may visit. He would urge you to seek and follow Jesus.

## Alda June Brooks Harrison

CARROLLTON, Ga. – Alda June Brooks Harrison, age 81, of Carrollton, Ga., passed away Thursday, March 13, 2025. Born July 5, 1943 in Paradise, Ky. to the late George Brooks and Nina Harlan Brooks. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 49 years, Billy Harrison; brother and sister in law, James and Wanda Brooks; and brother in law, Dennis Richmond.

June graduated with the Drakesboro High School Class of 1961. She was a devoted Christian and currently attended the Calvary Assembly of God in Cedartown. She loved to support various missions and was a servant in children’s ministries for many years. She was filled with talent and creativity. She was a seamstress, sewing and altering many of her family’s clothes. She was a won-

derful artist and singer, who loved to share her gifts with those she loved.

Survivors include her daughters, Vanessa Pickett, of Sugar Hill, Ga., Michele Hicks, of Bremen, Ga., and Kelly Laminack, of Muscadine, Ala.; seven grandchildren; ; sisters, Bettye Ford, of Ind., Charlotte Roush, of Ind., Mary Dell Richmond, of Ky., and Ovada Richmond, of Ky.

Graveside services were held Monday, March 17, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Buttrum officiating. A celebration of life will be held Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Assembly of God in Cedartown. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in June’s name to the Assembly of God World Missions or to the American Cancer Society.

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