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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. – *Revelation 21:4*
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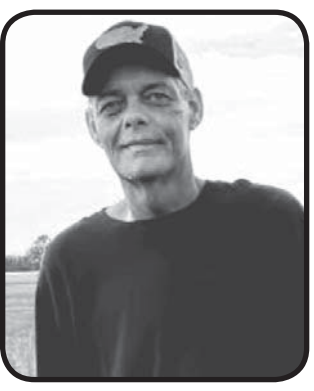

Dale Clevinger

Dale Clevinger, 56, of Pikeville, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16, at the Bailey Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow in the Anderson Cemetery, Elkhorn City.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home Inc. of Elkhorn City.

The guestbook may be signed at www.baileyfuneralhomeinc.com.

Daniel Forsyth

Daniel Hibbard Forsyth, 80, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, at his residence.

Daniel was born in Pikeville, July 13, 1945, the son of the late John Dils Forsyth Sr. and Jean Clair Moon Forsyth.

He was a cable splicer for South Central Bell Telephone Company and attended the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Augustus Preston "Buddy" Forsyth, John Dils Forsyth Jr. and James Price "Jim" Forsyth; and three sisters, Linda Grace Forsyth, Sylvia Marie Forsyth and Rosa Lee Forsyth.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanetta Karen Thomas Forsyth; four daughters, Salena Sims (Brian), of Winchester, Tina Forsyth, of Pikeville, Danette Biliter, of Pikeville, and Angela Gross, of Pikeville; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

The guestbook may be signed online at www.jwcallfuneralhome.com.

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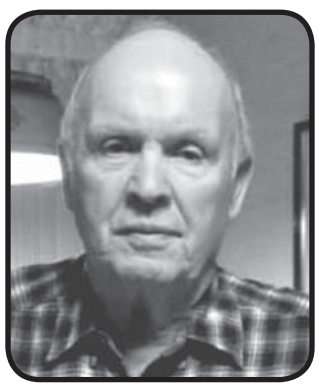

Ballard Irick

Ballard Raymond Irick, 86, of Harold, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born in Pikeville, April 17, 1939, the son of the late Van and Pauline Spears Irick. Ballard retired from Ford Motor Company, but also worked as a coal miner. He was a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Lee Irick; two brothers, Paul Estill Irick and James Donald Irick; and one sister, Phyllis Davenport.

He is survived by his loving wife, Geraldine Wagner Irick; one daughter, Debbie Lynn Irick, of Hurricane Creek; and one grandson, Jeremy Lee Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home with Estill Reed officiating. Burial will follow in the Justice-Adkins Funeral Home, Hurricane Creek.

Arrangements are under the direction of the J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

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This is a paid obituary.

Easter Taylor

Easter Taylor, 96, of Phyllis, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Bailey Funeral Home chapel. Burial followed in the Justice Cemetery, Phyllis.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home Inc. of Elkhorn City.

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Grace Williamson

Grace Sawyers Williamson, 80, of Lick Creek, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior, surrounded by her loving family. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she lived a life grounded in faith, love and unwavering strength.

Grace was born on July 7, 1945, in Grapevine, to the late Tom Sawyers and Ora Hunt Sawyers. She was a lifelong resident of Pike County and a faithful member of the Lick Creek Holiness Church for over 60 years. She was a hard worker, a faithful follower of Christ and a woman of quiet conviction who lived what she believed each and every day.

She loved her family deeply, but she loved her daddy and thought there was no one like him. His memory remained a constant comfort and source of strength to her throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Teddy Abshire; and by her beloved husband of 45 years, Billy Williamson. She also endured the unimaginable loss of her precious daughter, Renee' Buchanan, whom she deeply adored.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers, Jonah Sawyers, Barkley Sawyers and Bennett Sawyers; and her sisters, Mary Smith and Lydia Williamson.

Grace is survived by her loving children, Ronald Abshire (Tia), of Fedscreek, Dewana Phillips (Rick), of Meta, and Sharon Mullins (Richie), of Lick Creek. She is also survived by her son-in-law, Billy Buchanan, of Prestonsburg.

She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Branham Buchanan, Weston Abshire, Sosha Pinson, Hayden Mullins, Rebekah Pinson, Luke Simpson, Kristi Rogers and Mason Abshire. Her great-grandchildren, Harper Mullins, Haylee Mullins, Sawyer Kress, Addisyn Pinson, Natalie Pinson and Chase Pinson, brought her endless joy and brightened her days.

Also left to cherish her memory is her loving sister, Olga Bickford, of Rockhouse; along with dear friends, Thelma Freeman and Barbara Miller, one who was like a sister and one who was like a daughter, and both remained by her side throughout life.

Mommy was a fabulous cook. Her fried chicken, gravy and homemade biscuits were unmatched; a true taste of comfort and love. No one could cook like Mommy and we sure are going to miss those meals gathered around her table.

Mommy was truly the strongest woman we ever knew. Through every challenge life brought her way, she met it with faith, courage and a fierce love for her family. Her strength, her love and her unwavering belief in God will remain an inspiration to everyone blessed to have known her.

Visitation will be held at the Lick Creek Holiness Church, in Lick Creek, where family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance and celebration of Mommy's life. Burial will follow in the Tom Sawyers Family Cemetery where she will be laid to rest among her loved ones.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

— Matthew 25:21

Though we grieve her passing, we rejoice in the promise of Heaven and the legacy of faith, love and strength Mommy leaves behind.

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Timothy Allen Stacy

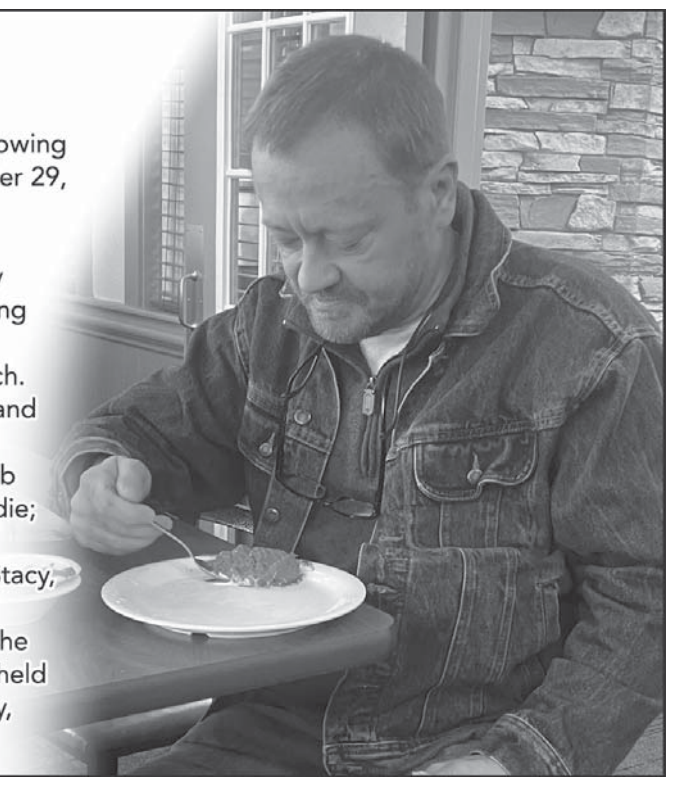
Timothy Allen Stacy, age 49, of Dandridge, Tenn., (formerly of Elkhorn City, Kentucky), passed away following a lengthy illness on the morning of Monday, September 29, 2025.

He was born January 28, 1976.

He was a retired zinc miner. He also loved Kentucky basketball; and often said he bled blue. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of Muddy Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Blake Stacy; and one sister, Jennifer Wright.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Stacy; one son, Jacob Stacy; one daughter, Hannah; one granddaughter, Sadie; three grandsons, Stevie, Jack and Timothy John; his mother, Lena Romans Kilgore; and four sisters, Kate Stacy, Katherine Kilgore, Myra Kilgore and LaDawn Hylton.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, at the Muddy Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Interment was held on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, at the Hills Union Cemetery, Dandridge, Tennessee.



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major win for the administration and the world.

However, we must also move forward playing a role, as well. We've spent a lot of money funding Israeli bombs that fell on Gaza. Are we just as committed to helping rebuild the area without ignoring the needs of our own citizens (i.e. helping to hold Israel responsible)? Are we committed to pushing back on Israel and letting them know that, post-Oct.7, 2023, they went too far and if they really want peace and not just another failed attempt to eradicate Palestine, they'll have to give?

Are we willing to do the hard work of working toward a lasting peace and being the key driver of that?

At one point, that would have been a given. How many times has Camp David served as the host to Israeli and Palestinian leaders as peace was advanced as a real possibility?

However, we have to be sure that our approach to the world's stage isn't one that appears confused. It's difficult to broker peace when the world sees you changing your "Department of Defense" to the "Department of War."

President Teddy Roosevelt adopted and made famous an African proverb to describe his foreign policy: "Speak softly and carry a big stick." The United States has always been stronger in the world when this was the guiding principle and it's more vital than ever that the current administration harness all its divided internal forces to present a united and stronger front that is a force for good.

Blowing up boats bringing in drugs is a misuse of the country's "big stick," whereas building peace brings the greatest benefits, even if it clips the war hawks' wings.

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strangers together. In every corner of Kentucky, city governments are helping create stronger bonds of community.

Whether large or small, cities deliver an impressive range of services, including essentials such as law enforcement, fire protection, street and sidewalk maintenance, trash collection, and cemetery upkeep. Many cities also operate utilities that provide clean drinking water, treat wastewater, and supply electricity, gas, or broadband service. Cities maintain parks and recreation programs where children play ball, families gather for picnics, and senior citizens find opportunities to stay active and engaged. These services, big and small, combine to make daily life safer, healthier, and more enjoyable.

Behind all these efforts are the men and women who choose to serve in city government. Your elected mayors and city legislative body members, as well as countless appointed staff and employees, work every day to make sure the quality of life in their community is as high as possible. Most do it for modest pay and little recognition. They often juggle their roles in public service with full-time jobs and family responsibilities. Yet they remain dedicated to helping their cities thrive.

That is why October's designation as City Government Month matters. It is more than a celebration — it is a reminder. Local government is the level of government closest to you. It is the most direct example of representative democracy in action. And it only works as well as the people who support and engage with it.

So this month, don't just recognize your city government; get involved with it. Attend a city council or commission meeting — volunteer for a local board, committee, or neighborhood project. Lend your time to community events, park cleanups, or youth programs. Reach out to your elected city officials and share your ideas. Simply saying "thank you" to a city employee or elected official can mean more than you realize. These small steps build stronger partnerships between citizens and the people who serve them.

Strong cities make a strong Kentucky, but that strength is not automatic. It is built, day by day, by citizens who care about their communities and by leaders who dedicate themselves to service. This October, let's commit not just to celebrating city government but to strengthening it — together.

J.D. Chaney is executive director/CEO of the Kentucky League of Cities, a membership organization dedicated to strengthening and empowering cities and promoting a higher quality of life for all Kentuckians. KLC represents more than 380 cities across Kentucky and provides advocacy, education, and resources to help local governments operate effectively and efficiently.

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