

# OBITUARIES



## Mervil Phelps

OWENSBORO — Mervil Phelps, 93, of Owensboro, passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 15, 1931, in Beaver Dam to the late Ellis and Irene Phelps. Mervil was a United States Army veteran, where he was a paratrooper. He retired from Owensboro National Bank and was a member of Windridge Country Club. He was an avid golfer, card player, and enjoyed the New York Yankees and UK basketball.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, James Phelps, Gladys Calloway, Louise Bishop and Helen Hinkle.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Rachael Phelps; daughter, Lisa Brandle (Rick); two sons, Mike Phelps (Toni) and Brent Phelps; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home in Beaver Dam. Burial will follow in Sunnyside Cemetery. Visitation is from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Online messages of condolence may be made at bevilbrosfuneralhomes.com.



## Beverly Sue Durham Ward

BEAVER DAM — Beverly Sue Durham Ward, 79, formerly of Centertown, passed away May 7, 2025, at Ohio County Hospital. She was born in Centertown to the late Richard Kelly and Essie Irene Durham.

After 20 years, she is back in the arms of her one true love, and in that we can find comfort and joy. Her love was truly unconditional. She was an amazing wife and MuMu, an awesome mother, a fantastic grandma and an irreplaceable great-grandmother, but know in your heart that tears and grieving are for the ones left behind. She is finally free from the chains that bound her in this life and strolling hand-in-hand with all those who have gone before her. God bless her and God bless us all.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Alan Keith Ward; and brother, Robert Kelly “Bob” Durham.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, David Ward; daughter, Lana Phelps; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Jerry Durham; along with several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home in Beaver Dam. Friends my visit with the family from 10 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Centertown Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to bevilbrosfuneralhomes.com.



## William ‘Bill’ Cecil Westerfield

HORSE BRANCH — William “Bill” Cecil Westerfield, 61, of Horse Branch, passed away on May 9, 2025, in his home surrounded by his loving family. The Ohio County native was born Dec. 1, 1963, to the late William and Ida Westerfield.

A true outdoorsman, Bill lived for the woods. Whether he was casting a line in a quiet creek or tracking down ginseng and hickory chicken, he did it with a sharp eye and steady hand. He had a deep respect for nature and knew the hills and hollers like the back of his hand. A master timber cutter by trade, Bill took great pride in hard, honest work.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Amanda Westerfield; daughters, Callie (Daniel) Leach and Addison Westerfield; siblings, David (Jodie) McCoy, Lora Westerfield, and Brian (Gloria) Westerfield; grandchildren, Elliott, Briella, Eritrea, Morgana; as well as many other loving family and friends.

Care entrusted to Cardinal Cremation Society.



## William Ray ‘Bill’ Lewis

HARTFORD — William Ray “Bill” Lewis, 82, of Hartford, passed away May 10, 2025, at the Heartford House in Owensboro. He was born Dec. 29, 1942, in Centertown to the late George Thomas and Viola Byrd Lewis.

Bill retired from the US Army with a rank of CW4, where he served 23 years. He was stationed in Germany two times and served two tours in Vietnam. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and woodworking.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his son, Thomas Allen Lewis.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Barbee Lewis; daughter, Christina Dixon (Chuck); five grandchildren, Charles, Christopher, Cody, Ashley and Tiffany; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Schroader; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home in Beaver Dam, with Dr. Roger Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Centertown Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to bevilbrosfuneralhomes.com.



## Glendon Irl Arnold

BOWLING GREEN — Glendon Irl Arnold, 71, passed on May 7, 2025, in Bowling Green, as an Army veteran. He was born on April 11, 1954, in Beaver Dam, son of Darrel Arnold and Bettye (Richardson) Arnold.

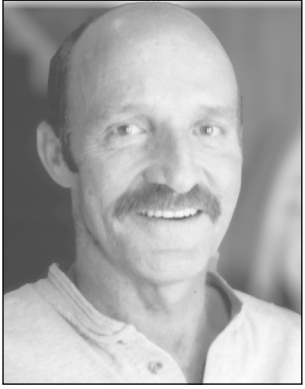
Survivors include a daughter, Katie Ballard (Aaron), and granddaughters Averie and Mia Ballard, Union, Ky. His family circle included brothers, Perry Arnold (Stephanie) and Kelly Arnold (Kristy); sisters, Jackie Wisdom (Larry) and Charlene Creager (Mitch); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Darrel and Bettye Arnold; a sister, Ramona Arnold; and a nephew Joseph Glen Baize.

Glen had a zeal for life and a sensitivity rarely shown by men, despite a (mostly) playful stubborn exterior. He enjoyed spending time with family, learning from his elders, and loved those who called him “Deeda” most of all. True to being a carpenter and craftsman, Glen embraced physical activity and the great outdoors. He made the most out of the little things and didn’t want for much. “It helps to help,” as he always said, and he helped those around him feel loved.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. A special thank you to the Hospice of Southern Kentucky for his excellent care.

The family requests donations to Hospice of Southern Kentucky, 5872 Scottsville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104 (hospicesoky.org) in lieu of flowers.



## Barry Dean Stone

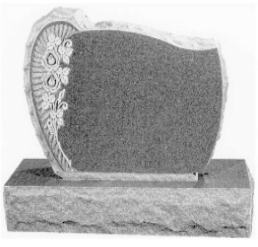
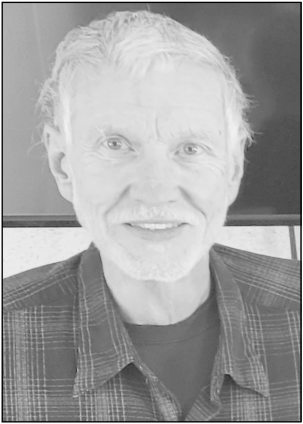
CENTRAL CITY — Barry Dean Stone, 70, of Central City, went to his Heavenly home on Sunday, May 4, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Dec. 2, 1954, in Owensboro to the late Robert Earnest and Mary Thomas Stone. Barry was a proud member of McHenry Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Barry was preceded in death by his brother, Earnest Everly Stone; sister, Deloris Jean Stone Gabbard; and sister-in-law, Sharon Stone.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sons, Jonathan Bryan (Becky) Stone, Brandon Kyle (Jennifer) Stone and Jackson Blake Stone, all of Beaver Dam; daughter, Brianna Ailene (Joe) Driver, of Beaver Dam; stepsons, Logan (Magan) Lowery, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ben (Meridith) Lowery, of Oxford, Miss.; brother, Larry Glen (Judele) Stone; brother-in-law, Eddie Gabbard, of Texas; grandchildren, Sarah (Ryne) Tinsley, Matthew (Emily) Stone, Samantha Stone, Dylan (Makenna) Stone, Devin Driver, Karissa Driver, Hunter Lowery and Ella Lowery; great-grandchildren, Addison Tinsley, Asher Unsel, Jaxson Unsel, and Sylvia Stone, of Beaver Dam; his forever love, Sheree Stone, of Jacksonville; as well as many other loving family and friends.

A private memorial service will be held to honor Barry’s life.

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