

OBITUARIES

PAULINE BLANKENBECKLER ARNOLD



Pauline Blankenbeckler Arnold, age 89, of Morehead, passed away Sunday, June 15, 2025, at her son's home surrounded by her family.

She was born January 20, 1936, in Elliottville, to the late Earl Blankenbeckler and Gladys Lambert Blankenbeckler. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Rev. Robert Arnold on December 31, 1998; one granddaughter, Samantha Arnold Griggs; five brothers, Eugene Blankenbeckler, James Blankenbeckler, Ranzel Blankenbeckler, Bill Blankenbeckler, and Don Blankenbeckler; and three sisters, Irene Sadler, Mae Slusher, and Reda Good.

Pauline is survived by four children, John Arnold (Cindy) of Davison, Michigan, Patricia Diefenbach (Lou) of Linden, Michigan, Sharon Metro (John) of Howell, Michigan, Lonnie Arnold (Tonya) of Morehead; one sister, Marie (Loren) Myers of Rockville, Indiana; seven grandchildren, John G. (Vanessa) Arnold of Camarillo, California, Ashley (Bradley) Dyer of Vanceburg, Larissa (Jake) Morse of Highland, Michigan, Stephanie (Ste-

phen) Theisen of Ray, Michigan, Jayme Arnold of Otisville, Michigan, Sarah Arnold and Parker Arnold, both of Morehead; three step-grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, as well as many friends.

On August 29, 1953, she married the love of her life Robert Arnold; their love for one another was simply amazing. They cherished each other with their whole hearts while serving the Lord each and every day. She supported her husband in his ministry while pastoring a church and throughout his career in the automotive industry at Cadillac. She embraced the purpose God gave her with everything she had. Always making sure her family had three meals a day, packed their lunches, kept them in clean clothes, and maintained a home so clean you could eat off the floor. Her passion and love for her family was so strong only God could measure it. She was the perfect wife and mom, as well as the family matriarch.

As humble and forgiving as she was, let's just say she wasn't happy when her husband traded their 1966 Cadillac for a 1972 Dodge Dart. Her first response was, "I can't believe you traded our Cadillac for this cracker box". But as always, she was thankful they had a car and made the best of it. At least until he replaced the Dart with a 1973 Impala. He always did his best to take care of her.

One of her favorite hobbies was raising flowers and helping her husband in the garden. In addition

to her family, she had cared for over 60 children, not including all of her children's friends that just like to hang out at her house. If anyone ever felt unwelcomed or left hungry, well that was simply their fault.

Her grandson Parker said it best "she was the best cook ever". Her family was her life and her purpose. Being a wife, mother, and mamaw is what she cherished the most. She knew what God's purpose was for her and she fulfilled it perfectly. Losing her has left a huge void in her family, but the peace of knowing she is now living in Heaven with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brings us hope and keeps her alive in our hearts.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Elijah Sexton and Pastor Harley Sexton, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in McClain-Arnold Cemetery.

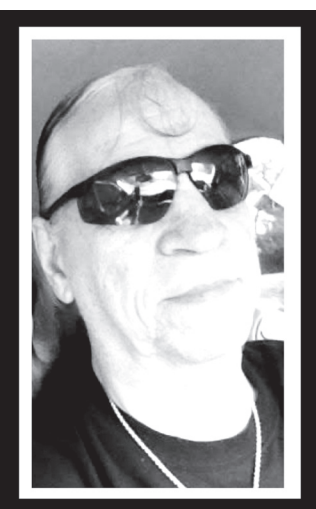
Pallbearers: John G. Arnold, John Metro, Bradley Dyer, Jake Morse, David Trent, and Bobby Trent. Honorary pallbearers: Parker Arnold, Isaiah Gee, and Kevin Terrell.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sharkey Baptist Church, 2555 Sharkey Road, Morehead, KY 40351.

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WILLARD VERNON PINKERMAN, JR.



Willard Vernon Pinkerman, Jr., age 86, of Hamilton Road, Morehead, passed away Thursday, June 12, 2025, at UK - St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead.

Born May 10, 1939, in Ironton, Ohio, he was a son of the late Willard Vernon Pinkerman, Sr. and Eather Fugett Pinkerman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by

his companion, Tammy Boyd; two brothers, Harley Pinkerman and Ellis Pinkerman; and one sister, Barbara Emery Davenport.

Willard is survived by one son, Willard Pinkerman III (Carrie) of Ashland; one daughter, Barbara Pinkerman of Flatwoods; two step sons, Wayne Norris (Ginny) and Larry Messer (Danielle), all of Morehead; two step daughters, Christy Adams (Jeff) of Morehead and Revena Bloomfield (James) of Olive Hill; one sister, Shirley Clemmons of Hendersonville, Tennessee; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and other extended family and friends.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going to casinos, and playing cards, especially poker. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 2835 Flemingsburg Road, Morehead, KY 40351 with Pastor Jeff Fannin officiating.

Pallbearers: Willard Pinkerman III, Wayne Norris, James Perry, Justin Johnson, Barry Rayburn, Tyler Campbell, and Terry Middleton.

At his request, there will be no visitation

Arrangements are under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY

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Kathaleen Mabry Catron, age 83 of Elliottville, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at UK-St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead, Kentucky.

Kathaleen was born on March 16, 1942 in Rowan County to the late Arthur and Nola Moore Mabry.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Mabry and Emil Mabry and one great-granddaughter, Abigail Rose Wilson.

She was survived by her husband of 63 years, Jack Catron. Two daughters, Sue (Johnny) Wilson, Rhonda (Stuart) Read, and one sister Mary Fraley; two brothers, Clyde (Bernice) Mabry and Bob (Joyce) Mabry all of Morehead. Grandchildren: Ashley Wilson, Michael (Lindsay) Read, Jona-

than (Brittany) Wilson and Stephen Read. Great grandchildren: Luke Wilson, Madison Wilson and Reagan Read. In addition, a beloved niece by marriage, Barbara Kiser, who was like a sister to her. Also, survived by several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Kathaleen was a beloved wife, mom, mamaw and a friend to all who knew her. She radiated kindness to everyone and was always ready to lend a helping hand. She was a gifted seamstress who worked tirelessly by her husband's side as he ran a used car dealership for over 40 years. Together, they formed a partnership that was not only professional, but deeply rooted with love along with a mutual admiration for one another.

She was the caretaker of not just her immediate family, but for others which enriched her life as well as the lives of others. She loved gardening, collecting dolls and bird watching.

Undoubtedly, her proudest accomplishment was her unwavering commitment to her family. The times spent

together were her greatest joy, creating memories that will forever live in the hearts of her loved ones. Her legacy is one of love, creativity and an enduring spirit that celebrates the beauty of life.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, June 12, 2025, in the chapel of the Michael R Gray Funeral Home in Morehead with Rev. Charles Moore officiating.

Visitation at the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Morehead was from 11:00 A.M. until the hour of the service at 1:00 P.M.

Kathaleen was laid to rest in the Catron Cemetery on Kentucky 504 near Elliottville.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Elliottville Fire Department.

The Michael R. Gray Funeral Home, at 808 Old Flemingsburg Road in Morehead, Kentucky cared for all arrangements for Kathaleen Mabry Catron.

To view the online memorial and sign the guestbook, please visit www.mrgrayfh.com.

paramedic class.

Under Old Business, the court approved the "passing of a Budget Amendment, in the amount of \$556,766.68."

Under New Business, the court approved an "agreement between the County and the City of Morehead for Emergency Management", which is required, and that the City will pay for; approved the appointment of Jay Padula as Commissioner to the Rowan County Ethics Commission; approved the appointments of Jennifer Anderson, Mike Knudson, Michael Rowe, and Shana Hogge to the Economic Development Council; approved the Janitorial Services Bid Award for the Rowan County Courthouse to Sparkle Squad, LLC; and approved the split of the Janitorial Services Bid Award for the Community Park house to the Extension Office, and to Sparkle Squad, LLC for the Community Park restrooms.

The court approved the "Finance Director Contract for FY 25/26;" approved the "Assistant Building Inspector Contract for FY 25/26;" approved the "Subdivision Coordinator Contract for FY 25/26;" approved the "IT Director Contract for FY 25/26;" and

approved the "Rail Depot Lease Renewal for FY 25/26" for use by the Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development / Tourism.

The court approved the "Safe Haven Baby Box Memorandum of Agreement," which will be installed at the office of EMS Director Homer Lewis; approved the "Detention Center Housing Agreements," with Montgomery and Bath County, at \$42.00 per day, per inmate; approved the "Electronic Payment Standing Order," which authorizes the County Treasurer to make electronic payments to vendors; and approved the "FY 25/26 Cash Transfers."

Before going into closed session, the court approved the budget transfers; the monthly financial statement (with 1 vote to abstain); the consideration of monthly bills (with 1 vote to abstain); and approved the County Treasurer to make two, non-consecutive payments for the salt barn.

The meeting then went into closed session, with no action taken, and subsequently adjourned, with committee meetings being held directly after.

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