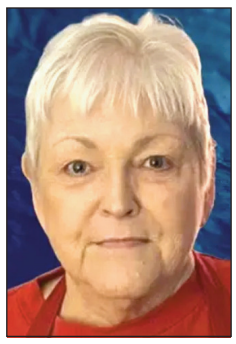
Charlotte Haney



Charlotte Ruth Haney, age 78, of Somerset, KY, passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2026. She was born in Birmingham, AL, on December 26, 1947, the daughter of the late William Aubrey and Katherine Elizabeth Jones Fairburn. She was united in marriage to James E. "Buddy" Haney on August 20, 1967, in Birmingham, AL.

To this union, they were blessed with three daughters: Tracy Robinson (Kellie)

And Debra Johnson (Andy), both of Nancy, KY, and the late Kathy Lee Haney Gadberry, who unfortunately passed much too early. Charlotte is survived by seven grandchildren: Evan Cole Massey, Thomas James Massey, Corey Jacob Robinson (Brittany), Tucker Ray Robinson (Tessa), Taylor Nicole Keeney (Brandon), Kaitlyn Ray Brandon (Tanner), and Andrew "Drew" Nathan Johnson (Taylor). 8 great-grandchildren: Chandler, Ellie, Brynlee, RuthAnn, Raylee, Sadie, Leighton, Mady. Another great-grandchild, Baby Brandon, is on the way.

Charlotte is also survived by a sister, Linda Louise Buckner; a niece, Lisa Oldham (Phil); and nephew Bill Buckner (Sandy), all of Gulf Shores, AL. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, and brother-in-law (Tom Buckner). Many friends and relatives loved and adored her. She always made you feel welcome at her home. Her home was always open to her friends and her daughter's friends; it was the place to be. Easy to have a conversation with and just loved people. Most of all, she loved her family and especially her "Grandchildren, " as she was affectionately called Granny and Great-Gran. She enjoyed houseboating, traveling, and taking trips north. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Somerset.

A service honoring the life of Charlotte Haney will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Browning officiating. Visitation will begin on Sunday evening after 5:00 PM at First Baptist Church and on Monday from 10:00 AM until the service. Burial will be in the Lakeside Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Evan Massey, Thomas Massey, Corey Robinson, Chandler Robinson, Tucker Robinson, Drew Johnson, Brandon Keeney, Tanner Brandon

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Drive, Somerset, KY 42503, or Mission with a Purpose c/o Rita Robinson, 381 Hidden Springs Dr., Somerset, KY

Somerset Undertaking Company and Crematory is honored to serve the Haney family during this time of loss.

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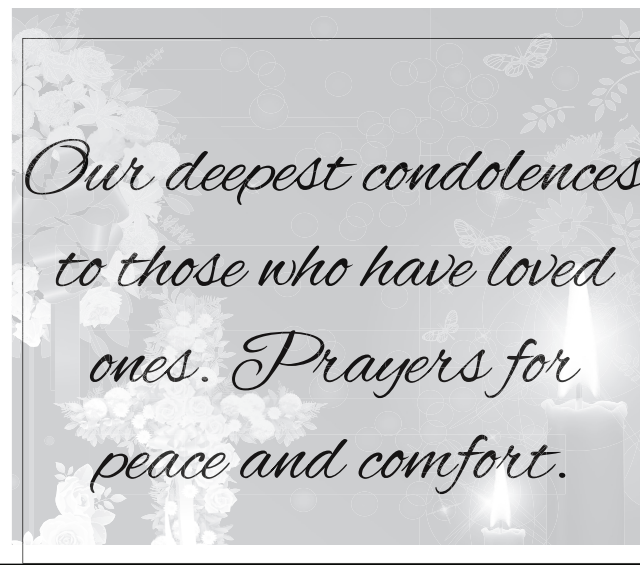
Ruby Smith

Ruby Jean Smith, age 61 of Somerset, Kentucky, passed from this life on Friday, October 30, 2026 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at Southern Oaks Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday in the Chapel of Southern Oaks Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Mill Springs National Cemetery.

Southern Oaks Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements for Ruby Jean Smith.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I have been with "Garrett" for over four years now. I have a son who is 9, and we share a daughter, 3. I was a single mom for four years before I met Garrett, so I did everything on my own.

Garrett is always willing to make my lunch for work, clean after I get home from work, do laundry, etc. so I can relax. My problem is I tend to say no. I'll do it myself, and then I become overwhelmed trying to do everything. I know I'm being resistant, but I feel as a mom, it's my sole responsibility to do so. How do I loosen up and let him help me out more without feeling guilty that I'm not doing enough? — Used to Being Manic Mom

Dear Manic Mom: Take a moment and cut yourself some slack. After so many years as a single mom, it makes sense you might feel like you're not operating at full capacity. But I guarantee you're doing much more than you're giving yourself credit for.

It takes time to adjust to the idea of letting another person into your life and routine, but try your best to normalize it and get comfortable. You are lucky to have a husband and father who wants to pitch in as your equal: That's what good partners do. Now, you just have to let him.

Dear Annie: I'm a teenager about to be a junior in high school in the fall. So far, high school has been bland. Nothing exciting happens. I guess the only thing that is exciting is the fact that I'm going to Japan on a school trip in less than two weeks. I want to go to college, but I want to attend a college out of state because I want a fresh start. Plus, I don't want to see former classmates at college. (I have some ideas in mind as to which out-of-state colleges to go to, but I haven't visited them yet. My main focus is to see if they have Japanese as a major.)

I want a fresh start for myself; I want to have some kind of friend group (I'm an introvert), a boyfriend, and I want to attend parties but not so many that it's like I only went to college just to party. But I've noticed that I have a hard time making decisions about certain things because I'm too worried that whatever I choose will be a bad decision in the future. I tend to dwell on the future rather than the present, which makes me very upset with myself. I tend to be very hard on myself, which makes me feel like I'm my own worst enemy when it comes to this stuff.

I also noticed that I'm always worrying about things instead of just relaxing and "being a teenager." Other times, I feel like I'm behind in everything that should happen to teenagers. Sometimes, I just want to give up and stop trying because nothing is going right for me. But other times, I want to keep going and try and see what happens. What should I do? — Doubting Everything in Life

Dear Doubting: Another instance that warrants more self-love and grace. You sound like a very bright, conscientious, mature teen with so much potential and promise. None of us know exactly what the future holds. Don't let the fear of that unknown rob you of today's joy and living your present life to the fullest.

Continue pursuing your passions, like studying Japanese and traveling. Meet new people, try new things, take chances, and keep an open mind. You have a good head on your shoulders that, regardless of what decisions you make or paths you take, I'm confident you'll always land on your feet.

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