

Deaths

Crockett

Francis Lou (Sisk) Crockett, 88, of Marion, born June 19, 1938, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Salem Springs Health & Rehabilitation Center.



Crockett professed faith in Christ and attended the Marion Church of God for 52 years.

She is survived by a son, Stan (Linda) Crockett of Marion; a daughter, Carla Crockett (Lonnie) Burton of Campbellsville; three grandchildren, Ashley (Kyle) Smith, Jarrett Burton and Skyler Burton; four great-grandchildren, Taylor Guess, Tinley Smith, Tatelyn Francis Smith and Adalynn Burton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years James Curtis "J.C." Crockett; her parents, Malra Bryan and Ruby Pearl Kennedy Sisk; a sister, Eva Sue Cullen; and a brother, Carroll Douglas Sisk.

Services were Wednesday, June 24 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was at IOOF Cemetery in Madisonville.

Williams

Kathy L. Williams, 76, of Marion, died Friday, June 19, 2026, at her home. She was a member of Freedom General Baptist Church and was a retired coal miner.



Williams loved her grandchildren with all her heart and cherished every moment spent with her family. She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, raising cows alongside her husband, and caring for their beloved beagles. After retiring from the coal mining industry at Dotiki Mine, she worked in the cafeterias at Crittenden County Middle School and Crittenden County High School for 10 years, where she enjoyed serving and getting to know generations of local students.

Surviving are her husband, Doug Williams of Marion; a daughter, Sarah (Todd) Riley; a son, Jeremy (Teresa) Wilkerson; three stepchildren, Jeff (Cassie) Williams, Melody Howard and Robbie Williams; four sisters, Linda Boster, Glenda

Moore, Paula Tipton, and Janey Webb; 10 grandchildren, Jeremy (Crystal) Williams, Brittany (Sean) Dowdy, Jordan Williams, Logan (Kyra) Wilkerson, Paxton (Carston) Riley, Payton Riley, Jeffery (Samiah) Williams, Justin Williams, Jarrod Kennedy, and Josh Thorpe; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Glenn and Pauline Writtenberry; a son, Glenn Wilkerson; a granddaughter, Shana Thorpe; and a sister, Carolyn Blanford.

Services are at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Freedom Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Freedom Cemetery, 1076 SR 120, Marion, KY 42064, or Rosebud Cemetery, 5757 US 60 East, Marion, KY 42064.

Hodge

William Henry "Bud" Hodge, Jr., 75, of Murray, died Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.



He was born Nov. 30, 1950, in Mobile, Ala., to the late William Henry Hodge, Sr. and Harriet Jean (Eardley) Hodge. He retired from Paschall Truck Lines as a programmer and consultant and was a member of the Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Lee Stacey of Richmond Hill, Georgia; a sister, Norma Harrison of New Jersey; as well as his best friend, James "Pete" Peterson of Puryear, Tenn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy (McNeely) Hodge.

Services were Tuesday, June 23 at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Bro. Gary Vacca officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society

of Calloway County, 607 Poplar Street, Suite A1, Murray, KY 42071.

Hardin

Robert Earl Hardin, 84, died Sunday, June 14, 2026 at his home.

He was previously employed as a loader for Westvaco.



Surviving are a daughter, Shannon (Jeff) Travis of Edyville; two sons, James (Misty) Hardin of Burna and Richard (Lesa) Reed of Salem; three brothers, David (Holly) Hardin of Joy, Johnny Hardin of Salem, and Thomas (Yvonne) Hardin of Fredonia; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one, great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Louise Reed Hardin; two sisters, Lana Kay Wheeler and Birdie Jean Smith; his mother, Nettie Mae Hardin; and two granddaughters, Heather Travis and Amy Reed.

Services were Friday, June 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Tinsley

Stephen Broda Tinsley, 55, of Hall County, Ga., and formerly of Marion, passed away June 19, 2026 in Georgia.



He was formerly a maintenance employee at CeraTech in Marion for a number of years.

Survivors include a daughter, Kayla (Daniel) Farmer, Marion; a sister, Debra Tinsley of Hall County, Ga., and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles D. and Elizabeth Cassitty Tinsley.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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We, the family of Gordon Blue Guess, would like to extend our deepest appreciation to family, friends, neighbors and the community for the kindness and love shown to us during the loss of Gordon Blue.

More specifically, we would like to thank Mercy Health Hospice for their care and support; Myers Funeral Home for guiding us through the process of planning the visitation and burial; Charles Cook and Chris Evans for so accurately and humorously capturing the character of Gordon Blue at the funeral service; Becky Johnson and Cutter, Cash and Brennan for learning and playing his favorites; Marion Methodist Church and the ladies of the Methodist Church for providing the delicious desserts and warm atmosphere at the bereavement meal; and Marion's three talented florists who showered us with beauty at every turn.

Our warmest thanks go to everyone who attended the visitation and funeral, who shared in our grief and shared fond memories of our beloved husband, father and friend. Thanks also go to those who brought food to the house, sent a text, sent a card, or stopped us in a store to offer condolences. They say it takes a village to raise a child; it also takes a village to bury an elder. Our community's generosity of spirit reminded us why Marion and Crittenden County were so dear to Gordon Blue during his 89 years.



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Saving for retirement is important, but it's only part of the picture. If you're within five to 10 years of your target retirement date, it's time to start thinking about what you actually want your retirement to look like. After all, getting to retirement isn't the end goal — it's what you want to do once you're there that matters.

Start by asking yourself these five questions.

When do you want to retire? The age at which you retire matters more than you may realize. Retiring early sounds appealing, but it means saving more and having less time to do it. It can also create gaps in health care coverage and income before key benefits kick in. For example, Social Security benefits can begin at 62, but at a reduced amount. Full benefits are available between ages 66 and 67, depending on birth year, and waiting until 70 means the maximum benefit. Medicare doesn't start until age 65, and penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts generally aren't allowed until age 59½.

For couples, timing gets even more complicated. Staggering retirement dates can sometimes maximize benefits; in other cases, retiring at the same time works better.

A financial advisor can help you sort through these decisions and find the approach that makes the most sense for your situation.

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How do you want to spend your time in retirement? Many new retirees are surprised to find that having unlimited free time feels disorienting rather than freeing. Thinking ahead about how to fill the days with meaningful activity — whether that's travel, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or spending more time with family — can make the transition smoother.

It helps to sketch out what a typical week, month or even first year might look like. If there are big gaps, it's worth thinking now about what might fill them in rewarding ways.

Where do you want to live as a retiree? Some retirees stay put, while others downsize or relocate entirely. Either way, it's wise to consider whether a chosen location will work well as you get older, taking into account factors like proximity to family, access to health care, cost of living and climate.

What will your retirement lifestyle cost? It's not uncommon for retirees to discover that their travel, entertainment or leisure expenses were higher than expected. The more active and involved you plan to be, the more you will likely need to budget.




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Does your retirement involve giving back? Retirement often brings both the time and motivation to be more generous. Whether the goal is helping family members, donating to charity or volunteering in the community, it's worth defining those goals and building them into an overall plan.

Now that your vision is taking shape, turn it into a plan. Work with your financial advisor to align your savings with the life you want — and revisit that plan as your priorities evolve so your retirement keeps pace with you.

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