

Deaths

Bebout

Shelby V. (Vaughnel) Bebout, 87, of Fredonia passed away on Sept. 19, 2026 at the Linda E. White Hospice House, Evansville.

Born on June 13, 1939 in Marion, she will be remembered for her love of God, her family, and her little dog Jazz. She enjoyed tending to her home and yard and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are her brother Rocky Hornback; a son, Chris (Karen) Flaherty; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Flahardy; stepdaughters Paula Oliver (JC) May, Patricia (Jay) Johns, and Phyllis (Kent) Martin; grandchildren, Bethany Turner, Faith Humphrey, Hope Weber, Kara Gates, Karissa Gates, Patrick Flaherty, Zak Oliver, Darrah Crawford, Damon Brown, Daniel Brown, Chad Faughn, Heath Faughn, Stephanie Nesler, Dallas Bebout and Sydney Jenkins; and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband William Douglas Bebout; a son, Brian Flahardy; a stepson, Stephen Bebout; brothers, Glen Davidson and Roper Hornback; sisters, Jackie Hornback and Linda Ramage; and parents Murray Davidson and Alfreda Hornback.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m., at Boyd Funeral Home in Salem with Roger Jones officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the service at Union Cemetery, Marion. Food and fellowship will follow at Pentecostals of West Kentucky Church in Fredonia.

Shuecraft

Grant Shuecraft, 32, of Salem passed away Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026.

He enjoyed the special things in life. He had a special interest in tractors, heavy equipment, and welding, and he loved tinkering with cars. He also enjoyed deer hunting and spending time outdoors watching wildlife. Some of his most treasured moments were spent with his dad, whether they were working on something together, enjoying the outdoors, or simply spending time with one another.

He loved his family dearly and held a special place in the hearts of his nieces and nephews, who proudly knew him as their favorite uncle. His love for his family and the many memories they shared will always be cherished.

Surviving are his father, David Shuecraft of Salem; two sisters, Chassity (Travis) McDonald of Joy and Whitney (Cody) Russell of Salem; and his nieces and nephews, Sadler McDonald, Tripp McDonald, Zayna Russell and Atley Russell.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Teresa Faye Shuecraft.

All services will be private. Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Vaughn

Jerry Wayne Vaughn was called to his heavenly home on September 3, 2026.

Jerry was born at the home of his parent's, Kenneth E. and Marie Vaughn, in Clay, Ky. on Sept. 23, 1945. Jerry's dad preceded him in death and his mother survives him.

Jerry grew up on farms in his home state of Ky. and was active in the 4H club showing Black Angus Cattle.

In 1964 Jerry married and shortly thereafter moved to Elkhart, Ind. where he resided until his death. Jerry welcomed three daughters into his life at a young age. Sarah (Vaughn) Amos in 1964. Sally (Vaughn) Holloman in 1967. Susan Vaughn in 1969. Jerry is survived by his daughters.

Shortly after moving to Indiana Jerry worked at Bayer prior to being hired on at Elkhart City Fire Department where he would spend 35 years and 7 months of honorable service to the City of Elkhart. What Jerry Vaughn did in that time is nothing short of a legacy. At the young age of 26 years, Jerry embarked on a career where his impact can still be seen in many of the programs and practices that he was involved in. Jerry Vaughn's legacy is detailed below, courtesy of the Elkhart City Fire Department Family that also mourns their fallen brother.

Chief Vaughn was hired by the Elkhart Fire Department on October 16, 1971, beginning a career that would span more than 35 years. His early assignments included Truck 1 and Engine 6 before becoming involved in what was then the developing paramedic program. By 1973, he was assigned to Medic 1, and in 1975 he became Captain of Medic 2 when the unit was placed into service on the south side.

In 1980, Vaughn was appointed Chief Paramedic. After returning to the line as a Lieutenant in 1982, he again assumed leadership of the paramedic program in 1986. During his years as Chief Paramedic, Vaughn played an important role in the development and modernization of EMS within the Elkhart Fire Department. His work included improvements to ambulance and medical equipment, communications with the hospital, pediatric and trauma care capabilities, water rescue equipment, and first responder training throughout the department. In 1987, under his leadership, the Elkhart Fire Department was recognized as the Indiana Paramedic Provider of the Year.

From the early 1990s through 1999, Vaughn served as a Lieutenant in the Suppression Division, including several years assigned to A Shift at Station 2. His personnel file also reflects the type of firefighter he continued to be during this period. While off duty in 1996, Vaughn stopped at a serious injury accident and assisted an engine company by maintaining spinal stabilization of an unconscious patient until an ambulance became available.

Vaughn was appointed Fire Chief in 2000 and served in that position through 2002. He later served as a Division Chief with responsibilities that included coordinating fire and EMS training, maintaining EMS compliance, and serving as the department's liaison with the EMS Commission and Elkhart General Hospital.

During the final years of his career, Vaughn continued serving the department in training and inspection roles before retiring on May 31, 2007, with 35 years and 7 months of service to the City of Elkhart.

Chief Vaughn's career covered several generations of the Elkhart Fire Department. From helping establish and develop the department's early paramedic program, to serving on a suppression company, leading the department as Fire Chief, and continuing to serve in training and inspection roles his impact can still be seen in many of the programs and practices that followed.

Please keep Chief Vaughn's Mother, his surviving family members, and the Elkhart City Fire Department Family that served alongside him in your prayers as they mourns the loss of Jerry Vaughn.

Hedrick

Carol Lee Hedrick, 81, of Steelville, Mo., died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026 at Steelville Senior Living. She was born Feb. 28, 1945 in Marion to Orvel Lee Richardson (1910-1982) and Velma Ruth Richardson, nee Etheridge (1918-2011). Hedrick moved from Kentucky to Missouri around age 12. She later married Frederick E. Sanders, and together they had two children, Vickie and Frederick R.

Hedrick worked for most of her life as a friendly and popular waitress in California (Denny's), Kentucky (Druthers and Marion Coffee Shop), and Missouri (Spare Rib Inn in Steelville and Voss Truck Stop in Cuba). With her outgoing personality and fun spirit, she brought a sense of welcome and hospitality to all. She also had other jobs, including an early career as a model with the Ford Agency in Palm Springs and being owner and operator of the first video store in Marion (Curve Inn Video).

She loved music and going to concerts, but she especially loved country life, and was a bit of a homesteader. She enjoyed spending time outdoors,

landscaping her flowers and garden, planting and weeding and keeping everything in beautiful order. She foraged for native plants in the woods, and enjoyed canning and natural medicines.

She was a constant caregiver to beloved pets of all kinds. Strays found her or she found them, and she had a special way of getting along with cats, dogs, rabbits, parrots, ducks, goats and mules.

She was a Christian with deep faith who described Jesus as her best friend. She listened to Bible teaching and read devotional books, and attended Center Point Baptist Church in Steelville and Living Word Church in Leasburg. Most of all, Hedrick loved her family, her animals, and the simple peace and solitude she found at home.

Surviving are her loving children, Vickie (Terry) Moutray of Steelville, Mo., and Frederick R. (Susan) Sanders of La Mirada, Calif.; two grandchildren, Freddy Sanders of Pomona, Calif., and Phoebe Sanders of La Mirada, Calif.; three sisters, Betty McDowell, Shelby Collins and Shelia Richardson, all of Marion; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation is from 5-6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 24 at Hutson's Funeral Home in Steelville, Mo. A Celebration of Life will follow with Pastor Jimmy Delcaourt officiating. The family chose cremation, and will hold a graveside service at her parents' burial place at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 followed by a reception at 11:30 a.m., in Salem at the Livingston Hospital Foundation Community Center. Myers Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. In her memory, the family asks for donations to be made to a local charity that helps keep pets with their owners in times of crisis: Let's Stay Together Pets 1279 Farris Road, Bourbon MO 65441; Venmo: @ LetsStayTogetherPets.

Towery

Ellis E. "Fuzz" Towery, 86, of Negley, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, at Crandall Medical Center in Sebring, Ohio.

Ellis "Fuzz" Towery was born at home in Princeton on Dec. 12, 1939, the son of the late Elvin and Viola (Andrews) Towery.

Fuzz proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Army with Battery C, 321st Artillery, where he also served as a Paratrooper. Following his military service, he worked as a boilermaker for Pittsburgh Des Moines, traveling throughout the United States with his crew building water towers, some reaching heights of 350 feet.

Fuzz was a proud lifetime member of American Legion Post 290 in Columbiana, Ohio, where he served as Adjutant for several years. He faithfully volunteered his time every Friday to help with the Legion's Fish Fry and enjoyed not only being part of the many events, but also the friendships and camaraderie he shared with his fellow members. He was also a member of the Lake Tomahawk Sportsman's Club and enjoyed participating in the many events held at the lake.

In his later years, Fuzz found peace in the simple

pleasures of life at Lake Tomahawk. He enjoyed his daily walks around the lake, always taking the time to say hello and visit with his neighbors. He loved a good old Western movie and was an avid reader of military history, with the Civil War being among his favorite subjects. During retirement, he and his beloved wife, Lorraine, purchased a camper and set out to explore the beauty and wonder of the American West, creating many treasured memories along the way. Above all else, Fuzz cherished the time he spent with his family. The moments shared together, whether big or small, meant the most to him and will remain treasured memories for those who loved him.

Ellis is preceded in death by a son, Jonny E. Towery; a daughter, Lynn Haldiman; grandson, Kyle Maite; brother, Vernon "Lefty" Towery; and an infant sister.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 59 years, Lorraine (Dayton) Towery, whom he married on Dec. 17, 1966; 2 daughters, Lisa Mitchell and her husband, Andrew, and Kimberly Tolin and her fiancé, Bob Rich; seven grandchildren, Jason Rowland, Keri Tasker, Caitlin Tasker, Kylie Shortt, Michael Haldiman, Jenny Santana, and Matthew Haldiman; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; his sister, Claudena Travis; two brothers, Samuel W. Towery and his wife Penny and Hinkle "Buddy" Towery; and many nieces and nephews.

ORDINANCE 08-17-2026-01

City of Fredonia, Kentucky

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Fredonia City Council annually establishes the ad valorem tax rates for real and personal property situated within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Fredonia, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS Chapter 132.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fredonia City Council as follows:

Section 1. The tax rate for the tax year 2026 is hereby fixed at the rate of 29.7 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable real property, including franchises; said taxes are hereby levied on all real property situated within the City of Fredonia, Kentucky, belonging to persons, partnerships, corporations and/or fiduciaries, and shall be divided as follows: the 29.7 cents levy shall be paid into the city General Fund for city purposes.

Section 2. The tax rate for the tax year 2026 is hereby fixed at the rate of 29.7 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of taxable personal property, including franchises; said taxes are hereby levied on all personal property situated within the City of Fredonia, Kentucky, belonging to persons, partnerships, corporations and/or fiduciaries, and shall be divided as follows: the 29.7 cents levy shall be paid into the city General Fund for city purposes.

Section 3. All city property taxes for the 2026 tax year shall be due by and subject to the discounts and penalties as provided for in KRS 134.015 and all other applicable state law.

Section 4. All ad valorem city taxes for 2026 shall be collected by the Caldwell County Sheriff.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the required readings, passage and publication.

So passed upon first reading this 17th day of August 2026.

So passed upon second reading this 9th day of September 2026.

Jimmy Don Seibert
Mayor, City of Fredonia



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