

Obituaries

Brenda Carol (Taylor) Watson



Brenda Carol (Taylor) Watson, 79 of Glasgow, passed away April 17, 2026, at the T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow. She was born Feb. 1, 1947, in Burkesville, to Paul and Nellie “Nell” (Ward) Taylor. She was of the Christian faith and was a homemaker, dedicating her life to caring for her family. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Larry Taylor, as well as sisters, Janice Estes Ballou and Jean Thurman.

She is survived by her husband, Don Keen Watson of Glasgow, whom she wed May 2, 1964; children, Don Keen Watson Jr. (Cynthia) of Glasgow, Shan (Geanetta) Watson of Burkesville; siblings, Linda Sue (Gary) Garner of Louisville, Gary Taylor of Danville, Debbie (Joe) Mayes of Louisville; grandchildren, Emily (Louie) Saltsman, Dakota (Brooklyn) Harlow, Sarah Watson; great-grandchildren, Khloe Saltsman, Kade Saltsman, Austin Harlow, Colter Harlow; special caregivers, Leisa Minton, and Tammie Stamps.

The funeral service was conducted April 20, in the Memory Chapel of Norris-New Funeral Home in Burkesville, with Bro. Nickie Richards officiating. Burial was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, in Cumberland County.

Casket bearers were Shan Watson, Dakota Harlow, Landon Bunch, Louie Saltsman, Stevie Estes, and Jacob Fields. Honorary Casket Bearer was Jimmy White.

Norris-New Funeral Home in Burkesville was honored to be in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences at www.norris-new.com

Wedell Eugene “Gene” Burchett



Wendell Eugene “Gene” Burchett, 78 of Albany, passed away April 21, 2026, at The Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital Jean Waddle Care Center in Somerset. He was born Dec. 11, 1947, in Clinton County, to Perry Martin and Margeret (Johnson) Burchett.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Ansel Burchett, Arnold Burchett, Junior Burchett, and Donald Burchett; sisters, Faye Bell, Francis Christmas, and an infant sister.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Ethel (Brown) Burchett of Albany, whom he wed Dec. 24, 1968; children, Michael (Dorothy) Burchett, Jason (Lorie) Burchett, both of Albany; brother, Fred (Elvina) Burchett of Indiana; grandchildren, John Burchett, Dustin Burchett, Cody Burchett, Dallas Perdue, Randall Wilkinson; great-grandchildren, Audrina Burchett, Ezmay Perdue, Kayson Burchett, Maylin Perdue, Paisley Burchett.

Campbell-New Funeral Home of Albany was honored to be in charge of all the arrangements. Online condolences at campbell-new.com

Mary Louise Landrum



Mary Louise Landrum, 90 of Glasgow, passed away April 23, 2026, at NHC Healthcare in Glasgow. She was born Sept. 26, 1935, to the late John Will and Mollie Florence Green Clark.

She was of the Christian faith and enjoyed dealing in antiques and spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, David, Danny and Jeff Landrum; one brother, John Stanley Clark; a daughter-in-law, Sandy Watkins Landrum; and a son-in-law, Jerry Bridgeman.

Survivors include four children, Mike Landrum (Wilma), John Landrum (Betty Jo), Harold Landrum (Lisa Poland) and Brenda Bridgeman, all of Glasgow; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Landrum, of Smiths Grove; ten grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; three siblings, Charles Wayne Bunch, Shirley Isenhower, and Sandi Rutan (Chick), all of Lebanon, IN; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were April 26, at McMurtrey Funeral Home, with burial in Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

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Fish Fry and BBQ Chicken Event

The Breeding Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Fish Fry and BBQ Chicken Event opening at 3:30pm, May 2, with dinner beginning at 4 and The Auction starting at 5:30. They are located at 290 Fire Department Ln., Breeding KY. For information called 270-378-1807

Farm Helpers

With the costs of fertilizer, diesel fuel, and other inputs continuing to increase, this time of year can also put a lot of financial pressure on many farm families. There are other producers going through similar issues. The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) is here to help manage during these stressful times—helping develop monthly cash flow projections, analyzing costs, consulting with you over the phone to talk through an issue, etc. The KCARD team has and will continue to work hard, work smart, and work together to serve our clients and all of Kentucky agriculture. kcard@kcard.info | (859) 550-3972

Camp Promise

Hospice of Lake Cumberland announced Camp Promise, a special one-day grief camp designed to support children in our community who have experienced the loss of a loved one, free of charge to children and provides a safe, compassionate environment where they can express their feelings, connect with peers who share similar experiences, and begin to navigate their grief journey in a healthy and supportive way. Throughout the day, June 6, campers will participate in meaningful activities, including arts and crafts, memory-making projects, group discussions, and fun recreational opportunities. Each activity is thoughtfully designed to help children honor their loved ones while building coping skills and resilience. Applications for Camp Promise are currently being accepted. Families can download an application from the Hospice of Lake Cumberland website or pick one up at the office. For more information or to register, please contact: Hospice of Lake Cumberland at (606) 679-4389 or through their website: www.hospicelc.org

Sock Hop

The Cumberland County Fairboard has announced the Sock-Hop Social Event celebrating 120 years of the Cumberland County Fair, from 7pm-10 May 1 at the Fairboard Building on Upper River Street. An old time cake Auction and a soda fountain are also planned at all funds go to Support the fair, Board Member Jean Sells said. Candidates for local office are invited to contact Jean more information. Everyone is invited and wearing a 1950s appropriate dress is appreciated.

Looking for Veterans

Cumberland County Quilt Guild is looking for Cumberland County veterans who have not received a patriotic quilt. Please send name, address, phone, email, Branch of Service, Service Dates, how many years they have been a resident of Cumberland County and your contact information. Please mail to: Cumberland County Extension Office, 90 Smiths Grove Road, Burkesville, KY 42717 ATTN: CCQG or email to cumberlandcoky.edu.

CCMS Council to meet

Cumberland County Middle School Youth Services Center will have Advisory Council meetings on 05/15/2026. These will be held at the UK Extension office and will be open to the public. Any questions can be directed to YSC Coordinator Casey Perdue 270-864-5818.

VFW Meetings

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5419 meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm at the VFW Post, 2195 Glasgow Rd. All eligible veterans are encouraged to attend. The post also holds a breakfast each first Friday of the month starting at 8am at the Post. All veterans are welcome to come by and enjoy.

American Legion Meeting

Meetings of the American Legion Post 119 are 5pm, the first Thursday of each month.

Monthly Tourism Meetings

The Cumberland County Tourism Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center, 111 Hill Street in Burkesville, Kentucky. Open to the public.

Monthly Chamber Meetings

The Burkesville/Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. at the Welcome Center, 111 Hill Street in Burkesville, Kentucky. Open to the public.

Ind. Dev. Board Meetings

The regularly scheduled meeting for the Burkesville - Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 11:00. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at 111 Hill Street - The Welcome Center.

County Water District Meetings

The Cumberland County Water District Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday night at 6pm Meetings will be at 133 Lower River Street and are open to the public. For any question please call (270) 864-3133.

Meals on a Mission

The Burkesville First Christian Church, on North Main, is working with Burkesville Baptist Church to serve free meals the second Friday of every month, starting at 6pm, and will continue the service until all food is distributed. Those planning the service for the community said, “We hope to see you all there.”

AA Burkesville

“If you want to drink it’s your business. – If you want to quit it’s ours,” Burkesville AA Meetings held in Veterans Memorial Community Center, 213 Upper River Street. Fridays 7pm and Sundays 7pm

Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous - Serenity Group meetings are held at Southern Cross Estates, 680 Galilee Rd., Tompkinsville every Thursday at 6pm. Food available at the meetings. Meetings are also held 6pm every Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at the Monroe county medical center, 529 Capp Harlan Rd., Tompkinsville. You can contact Amanda Branham @ 270-308-2881 or Jesse Headrick @ 270-407-1536 if you have any questions.

Our sympathy goes out to all those who have lost loved ones.

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Hidden Treasures with Love The King and the Princes of Elam

Iran is one of the most dangerous places to be a Christian, yet Muslims in Iran are converting to Christianity faster than any place in the world. Where Bibles are prohibited. Where converts, if captured, are killed. Where women are raped before being killed. In the midst of darkness, light springs from the love of Jesus.

Ac 2:17 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:”

Mt 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

Je 49:38 “And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.”

After Iran has shouted death to Israel and America for years. On February 28, 2026, the “King” and 48 principal men were destroyed by a joint United States and Israel strike, fulfilling the prophecy of Je 49:38. It seems as if God is placing his throne in Elam one house at a time, with many going underground to worship Jesus because of persecution.

Jesus said, “If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you.” In Iran, persecution occurs daily. The more Christians are persecuted, the more they multiply. We are blessed in America, but we should seek caution that our blessings don’t become curses. The Muslim population in America has more than doubled in the last 20 years. Open borders and a lack of Christian realism will be our downfall. God did not say that we would set his throne in America, but rather in Elam where Christian persecution occurs daily. The Islamic Republic of Iran kills their own people and has terrorized many nations, especially Israel. Israel and America have chosen to eliminate Iran’s ability to terrorize the world. And with God’s help, Iran’s “King” and 48 principal men were killed on the first day of the war.

The King and the Princes of Elam By Mike Willen with love So easy a child could understand!