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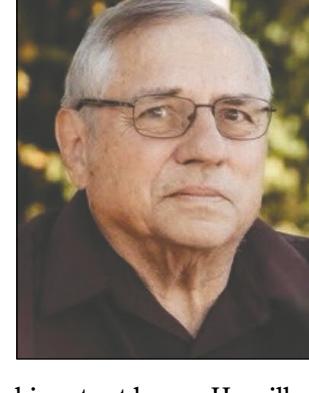
## OBITUARIES

### James 'Jimmy' Willis Sellers, 76

James "Jimmy" Willis Sellers, 76, of Cynthiana, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born July 27, 1949, in Lexington, to the late Robert and Hazel Cochran Sellers. Besides his parents he is preceded in death by a grandson, Blaine Adams; a son-in-law, Scott Martin; two brothers and three sisters.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife, Linda Sellers; one son, Christopher James Sellers; two daughters, Stacey (Luke) Sellers Adams, Michelle (Edwin) Sellers Taylor; seven grandchildren, Tyler (Gaeibriell) Martin, Taylor Martin, Tarah Martin, Mallory Taylor, Aubree Taylor, Brandon (Kacey) Adams, Boston, (Kayla) Adams; and nine great-grandchildren, Rylee, Miller, Vince, Camden, Graylin, Coralee, Brynlynn, Carver, and Scott.

Jimmy loved his family; he enjoyed spending time riding 4-wheelers with the kids and grandkids, hiking and going on cave adventures. He also liked riding motorcycles, going fishing, camping and going to the beach. Jimmy also loved



his cats at home. He will be dearly missed by those who loved him.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Ware Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026, from 5 - 7 p.m., also at Ware Funeral Home. Bro. Jon Welch will officiate the service and burial will be in Battle Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers for the Sellers family will be Shawn Combs, Nick Dickson, Tyler Martin, Brandon Adams, Boston Adams and Mark Taylor. Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of Harrison County, PO Box 861, Cynthiana, KY 41031. View and sign the guest book at [www.warefuneral-home.com](http://www.warefuneral-home.com).

Michael Wayne Babb, 77, of Cynthiana, passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, at Harrison Memorial Hospital. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on Sept. 8, 1948, to the late John and Madge Knapp Babb.

Mike is survived by his best friend, Amanda Morris; his children, Kristina Babb, Michael (Laurie) Wayne Babb II, Michelle Fraze, Jacob Brewer, Natalie Grace Morris, and Emma Faith Morris; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Jones (Bryan McKenney), Jaime (Wes) Speer, Sylvia Johnson, Jaira Sandusky, Elijah Sandusky, Corrine (Trey) Collett, Camilla Babb, Sari Babb, and four great-grandchildren; family including Zona Kay Babb; and his favorite little sister and brother-in-law, Mildred "Mebi" and Rick Haddox.

Very early in life, Mike, N4PF, found a passion for amateur (HAM) radio. He became an avid operator at the age of twelve and held an Amateur Extra Class license for more than 65 years. He was a founding member of the Harrison County Amateur Radio Club and took great pride in his Morse code fluency. Mike found

immense joy in daily communications with fellow Hams around the world and earned many accolades reflecting his decades of dedication to the hobby. Much of Mike's professional career was also spent in radio as on-air personality "Mike Wayne," beginning at WRDS in Charleston, West Virginia, and continuing at WPAR in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and WINN Radio in Louisville, Kentucky. He later transitioned into television, working as an engineer for Channel 32 in Louisville for many years before finishing his career at CMC/CLA (CMWA) as a Network Engineer, where he managed the IT department and infrastructure. After retiring in 2003, Mike embraced his entrepreneurial vision and

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founded Network Engineering, Inc. (The Computer Repair Place), providing residential and commercial computer sales and service, as well as network design, installation, and maintenance. He operated offices and retail locations in both Cynthiana and Georgetown and continued serving his clients until his passing.

Throughout his life, Mike held a deep passion for serving others. He quietly supported numerous civic and nonprofit organizations, as well as individuals he encountered who were in need. He spent many years as a Rotary Club member, eventually serving as President of the Cynthiana Rotary Club and later as Assistant Governor for District 6740. The Rotary Club's Four-Way Test was something Mike strongly believed in and often referenced: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Above all else, Mike knew and loved God. He held that sacred relationship close to his heart, and while he was the first to acknowledge his own



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**Respect and  
trust cannot  
be gifted,  
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be earned**

**TIM HUMPHRIES, JR.**

RETIRED MINISTER

Everyone seems to want to be trusted and respected but very few seem to understand that trust and respect are earned. You can give kindness as a gift. You can give love as a gift. You can give patience, honor and peace as gifts. But none of us can give trust and none of us can give respect.

If we trust another person, it is because they have earned it. If we respect another person, it is because they have earned it. We can treat people with respect from our position, but that does cause us to respect them.

In the 1920s, Columbia University conducted research in many schools throughout New York City. They wanted to know how many students were honest; how many could be trusted.

Each school agreed for their students to be tested. The test sheets were given out; the pencils were given out; and the students were given thirty minutes to complete the test.

The test was full of questions like, "If you are given too much change at a store, do you bring it to the attention of the clerk?" "If your friend asks if you like her unattractive dress, do you tell a little white lie or do you tell her the truth?" The test had 100 such questions.

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**HARRISON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
Joe Amos "Doc" Nichols M.D.  
August 20, 1937 - January 17, 2026**

WHEREAS, Harrison Memorial Hospital honors the life and legacy of Dr. Joe A. Nichols, whose service, leadership, and dedication helped shape the hospital and strengthen the health of the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichols joined the Harrison Memorial Hospital Active Medical Staff on May 19, 1966, and devoted more than four decades to caring for patients and advancing the mission of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichols demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to Harrison Memorial Hospital through 33 years of service on the Board of Directors, helping guide the hospital through important periods of growth and change; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Nichols held numerous leadership roles on the Medical Staff, including Chief of Staff in 1975 and 1981, Vice Chief of Staff, and Secretary/Treasurer, and served as medical advisor for the extended care facility and outpatient clinic chief of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichols retired from medical practice in 2011, leaving behind a legacy defined by service, integrity, leadership, and a lifelong dedication to the care of others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichols' impact on Harrison Memorial Hospital will be felt for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Harrison Memorial Hospital hereby honors and recognizes the life, service, and enduring legacy of Dr. Joe A. Nichols; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its deep gratitude for Dr. Nichols' many contributions and extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Joe Nichols on behalf of the employees, medical staff, and Board of Directors of Harrison Memorial Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the permanent records of Harrison Memorial Hospital as a lasting tribute to Dr. Nichols' remarkable service and dedication.

Adopted this 19th day of January, 2026  
By the Board of Directors of Harrison Memorial Hospital

*Wayne Conner*  
Wayne Conner  
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