

OBITUARIES

MARY MARGARET RICE “SIS”



Mary Margaret Rice “Sis” 70, of Georgetown, passed away Sunday, August 2, 2026, in Lexington

Born in Mason County on June 29, 1956, she was the daughter of the late Eugene “Gene” Rice Sr. and Anna Pearl Rice

Mary Margaret was a Registered Nurse at UK for 40 plus years where she worked as a Dialysis Nurse. She later retired in 2021. She was a member of Strawberry United Methodist Church where

she was a long-time member. She later moved her membership to New Zion United Methodist Church. She was an avid UK sports fan, she loved to travel, listen to music, and spend time with family and friends. Mary Margaret always made sure to say “I love you more”

She is survived by her two stepsons, Jay and Myles Burdette, two siblings, Eugene Rice Jr. and Wanda (Eddie) Rice Clark, and 3 grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The funeral service will begin at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Flemingsburg United Methodist Church with Rev. Dane Clark

Mary Margaret will be laid to rest in Fleming County Cemetery.

Pallbearers include Marcus Floyd, Chan Gra-

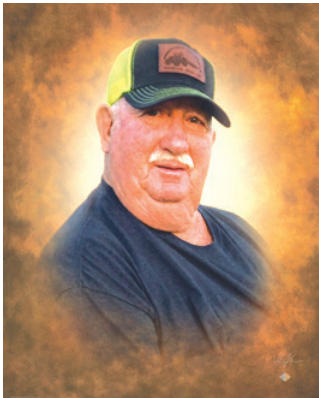
ham, Ashley Graham, Josh Graham, Jesse “Jarue” Mark III, Ray Prather, Shawn Prather, Justin Prather, Landen Prather,

Honorary Pallbearers include: Brady Adams, LeeAnn Buxton, Joann Colgan, Peggy Gray, Debbie Watson, and Co workers @UK

Visitation will be at 10a.m., until the hour of service at 1 p.m., on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Flemingsburg United Methodist Church

In place of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Mary Margaret to American Diabetes Association or Scott Co. Humane Society (1376 Lexington Rd, Georgetown, KY 40234)

Friends may offer online condolences at www.boonenickellfuneralhome.com



Charles Wayne Ishmael, 77, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at his home.

Born in Bald Hill on July 5, 1949, his father was the late Earl Brooks Ishmael and his mother was the late Lucille “Blondie” Planck Ishmael.

Charles was a farmer all his life, he milked for many years and later custom chopped Rye Grass and Silage for

CHARLES WAYNE ISHMAEL

many farm. Recently he could be found with Don building fence with Ishmael Fencing. One of his greatest joys in life was his family, he was a loving husband, father, and papaw. Charles was an avid University of Louisville fan and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Charles is survived by his wife of 57 years, Glenda Woodard Ishmael; his daughter Annette Brown and husband DW and son Don Ishmael; his three grandchildren, Chase and wife Courtney, Morgan and Phillip; and his great grandchildren, Taylor and Harper; siblings Charlotte Fannin, Larry Ishmael and wife Connie, and Susie Shepherd and husband Shep; along with several nieces and nephews extended family and friends.

In addition to his mother Blondie and his father

Earl Brooks, Charles was preceded in death by his three siblings, Jimmy, Timmy and Greg Ishmael.

The funeral service will begin at 7 p.m., Monday, August 10, 2026, at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home with Ike France officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m., until the hour of service at 7 p.m., Monday, at Boone-Nickell located at 150 West Water Street in Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

In place of flowers please consider a donation in memory of Charles to the Cancer Care Club, (P O Box 189, Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041).

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AUDREY L. WILLIAMS BURGIN WHITTON



Audrey L. Williams Burgin Whitton passed away August 3, 2026 at her home in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. She born in Bath County, Kentucky near South Sherburne to the late Emery and Lena Perry Williams on November 11, 1932.

She attended Bethel,

Kentucky School and after graduation she attended and graduated from the Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Lexington, Kentucky and worked as a nurse for over fifteen years.

Audrey married Charles E. Burgin whom she had met when he pastored the Sherburne Christian Church and were married for nearly thirty years.

As a nurse she worked at a nursing home in Louisville, Kentucky. She also taught medication administration at the Montgomery County Community College. She also worked as a nurse and substitute teacher with the mentally challenged.

She enjoyed quilting and served two years as president of the quilting

club in Maysville, Kentucky. She served two years of the President of the Johnson Homemakers of Fleming County. She was a Republican election officer and worked the polls for several years and also was a Kentucky Colonel.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Imogene Bromagen and Siebell Fleming; her grandparents, Ernest and Maggie Boyd Williams and Cyrus and Vernetta Starrett Perry.

Later in life she was married to Irvin Lee Whitton for twenty years.

Survivors include one son, Robert Charles Burgin of Flemingsburg; a granddaughter Crys-

tal Garrett of Louisville, Kentucky; also several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be conducted at 12:00 Noon Thursday August 6, 2026 at the Fleming County Cemetery with Rev. Greg Grimes officiating.

There will be no visitation.

All arrangements for Audrey L. Williams Burgin Whitton and family are under the care and direction of the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home, 405 South Main Cross Street, Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041.



Carolyn Hayden, 82, of Flemingsburg, passed away Friday, August 7, 2026, at Fleming County Hospital. She was the widow of Robert Hayden.

Born in Fleming County on June 22, 1944, her father was the late Husten Pierce “H.P.” Graham and her mother was the late Emma Belle Jackson Graham.

Carolyn was a very fashionable woman who loved to shop. She was a loving mother and wife who always put family before herself. She had worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Saint Claire for 20 plus years. She was member of the Strawberry United Methodist Church.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter, Angela Taul; her son, Justin Taul and wife Sofenia “Pumkin”; her daughter-

in-law, Monique Hayden; her six grandchildren, Corey Rogers, Sylan Mayes, Syrus Mayes, Qua Lewis, Tyrell (Laura) Hayden, and Dominique (Sydney) Hayden; and her four great grandchildren, Natalia Rogers, Ava Hayden, Asher Hayden, and Dottie Hayden. She is also survived by seven of her siblings, William Nelson Graham, Larry Graham, Thomas L. (Terea) Graham, Husten (Nancy) Graham, Hazel Graham, Kathey (Ernesto) Lopez, and Janet Stallard; along with many extended family members and friends.

In addition to Robert, her husband of 42 years who passed in 2024; her mother Emma, and her father H.P.; Carolyn was preceded in death by two stepsons, Lance Hayden and Lamar Hayden; three of her sisters, Julia Lofton, Bettye Ann Lofton, and Susan Graham.

A memorial visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home located at 150 West Water Street in Flemingsburg.

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Legal Notice
Fleming County EMS

There will be a public hearing at the Fleming County EMS building on August 17 2026. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the property tax rate for Fleming County EMS for 2026. The hearing will begin at 8:00 AM at the Fleming County EMS building located at 2343 Bypass Flemingsburg, KY 41041.

The total taxable value of all property in the Fleming County EMS district for 2026 is approximately \$963,898,672.00.

The real property tax rate for 2025 was 0.086 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. This rate produced approximately \$686,216.00

The compensating tax rate for 2026 is 0.083 per \$100.00 of assessed value. The revenue this would generate is approximately \$700,291.00

The property tax rate for year 2026 will be 0.086 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. The total revenue this will generate will be approximately \$725,602.00.

The tangible tax rate for year 2026 will be 0.086 per \$100.00 of assessed value. The revenue this will generate will be approximately \$103.355.

The tax rate for year 2026 will be 0.045 per \$100.00 of assessed value on all vehicles and water craft. The revenue this will generate will be approximately \$74,088.00.

The total taxes collected in 2025 from franchise, property, tangible, telecommunications, vehicle and watercraft was approximately \$757,552

All tax revenues will be utilized for operational and capital expenses.

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