

**OBITUARIES**

**John Bruce Owens Jr.**

John Bruce Owens Jr., 62, known to family and friends as Bruce, passed away on May 28, 2026.



Owens

Born on December 17, 1963, Bruce dedicated his life to his family, his faith, and the young men he mentored throughout a remarkable coaching career. A longtime resident of Georgetown, Kentucky, he became a fixture in the Georgetown College community and left a lasting impact on countless lives.

Bruce spent more than three decades coaching college football from 1987 to 2017. With the exception of a four-year stint at California University of Pennsylvania from 1993 to 1996, his coaching career was spent at Georgetown College. During his tenure, he helped lead the Tigers to three NAIA National Championships in 1991, 2000, and 2001. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the college, Bruce was inducted into the Georgetown College Athletic Hall of Fame on May 21, 2022.

While the championships and accolades were significant, Bruce's greatest legacy was the impact he had on the young men he coached. He viewed coaching as far more than a profession—it was a calling. He poured himself into mentoring, teaching, encouraging, and helping shape the lives of generations of student-athletes. Many who crossed his path left not only as better players, but as better men.

Bruce was known for his remarkable memory and sharp mind. Friends and former players often marveled at his ability to recall names, stories, statistics, and details from decades earlier. He always seemed to have a story to tell, often delivered with perfect timing and a sense of humor that could bring laughter to any situation. His wit, wisdom, and gift for storytelling made him a beloved

friend and companion.

Above all, Bruce loved his family. He possessed an iron will and a generous heart, and he devoted himself to being the best father he could be. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, providing strength and guidance through every season. In his final days, he leaned fully into that faith, facing life's last chapter with courage and conviction.

Bruce is survived by his sons, Sean Owens and Connor Owens; their mother, Kathy Owens; his grandson, Cason Owens; his sisters, Iveagh Lehmann and Ondine Owens; his stepmother, Janet Owens; his stepbrothers, Todd Melnik and Jeffrey Melnik; and his adopted brother, Choon Seung Ham.

Bruce's legacy lives on in his family, his former players, his colleagues, and all those fortunate enough to have known him.

A Celebration of Life honoring Bruce will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, starting at 3 p.m. at John L. Hill Chapel on the campus of Georgetown College in Georgetown.

**Edith "Edie" Lane Racette**

Edith "Edie" Lane Racette, 74, passed away Friday, May 22, 2026.



Racette

Edie was born to the late Florence Elizabeth Singleton Racette and Lawrence Edward Racette Sr. on Dec. 21, 1951, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Edie earned her associate's degree in graphic design from Tidewater Community College and later worked as an auto worker for Ford automotive for 20 years before retiring. She was a free spirit who enjoyed the arts and lived an active life making others smile with her humor. Edie enjoyed drawing, architecture, and antiques such as her dolls.

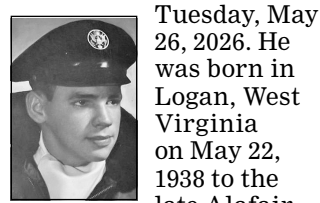
Edie is survived by her sisters, Elizabeth Green

and Joyce Nichols; nieces, Emily Porter, Elissa Porter, Rebecca Wilson Gillman, and Nichole Nichols; nephews; Wiley Porter and Stephen Nichols; many grand-nieces and nephews; and dear friend, Suzette Walters. Edie was preceded in death by her brother Lawrence Edward Racette Jr and sister, Theresa Gail Wilson.

Services will be private. www.johnsonsfuneral-home.com.

**Dallas Vaughn Borders**

Dallas Vaughn Borders, 88, husband of Karan Borders, passed away



Borders

Tuesday, May 26, 2026. He was born in Logan, West Virginia on May 22, 1938 to the late Alafair Graves and Vaughn Borders. Dallas was a veteran of the United States Airforce and worked for Rockwell International as the maintenance supervisor.

As a pastime, Dallas enjoyed golfing especially with his granddaughter, Madison Borders. Dallas was also a member of Safe Harbor Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory includes his loving wife of 63 years, Karan (nee Perry); his three sons, Derrick (Pam) Borders, Todd (Donna) Borders, Chad (Paula) Borders; siblings, Donna Wooten, Connie Sheets, Linda Dawson, Phoebe Wellman, Darlene VanHoose, Kathy May; and grandchild, Madison Borders.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Pat Colley and Joe Borders.

Celebration of Life will be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026 at Safe Harbor Baptist Church, 519 Gano Ave, Georgetown, KY 40324. Visitation for friends and family will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a meal for all to follow. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Safe Harbor Baptist

Church 519 Gano Avenue, Georgetown, KY. Clark Legacy Center, Brannon Crossing is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.ClarkLegacyCenter.com.

**Charles Rodrick Hoffman**

On April 21, 1956, Charles Rodrick Hoffman, 72, was born to



Hoffman

Gabe Porter Hoffman and Carrie James Hoffman. As the first grandson born to Charlie and Louisa James and his two doting aunts Bonnie James Lynn (Donald) and Betty Ann James Clifton (Charles), he quickly became their special "Little Charlie."

Charlie enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in 1974 after graduating from Scott County High School. Kroger kept his job open for him while he attended boot camp. Charlie worked at Kroger for 43 years, eventually becoming Scott County's favorite meat cutter. Charlie also served as the union steward for UFCW Local 227. He felt it was important to protect the rights of workers.

On Aug. 21, 1975, Charlie married Ann Boykin, and together they shared 50 years of marriage. They were blessed with three children, Brooke (Daniel Conley), Charlie Jr. (Christy), and Andrew, and nine grandchildren: Taylor, Joshua, Carrie Joe Anna, Channing, Daniel, Harper, Piper, Kennedy, and Campbell.

His father was legendary in Scott County politics, so it was only natural that Charlie would eventually begin his own political career in 1989. Charlie was elected Scott County Commissioner of District 2. One of his campaign promises was to bring waterlines to all areas of the county. He began the process and, after being elected State Representative in 1998, brought back funding for waterline ex-

pansion throughout Scott County.

As State Representative of District 62, Charlie gained the respect of his fellow legislators and became the first native of Scott County elected to leadership as Democratic Caucus Chair. Charlie was known to be an effective leader and was endorsed many times by the Lexington Herald-Leader. According to the Legislative Research Commission, Charlie was the most contacted legislator in Frankfort, an honor he loved because it meant he was helping people find answers. Charlie always stated in his ads and campaign materials, "I'll be your friend in government." He loved Scott County and was thankful for the honor and opportunity to serve his friends.

Charlie introduced legislation to provide funding of \$312,000, representing one dollar for each Kentuckian who served in World War II, for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. He worked with Toyota to formulate legislation requiring seat belt usage. No other legislator had the courage to sponsor this bill, as it was very unpopular at the time. Many lives have been saved because of it. He secured millions of dollars to build a reservoir, to help ensure a stable water supply and a strong future for Scott County, and funding for an award winning Scott County Senior Citizen Center, Scott County Football Fieldhouse, Yuko-En Pavillion, and road safety improvements such as; traffic lights at Cardinal Drive and the widening of US 255 while protecting the boundaries of Crest Lawn Cemetery. He saved Scott County taxpayers millions of dollars by voting with his fellow Commissioner Bobby Rankin to ensure that the State of Kentucky kept its promise to pay for the Georgetown Bypass.

Charlie was a strong supporter of Scott County law enforcement officers and firefighters.

He was also a broker, auctioneer, and owner of Hoffman Real Estate and

Auction Co.

In his childhood, Charlie was active in Scott County 4-H. He entered projects in geology and the Saddle Blanket Club at the Scott County Fair each year. Later, he saw that his children also participated in 4-H. Each eventually were 4-H state champions in geology, forestry, and cooking. In recent years, he entered his biscuits in the Scott County Fair. He was very proud that two times his biscuits were judged as the Scott County Fair blue ribbon winners.

While we mourn the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, we also celebrate the remarkable life of Charles Rodrick Hoffman and the lasting impact he made on his family, friends, and the Scott County community he loved so dearly.

Besides his immediate family, Charlie is survived by his brothers, Wyatt (Kathy) and Jamie, his sister, Kathleen (Vince), and half-brother, John T., and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his half-brothers, Joe, Lew, and Ron and half-sisters, Alice Nunnelley McMenema and Alberta Conway.

Services will be held at Tucker, Yocum and Wilson Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday, June 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with the funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Georgetown Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Andrew Hoffman, Charlie Hoffman, Jr. Joshua Smith, Daniel Chase Conley, Wyatt Hoffman, Jr., and David Lucas. Honorary Pallbearers will be Wyatt and Jaimie Hoffman, Yolanda Costner, Fred Wayman, Donnie Doan, Greg Matheny. Daryl Toney will be officiating the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis TN 38105 or online at St. Jude Memorial Giving.

**Public Notice**

**Estate settlements announced**

NOTICE TO CREDITOR Rolanda Dunaway of 420 Lower Cane Creek Road, Stanton, Ky 40380 was appointed Administratrix of the estate of Shirley Jean

Duff on May 29, 2026. All claims are to be filed by November 29, 2026, or forever barred.

Rolanda Dunaway of 420 Lower Cane Creek Road,

Stanton, Ky 40380 was appointed Administratrix of the estate of Vada Duff on May 29, 2026. All claims are to be filed by November 29, 2026, or forever barred.

**SCOTT COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

**Second reading of ordinance relating to annual budget June 12**

PUBLIC NOTICE Scott County Fiscal Court in their regular meeting on June 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM will have second reading of

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 Ordinance 26-03; An

Ordinance relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

The meeting will be held in the courtroom at Scott County Courthouse, 101 East Main Street, Georgetown, Kentucky.

A full text copy of said Ordinance will be available for public inspection in the office of the Scott County Judge/Executive, 2nd floor, Scott County Courthouse, Monday through Friday 8:30- 4:30.

*Seeking owner of a 2023 Black Dodge Ram*

Will the owner of a 2023 Black Dodge Ram 1500, VIN 1C6SR-FLT3PN622958, Owner Tiffany Brown, please contact Sharpe's Towing, 210 East Honaker Rd, Stamping Ground, KY 40379 at 502-867-0860. This vehicle will be sold to pay past due tow bill on June 5th.

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