

# OBITUARIES



**JOHN FRANCIS**

John K. Francis, 56, of Harrodsburg, husband of Melissa Jenkins Francis, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.

Born Sept. 4, 1969, in Cherry Point, NC, he is the son of the late Troy Lee and Carletta Mae (Dunn) Francis.

He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two daughters; one sister, Marilee Francis of London and two brothers, Mark Francis and Joey Francis of Harrodsburg.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Victor Leon Francis.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m., at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with Derek Baker officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**GENEVIEVE HENSLEY**

Genevieve Hensley, 79, of Salvisa, widow of Charles Thomas Hensley, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born Dec. 17, 1946, in Rockcastle County, she was the daughter of the late William and Nancy (McDaniels) McFerron.

She was a former Mercer County Schools bus driver and custodian, was co-owner of the Hensley's Gun Shop and was a member of Herrington Lake Pentecostal Church, Strathmore's Who's Who, and the American Gunsmith Association.

Survivors include: one daughter, Kathy Reed of Ohio; two sons, Wayne Taylor Jr. and Timmy (Carolee) Taylor, both of Mercer County; one brother, Charles McFerron of Mercer County; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Geneva Pulliam, Jeanette Miller and Pearl Votaw.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with Larry Holbrook officiating. Burial was in Danville Memorial Gardens

Pallbearers were William and Charles McFerron, Billy Votaw, Jay Miller, Ronnie Pulliam and Keith Taylor.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Herrington Lake Pentecostal Church, 254 Hughley Ln. Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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**DON LONG**

Donald Elwood "Don" Long, 80, of Danville, husband of Phyllis Baker Long, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Born May 5, 1945, in Anderson County, he was the son of the late Elwood and Margaret (Cheatham) Long.

He earned a bachelor degree from Eastern Kentucky University, was owned and operated Long Auto Sales, sold real estate and was a member and former deacon of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two daughters, Blair (Michael) Phelps of Lexington and Angie (Daren) Jones of Mt. Sterling; one brother, Eddie (Peggy) Long of Harrodsburg; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Jonathan Johnston and Terry Lester officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Abram Phelps, Elliot Phelps, Parker Jones, Justin Morgan, Greg Ross, Charlie Cheatham and Chris Hart. Honorary pallbearers were the members of his Sunday School class at Harrodsburg Baptist and their traveling friends.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harrodsburg Baptist Church, 312 Main St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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**MICHAEL MOORE**

Michael "Tobo" Moore, 73, husband of Billie Satterly Moore, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, at his residence.

Born Aug. 5, 1952, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Vernon Arthur and Christine Williams Moore.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator for the Mercer County Road Department and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two sons, Michael Chad (Shannon) Moore of Harrodsburg and Eric Ray (Myranda) Moore of Harrodsburg; two brothers, Roy Moore of Harrodsburg and Ronnie Moore of Harrodsburg; one sister, Sandy (Chuckie) Bugg of Harrodsburg; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Vernon Jo Lewis.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 23, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Stephen Brogli and John McDaniel officiating. Burial was in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Eric Moore, Chad Moore, Logan White, Devann White, Trevor Moore and Lane Moore. Honorary pallbearers were Shae Moore and Katy White.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family at [www.alexanderandroyalty.com](http://www.alexanderandroyalty.com).



**BRENT NEWBY**

James Brent Newby, 64, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.

Born July 7, 1961, he was the son of Barbara (the late Dr. John Baughman) Baughman and the late James (Scottie) Marshall Newby.

Survivors, in addition to his mother and step mother, include: one daughter, Celia (Melissa) Taylor; step mother, Scottie Newby; two sisters, Leesa (Brad) Schwarz and Karen (Greg) McCloud; six step brothers and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was the assistant manager at Stratton Lumber in Nicholasville, served on the Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourist Commission, was a board member and president on the Herrington Lake Conservation League, was president of the Chimney Rock Neighborhood Association, organized the "Pancakes with a Purpose" at Sunset Marina to raise funds for the Markey Cancer Center, was a member of the Eastern Kentucky University Eta Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. In Sigma Chi, was a member of the

Harrodsburg Baptist Church and worked part-time as a chef at Sunset Marina and Resort.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Jonathan Johnston and David Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Pat Armstrong, Rick Mallow, Steven Wood, Barry Newby, Clay Sadler, Brad Dunning, Zachary Landers, and Ricky Steele. Honorary pallbearers were the brothers of the EKU Eta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Herrington Lake Conservation League, PO Box 404, Burgin, KY 40310, or the American Cancer Society, PO Box 2167, Lexington, KY 40588.

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**JOHN PRICE**

Mr. John Robert Price, 50, of Liberty, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026.

Born on Feb. 25, 1975, in Savannah, Georgia, he was the son of Dr. John and Terry Watson Price of Liberty.

John obtained his B.S. at Lindsey Wilson College and his master's in education at Georgetown University. He was working toward his Rank 1 at the time of his passing. John dearly loved his position as science teacher at Mercer County Senior High and his students meant the world to him. Above all, he loved his son and daughter and took great joy in their lives. John was a part of the 1993 Casey County High School state tournament team and played baseball and golf as well. He was a basketball and little league baseball coach for his son, and coached softball for his daughter. John loved playing guitar, watching Formula One, riding his four-wheeler and being a special part of his nieces' and nephews' lives. Family was everything to him. John attended Southland Christian Church at the Danville campus and gave his life to Christ at an early age.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include: one son, Jax Price; one daughter, Mia Price; one brother, Jason (Charity) Price of Wilmore; one sister, Kelly Forbes of Liberty; nieces and nephews, Hogan, Talley, Mae and Jase Price and Elizabeth, Luca and Elyn Forbes; and his girlfriend, Russelle Ubas of Elizabethtown.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Marty Shackelford and Bro. Jimmy Brown officiating. Burial was in the Casey County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Jax Price, Jason Price, Hogan Price, Luca Forbes, David Price and Rodney Neat. Honorary pallbearers were Jase Price, John Wesley, Jeff Wesley, Kris Neat, Danny Price and Tommy Rodgers.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the West Side Christian Church, 966 Campbellsville Street, Liberty, KY 42539.

Arrangements by McKinney-Brown Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.mckinneybrown.com](http://www.mckinneybrown.com).

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**ANNA YOUNG**

Anna M. Coy Young, 82, widow of Foster Taylor Young, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2026, in Lancaster.

Born May 29, 1943, in Lexington, she was the daughter of the late Russell Sage and Mary Ed Simpson

Coy. She was a Darby Square Nursing Assistant and a farmer and attended Jessamine Christian Church.

Survivors include: one son, Brown Young of Lancaster; two step sons, Jonny Young of Florida and Eddie Young of Mackville; one step daughter, Patty Short of Lexington; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one step son: Sam Young and 12 siblings.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, at the Peter's Cemetery with Steven Wainright officiating.

Pallbearers will be Troy Combs, Timmy Combs, Taylor Napier, Adam Stapp, Chris Cole, Caleb Young, Gus Caudill and Jackie Caudill.

Visitation 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Harrodsburg will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining comments regarding the proposed use of Municipal Aid funds for the current fiscal year. The public hearing will be held at 208 South Main, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please contact City Hall at 859-734-2383 ext. 103 or email [shuffman@harrodsburgky.gov](mailto:shuffman@harrodsburgky.gov) by Friday, March 6, 2026 at 4 p.m. Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Commission.

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## Athletic

third school in Kentucky offering this program with Healthy Kids.

Board member Amber Francheshi asked about liability and Chief Finance Officer Amber Minor said Healthy Kids would provide liability insurance. The agreement was approved with revisions from board attorney Hadden Dean.

- Recognized students. Caroline Hogue of Mercer County Elementary School, Layne Sutton of King Middle School and Rennan Guyard Doan of Mercer County Senior High School received Superior Titan Awards. The board also recognized student Aiden Griffith, who was selected to be a part of the KMEA Middle School All-State Band and Mercer Senior High wrestler Jaycee Foley, who qualified for state in the 185 pound division.
- Proclaimed Feb. 22-29

FFA week. FFA Mercer Chapter President Guylee Carrier ran through the week's events and thanked the board for the proclamation.

- Approved a \$4,890 offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission. The annual debt service amount of \$4,890 to be used towards the proposed construction or major renovation of facilities outlined in your most current approved facility plan.
- Approved the 2026-2027 Kentucky School-Based Decision Making allocations, which are based on what needs to be provided for each student and the cost.
- Awarded the new mowing contracts with Johnson's Lawn and Landscape LLC to mow the high school, intermediate school, Central Office, and Alvis Johnson

Field and Homescapes to mow the elementary and middle schools. Maintenance Supervisor Will Carlton explained that it was bid per campus rather than the district as a whole. Dividing the contracts will save money, officials said.

"It will save almost \$20,000," Superintendent Jason Booher.

Carlton said the maintenance department will continue to mow Trailblazer Early College and Career Academy and will pick up some areas around King Middle School and the transportation department to save additional money. Carlton also thanked the men in his department for their hard work clearing snow and ice off the parking lots and sidewalks.

- Approved out-of-state travel requests. The board approved a request from Track and Field Coach Lynn

Flach to take up to five student-athletes who qualified for nationals to Virginia Beach, Virginia, March 19-22. The trip will be paid for through Track Booster Club fundraisers.

The board also approved a request from Joseph Dempsey of the KMS FFA chapter to take the six members of the rabbit show team—as well as their rabbits—to the American Polish Rabbit Club's National Show in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, April 17–19. The FFA and donations will cover travel costs.

- Approved a Parent Teacher Organization fundraiser requested by Mercer County Elementary School Principal Nekita Johnson.

The next regular-called meeting of the Mercer County Board of Education will be on Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at King Middle School (961 Moberly Road).

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