

OBITUARIES



FREDA DOUGLAS
Freda Geri Douglas, 73, wife of Stevan Paul Douglas, of Lawrenceburg, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center in Frankfort.

Born April 10, 1952, in Lawrenceburg, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Hoskins) Drury.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church.

Survivors in addition to her husband include: one son, Stevan Tracy Douglas of Lawrenceburg; three sisters, Marlene Patsy Peach, Betty Jean Haydon and Glenda Rose Crigger; one brother, Marcus (Emma) Drury; one sister-in-law, Doris Drury; brother-in-law, Stanley (LuAnn) Douglas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Freda Tavis Douglas; one brother, Ronnie Drury; and three brothers-in-law, John Peach, J.R. Haydon and Dempsey Crigger.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel with John McDaniel and Hilary Claypool officiating. Burial was in Lawrenceburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ricky Drury, Dennis Peach, Clark Peach, Joe Peters, Allan Haydon and Keith Haydon. Honorary pallbearers were the Senior Ladies at Mt. Freedom Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions have been suggested to Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, 181 Cardwell Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.



ELEANOR DUNN
Eleanor Frances White Dunn, 91, widow of Walter Dunn Sr., of Harrodsburg, died Sunday, March 1, 2026 at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born on Nov. 9, 1934, in Burgin, she was the daughter of the late Alvis and Goldie White.

She was choir member, VBS teacher and member of Little Zion Baptist Church, attended West Side School, was employed Jordan Marsh Department Store in New York, worked as a CNA for Caretenders, served as a cook at Shaker Village, and worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block and with the Unemployment Office in Harrodsburg.

Survivors include: six sons, Larry (Vanessa) Gayton of Harrodsburg, Walter Dunn Jr. of Lexington, Timothy Dunn of Lexington, Charles (Trish) Dunn of Woodstock, Ga.; Jonathan (LaCher) Dunn of Corinth, Miss.; and Jason (Susan) Dunn of Lexington; three daughters, Leisha (William) Carr of Bowling Green, Marita Dunn of Harrodsburg and Michelle Dunn of Harrodsburg; siblings, Anna Parks, Jane James "Poochie," Jacquelin White, Charles White and Alvin (Anna). White and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Arnetta White, Shirley Akiwowo and Ruby Dunn and her children, Phyllis Walker and Glenn Dunn.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at the Little Zion Baptist Church in Burgin with Pastor Phil Yates officiating. Burial will be in the Robinson Roe

Cemetery in Burgin.

Visitation Friday, March 6, 5-7 p.m. and 10 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and the honorary bearers are granddaughters.

Funeral Services are entrusted to Sims Funeral Services of Harrodsburg.



MITCH DOYLE
Granville Mitchell "Mitch" Doyle, 64, husband of Karen Anderson Doyle, of Harrodsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026, at his home.

Born Nov. 10, 1961, in Lexington, he was the son of the late Bradford Doyle and Pattie J. Wafford (Sanders).

He was a Mercer County High School graduate, a recent employee of Kroger in Harrodsburg and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Amanda Doyle Caruso; one son, Matthew Blake (Carrie) Doyle; two sisters, Pascha (Luke) Wright of Danville and Jill (Paul) Ammons of Harrodsburg, five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and father and mother-in-law, Scottie and Connie Anderson of Danville.

He was preceded in death by one son, Chase Cameron Doyle.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, March 5, from 4-6 p.m., at Sims Funeral Services with Bro. John David Lane officiating.



RUTH GRIFFITH
Delilah Ruth Griffith died peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026, in Blue Springs, Missouri at the age of 95.

Born Feb. 17, 1931, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Flora Yeaste. Named after her Aunt Ruth who adored her, her family called her "Ruthie."

Ruth enjoyed a happy childhood despite growing up during the Depression years. Active in many school activities, she was a popular cheerleader and gymnast in high school. Upon graduation, she joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. A devout Christian, she was once reprimanded for hanging posters in the women's bathrooms that read "Thou Shalt Not Take the Name of the Lord Thy God in Vain." Though confined to barracks for three days for the act, Ruth would later reminisce with a twinkle in her eye that she had "made her point." She met her future husband, Hoyt Griffith, an Air Force Staff Sergeant, in Arlington, Virginia, where she served as a stenographer at the Pentagon. To her delight, her superior officer - a Colonel who was required to clock flight hours each month - flew Ruth in a military plane to Lexington, Kentucky, for her wedding.

Settling in Virginia, Ruth and Hoyt raised four children. A stay-at-home mother, she later owned and operated a Christian bookstore in Rocky Mount, Virginia, and enjoyed attending bookseller conventions across the country, meeting many authors she admired such as Corrie ten Boom and Joni Eareckson Tada. She attended Franklin Heights Church and especially enjoyed working in the nursery on Sundays for many years, which she felt was her ministry.

Her gentle and loving spirit was evident in her contagious

smile. She loved to play parlor games, board games and card games, and though she might lose (sometimes on purpose), she made every game more fun by her participation.

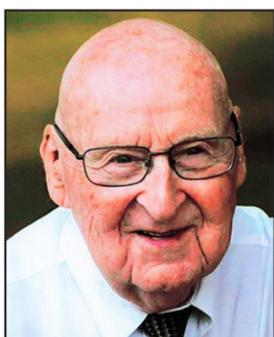
Her seven grandchildren will always remember Grandma's laughter and homemade chocolate pies. When Ruth and Hoyt moved to Missouri in 2018, she joined First Baptist Church in West Plains, and retained her optimism and generous spirit, even after her husband passed away in 2021. She always considered her cup half-full, if not running over, and we are filled with thanksgiving that she was our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and the heart of our family.

Survivors include: three daughters, Della Marie Griffith and Dixie Pohlman of Virginia and Diane (Louis) Smithy of Missouri; one son, Mark Griffith of Florida; seven grandchildren, Tanner (Kara) Griffith of North Carolina, Ashley DiMeola of Vermont, Daniel (Meredith) Griffith of Florida, Michael (Lindsey) Griffith of Florida, Elizabeth Griffith of Florida, Samuel (Sharon) Smithy of Kansas and Jack (Emily) Smithy of Missouri and seven great-grandchildren, including the youngest ones in Missouri and Kansas who called her "Gigi." She loved her nieces and nephews as well, with a special regard for nephews Andy Yeaste of Ohio and Tony Thomas of Kentucky, who kept in touch with their Aunt Ruthie through the years.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Della Thomas, and one brother, Jack Yeaste.

A committal service with full military honors was held Monday, March 2, 2026 at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Springfield, MO, where Ruth was laid to rest beside her beloved husband of 69 years.

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HAROLD LANHAM
Harold Davis Lanham, 85, of Harrodsburg, beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026.

Born on Sept. 23, 1940, in Gravel Switch, he was the son of the late Hugh and Nora Lanham.

Harold dedicated his life to his family, profession, and passion for running. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters, and his beloved wife of 57 years Marline Whitehouse Lanham.

Harold was a devoted member of Carpenter's Christian Church, known for his unwavering faith and deep commitment to those he loved. After earning his bachelor's degree in accounting, he built a distinguished career as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), becoming the first Personal Financial Specialist in the area. He later expanded his professional pursuits into real estate alongside his wife, Marline.

Harold was a man of many accomplishments; his passions extended far beyond his career. He was an avid runner who proudly completed the Boston Marathon and the Ironman, alongside a vast running community he loved dearly. He was also a proud dairy farmer in his early years. Through it all, aviation remained one of his greatest interests, and he cherished his time as a licensed pilot.

Survivors include: one son, Shawn D. (Rebecca) Lanham; two daughters, Heather D. (John Chris Howard) Lanham-Howard and Angela D. (David) Osbourn; one sister, Carol (Sidney) Gordon; and his cherished grandchildren, Hope Lanham, Henry Lanham, J.C. Howard, Ashley Howard, Abigail Osbourn and Jase Osbourn.

His family expresses great appreciation to Angie Comp-

ton for her years of friendship and dedicated care to the Lanham family. Alongside many friends and family Harold truly loved his running group and running community that he counted as family. Special gratitude is extended to the Heritage Hospice nurses Rebecca Stanley, RN, Caren Reed, RN, Andre Gerald, RN and Erica Wilson, LPN for the care and comfort.

Harold D. Lanham will be deeply missed but forever cherished in the hearts of all who knew him. Harold will always be remembered for his kindness, wisdom, and the joy he brought into their lives.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Heritage Hospice Inc. 120 Enterprise Drive Danville KY 40422 or the Griffin Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Whitaker Bank.

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STEVE SHUMAN
Steve Roy Shuman, 62, husband of Jeanette Bottom Shuman, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born April 26, 1963, in Jessamine County, he was the son of the late Irvin and Dorothy Smith Shuman.

He was the owner of Shuman Insulation.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two stepsons, Danny Boswell and Joe Boswell, both of Harrodsburg; one daughter, Shakeela Howard of Harrodsburg; one stepdaughter, Crystal (Stanley) McCarty of Harrodsburg; one brother, Greg (Linda) Rogers of Harrodsburg; two sisters, Brenda (Brian) Dinsmore and Debbie (Elmer) Holt, both of Harrodsburg; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Stephanie Shuman.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Leonard Price officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Stanley McCarty, Steven McCarty, Greg Rogers, Tommy Dean, Lamont Linton and Weston Martt.



JAMES STINNETT SR.
James Benjamin Stinnett Sr., 87, husband of Nettie Lou Jones Stinnett, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, in Danville.

Born Nov. 8, 1938, in Buena Vista, Garrard County, he was the son of the late James Corbett and Mattie Mae Upton Stinnett.

He was the 30 year owner of Stinnett Plumbing and Heating, worked for Lowes in Danville and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Survivors in addition to his wife include: two daughters, Sharon Dawn (Mike) Massey of Mercer County and Cathy Jeanette (Jack) Stevens of Wimauma, Florida; two sons, James Benjamin (Kimberly) Stinnett Jr. and Timothy Evan (Lori) Stinnett, both of Mercer County; one sister, Rebecca Ann Smith of Mercer County; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, William Thomas Stinnett, David

Lee Stinnett, Robert Wayne Stinnett and Larry Russell Stinnett, and one sister, Mary Frances Major.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 28, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with James Bradshaw officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Wayne Koontz, Scott Emerson Koontz, James Benjamin Stinnett III, Mason Daniel, Jackson Ellis and Thomas Spurr.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Storage4Harrodsburg located at 1785 Louisville Rd. Harrodsburg KY 40330 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored by tenants for default on their rental agreement. The public sale will occur as an online auction via www.lockerfox.com on 3/9/2026 at 11:00AM. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions may apply.

ORDINANCE 2026-02

The City of Harrodsburg Ordinance – 2026-02 establishes a comprehensive, non-exclusive framework for regulating communications service providers' use of the City's public rights-of-way, including franchise requirements, fees, construction and aesthetic standards, insurance, enforcement, and penalties, to ensure lawful, safe and non-discriminatory operation. The full text of the Ordinance can be found at <https://www.harrodsburgky.gov>.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Cutleaf Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*) Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Marestail (*Conyza canadensis*), Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) Japanese knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that LG&E and KU, 815 Dix Dam Rd Harrodsburg, KY 40330, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct an aggregate access road as part of a larger development. The property is located 2,600 feet south of Jackson Pike Rd., 5,200 feet west of Highway 127, and 5,600 feet east of Salt River. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOW-Floodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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