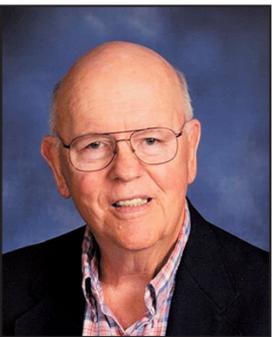


OBITUARIES



BILL BEGLEY

Bill Begley, 88, widower of Judy Morrissey Begley, of Lancaster, died Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Born Dec. 5, 1937, in Yonkers, New York, he was the son of the late Phyllis Fredericks.

After graduating from South Broward High School in Hollywood, Florida, he served in the United States Air Force and was one of the founders of the Christian Appalachian Project that was formed in the mid 1960s in Lancaster.

Fr. Ralph W. Beiting visited with Bill in West Palm Beach, Florida. After sharing his vision over lunch, Fr. Beiting convinced Bill to move to Lancaster to help create the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). In a partnership formed by God, Bill Begley, the late John Holway and the late Father Ralph W. Beiting; CAP was created. Fr. Beiting's vision was simple, "to help the families of Appalachia help themselves escape poverty." During his time at CAP, Bill played a key role in managing logistics and overseeing donations. Bill dedicated his career to CAP. He retired as the Vice President of Development in 2000. Today, CAP serves over 2 million children, families and seniors each year through an array of services to help remove barriers.

Faith, friends and family were everything to Bill. He was an active member at St. Williams Catholic Church in Lancaster, an avid golfer at Dix River Country Club and never missed the opportunity to be around his children and grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at 9 a.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, March 21, at St. Williams Catholic Church with Father John List as the celebrant. A private graveside ceremony will be held for the family.

Visitation 9 a.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Survivors include: one son, Will (Allison) Begley of Harrodsburg; one daughter, Kate Goodhew of Punta Gorda, Florida; one brother-in-law, Mike Morrissey; one sister-in-law, Carol Skaggs; and six grandchildren, Samantha Goodhew, Caroline Goodhew, Ellie (Grant) Begley Brockman, Elizabeth Goodhew, Molly Begley and William Goodhew.

He was preceded in death by one sister-in-law, Pat Morrissey.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Williams Catholic Church, 224 Lexington Road, Lancaster, KY 40444 or the Christian Appalachian Project in his memory at www.christianapp.org.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

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ELEANOR DUNN

With deep love and gratitude, we celebrate the life of an extraordinary woman whose unwavering presence and faithful devotion to God nurtured a harmonious spirit that touched all who knew her. Eleanor Frances White Dunn of Harrodsburg, was surrounded by her loving family as she passed peacefully at Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville, March 1, 2026, at the age of 91.

Born on Nov. 9, 1934, in Burgin, to Alvis and Goldie White, Eleanor entered this world with a humble servant's heart. During her youth, she lovingly helped her family raise her younger siblings, demonstrating early the compassion and strength that would define her life. She gave her life to Christ at a young age at Little Zion Baptist Church, where she faithfully served in many capacities, including Vacation Bible School teacher, choir member and dedicated volunteer.

Eleanor attended West Side School, an all-Black school, where she excelled academically. After graduating, she traveled to New York with her sister Arnetta and was employed at Jordan Marsh Department Store (now Macy's). Upon returning to Kentucky, she worked as a traveling caregiver, continuing her lifelong calling to care for others.

On June 6, 1956, Eleanor married Walter Dunn in Danville, officiated by Reverend O'Neil. Together, they built a loving home and raised 11 children, pouring into them wisdom, faith, knowledge, and the enduring love of God. She was deeply committed to her family and embodied the virtues of a Proverbs 31 woman—strength, honor, compassion and unwavering faith. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cherishing every moment spent with them and taking great pride in the generations that followed her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Walter Dunn Sr., and her children, Phyllis Walker and Glenn Dunn.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her children: her sons, Larry Gayton and Vanessa of Harrodsburg; Walter Dunn Jr. of Lexington; Timothy Dunn of Lexington; Charles Dunn and Trish of Woodstock, Georgia; Jonathan and LaCher of Corinth, Mississippi; and Jason and Susan of Lexington; and her daughters, Leisha Carr and William of Bowling Green, and Marita Dunn and Michelle Dunn, both of Harrodsburg; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family members and dear friends.

She is also survived by her siblings: Anna Parks, Jane James "Poochie," Jacquelin White, Charles White and Alvin White (Anna).

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Arnetta White, Shirley Akiwowo and Ruby Dunn.

Throughout her life, Eleanor was known for her strong work ethic and dedication. She worked as a CNA for Care-

tenders, served as a cook at Shaker Village and worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block. She also completed temporary assignments for Hitachi and the University of Kentucky, where she cared for the children of professors. In addition, she faithfully served her community through her work with the Unemployment Office in Harrodsburg, no matter the role, Eleanor carried herself with dignity, integrity and excellence.

Eleanor's love for her community was evident in countless ways. She once opened her home in Burgin as a clinic so neighborhood children could receive vaccinations. She was a gifted cook and baker, famous for her Derby pie and other cherished desserts, winning several blue ribbons at the Mercer County Fair. She had a special love for flowers and created a beautiful garden at her church in honor of her mother. A devoted daughter, she helped her mother clean the church and later took on those responsibilities herself—always remembering to keep the pastor's candy jar full.

We leave you with a cherished quote from Eleanor's journals and devotionals: "The more you celebrate your life, the more you can celebrate. I don't want to grow so old and look back on my life and see I have not celebrated my life—this is it on this Earth. Be thankful to our Heavenly Father and live the best you can and help others along the way. But don't forget God and yourself. You need God in this life and after you have lived this life."

Her life was a testament to faith, service, love and celebration. Her legacy lives on through the love, light and compassion she instilled in all who knew her, leaving a lasting and eternal impact. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at the Little Zion Baptist Church in Burgin with Pastor Phil Yates officiating. Burial was in the Robinson Roe Cemetery in Burgin.

Pallbearers were Eleanor's grandsons and the honorary bearers are her granddaughters.

Funeral services were entrusted to Sims Funeral Services of Harrodsburg.

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DELORES HATFIELD

Delores Hatfield, 86, of Harrodsburg, widow of Ronald Hatfield, died Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Henson Park Health And Rehabilitation in Danville.

Born June 21, 1939, in Rockport, she was the daughter of the late Alvin (Froggy) Devine and the late Naomi (Hoskins) Ives.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Burgin Baptist Church.

Survivors include: six children, Rex Wilkes of Lancaster, Jim (Beverly) Hatfield of Louisville, Dana (Jeff) Perkins of Harrodsburg, David (Amanda) Hatfield of Gravel Switch, Chris (Kim) Hatfield of Burgin and Debra (Bill) Becknell

of Prospect; two stepchildren, Darlene Stiger of Shepherdsville and R.C. Hatfield of Louisville; two sisters, Janice Heckman and Linda Martion; two brothers, Phillip Devine and Roger Devine; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by four grandchildren, Scottie and Jamie Day, David Parks Jr. and Madison Pearl Becknell, and two siblings, James Devine and Helen Haag.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 10, at the Burgin Memorial Garden with Greg Warren officiating.

Pallbearers were Josh Wilkes, Cooper, Drew and Seth Hatfield, Parker Becknell, Hayden Sadler, Gavin Coffman and Landen and Bentley Wilson.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAIM), 1351 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.



GEORGE JONES

George Richard Jones, 67, husband of Marianne Borders Jones, died Monday, March 9, 2026, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington.

Born Nov. 10, 1958, in Dover, Delaware, he was the son of the late Robert Clay Jones and the late Tonne Lanham Pierce

He was a Northpoint Correctional officer in charge of training new hires.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two sisters, Reva (Sean) Marcum of Somerset and Donna (Jeff) Beavers of Somerset.

Funeral services will be held at noon, Friday, March 13, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Services. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Louisville.

Visitation 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. until the hour of service on Friday at the funeral home.



VIRGIL MILTON

Virgil Lee "Bud" Milton, 74, of Harrodsburg, widower of Janet Godbey and Lynn Davis, died Saturday, March 7, 2026, at his home.

Born April 30, 1952, in Forrest City, Arkansas, he was the son of the late John and the late Mary Meadie (Wright) Milton.

He retired as a chief petty officer for the US Navy, serving in Vietnam and the Gulf, and was a self employed consultant.

Survivors include: one daughter, Bonnie June (Brandon) Keeton of Harrodsburg; three step-sons, Michael Joe Redding, Patrick Redding and Timothy Case; three sisters,

Patsy Grief, Betty Land and Margaret Smith; two grandchildren, Dylan Devine and Dakota Milton; and six step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Janet G. Milton and Mary Lynn (Davis) Milton.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Dave Menser officiating. A private burial will be held in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

Visitation 1 p.m. until the hour of service at the funeral chapel.



JAMI WILLIAMS

Jami Williams, 46, of Harrodsburg, widow of Douglas Williams Jr., died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, at her home.

Born Aug. 13, 1979, in Mercer County, she was the daughter of Jolene (Jerry) Bailey and Charles Sanders.

She was a certified medi-

cal assistant for Urgent Care of Harrodsburg and was a member of Now Faith Family Worship.

Survivors, in addition to her parents, include: two daughters, Ashleigh (Corey Duncan) Williams of Jessamine County and Presley (Myles) Grant of Mercer County; one son, Gage (Summer) Williams, and one sister, Martye (Brent) Britton, all of Mercer County; four grandchildren, Elliana Williams, Kameron Williams, Graham Williams and Walker Grant; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel by Jolene Bailey, Becky Webb and Faith Wilkerson. Burial was in Hopewell Baptist Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Myles Grant, Cory Duncan, Gage Williams, Jerry Bailey, Joseph Sanders, Scotty Sanders and Brent Britton.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

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THE MERCER COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

The public will take notice that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled at the request of the following:

26-03 – Art Baker is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a single-family dwelling. The property is located between 542 & 552 Cogar Avenue in Harrodsburg, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial).

26-04 – VI C's Development, LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of an event venue. The property is located at 435 Cogar Avenue in Harrodsburg, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial).

26-05 – Cristina & Erick Rodriguez are requesting a Variance of 143.01' from 250' to 106.99' on the minimum road frontage requirement for a proposed Tract 1. The property is located at 168 Patterson Lane in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-1 (Agricultural).

26-06 – Daynabrook Farmhouse LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a short-term rental. The property is located at 615 Beaumont Avenue in Harrodsburg, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-2 (High Density Residential).

This public hearing has been scheduled for **Friday, March 27th, 2026** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **8:15 AM**. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to view proposed plans, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at (859) 734-6066 or you may visit the Planning & Zoning Office at 109 Short St. Harrodsburg, KY.

Bobby Upchurch
Chairman

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the treasurer's report. Judge Steele and the magistrates also thanked Wheeler and the rest of the county staff for their work to ensure the county's audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, was clean.

"It takes a team," Steele said. The magistrates approved the presentation of the audit.

• Voted to advertise for sealed bids for fiscal year 2027, including landfill hay, crushed stone, rock and asphalt.

to the terms for a \$2 million grant from the Kentucky Product Development Initiative for the Bluegrass Innovation Gateway, formerly known as the Wilkinson Farm megasite. Judge Steele said they'd been working on the grant for three years.

• Appointed Tim Kazimer to replace Tia King Taylor as lodging representative on the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission. Kazimer's term will expire

June 30, 2026.

• Accepted the resignation of Zachary Phillips as part-time transport officer. Phillips is accepting a full-time position.

The next meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, at 10 a.m. at the fiscal courthouse (207 West Lexington Street). For more information, visit mercercounty.ky.gov.

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