

OBITUARIES



JEWELL BALLARD

Jewell Ballard, 101, of Harrodsburg, widow of Harold Ballard, died Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Born Nov. 29, 1924, in Boyle County, she was the daughter of the late Dence Edwards and Victoria (Upton) Evans.

She was a homemaker and member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church and attended Ellers Memorial Baptist Church in recent years.

Survivors include: one daughter, Peggy (Eddie) Long, and two sons, David (Rita) Ballard and Charles (Debby) Ballard, all of Harrodsburg; seven grandchildren, Karen (Rob) Larmour, Kathy (H.T.) Logue, Tammy (Todd) Gilkison, Keith (Heike) Ballard, Lora (Travis) Lanham, Kipp Ballard and Sarah (Justin) Cheatham; 18 great grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

Jewell was preceded in death by one brother, J.T. Evans; one grandchild, Kim Hungate; and one great-great-grandchild, Aiden Hungate.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel (345 East Lexington Street, Harrodsburg) with Rick Bolton officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Keith and Kipp Ballard, Todd Gilkison, Travis Lanham, H.T. Logue, Rob Larmour and Justin Cheatham. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Glad Hands Sunday School Class at Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Heritage Hospice, P.O. Box 1213, Danville, KY 40422.

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

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MARGARET LOWE

Margaret Louise Lowe, 88, widow of Larry Allen Lowe, of Harrodsburg, died Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the James B.

Haggin Memorial Hospital.

Born June 28, 1937, in Huntington, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Luther Leslie Dial and Helen Louise (Stanley) Dial Patton.

She was a member of Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Adult Ladies' Sunday School Class and Willing Workers Group, was a graduate and National Honor Society member of Huntington East High and was a lifetime member of the Mercer County Homemakers, where she served as chairperson of the Floral Hall Exhibits.

Survivors include: five daughters, Lou Ann Hill of Harrodsburg, Watonda Sue (Larry) Dean of Willisburg, Angela Kay (William) Reed of Harrodsburg, Rhonda (Keith) Osburn of Stamping Ground, and a special daughter, Brandy Dean of Harrodsburg; two sons, James Lane of Wayne, West Virginia, and Anthony Carter of Harrodsburg; two sisters, Carolyn (Richard) Mullens of Lavalette, West Virginia, and Gloria (Ken) Cathell of Creve Coeur, Missouri; nine grandchildren; five step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her special sister, Glendon Followell; special friend, Shannon Short; two brothers, William L. Dial and Charles F. Dial; and two grandchildren, Amanda Dawn Sherrill, and Tiffany Louise Hill.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 14, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Jordan Ashbury officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donald Logue, Clinton Peavler, James Booth, Marlin Followell, Norman Hahn and Lynn Nichols.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Gideon's Bibles, PO Box 176, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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



ELIZABETH SANDERS

Elizabeth Tingle Sanders, 89, widow of Hollis Sanders, died Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

Born June 22, 1936, in

Washington County, she was the daughter of the late Jesse B. and Gillie Ann Sagracy Tingle.

She was a Christian, a farmer and worked in factories in Springfield and Harrodsburg.

Survivors include: one daughter, Cecelia (the late Charles) Cole; one sister, Martha Marie (the late Hughie) Willard of Lebanon; one brother, William Thomas (Margaret) Tingle of Elizabethtown; two grandsons; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Dorothy (the late Bobby) Perkins, Mae (Bill) Yaste and Martha (Joe) Nally, and three brothers, Ray (the late Mary Helen) Tingle, Charles (the late Bonita) Tingle and Richard (Lana) Tingle.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with John McDaniel and Jamie Chessier officiating. Burial will be in the Willisburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Richard Dartt, David White, Jonathan Cole, Stephen Cole, Matthew Cole and Nathan Cole.

Visitation 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home.

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



EMMA WATERFILL

Emma Dell Royalty Goodlett Waterfill, 77, loving wife of Darrell Wayne Waterfill, of Harrodsburg, passed away on April 11, 2026, after a brief illness.

Born June 30, 1948, in Mercer County, she was the third daughter of the late Rufus E. and Carra Mae Beasley Royalty.

As a young girl, she loved living on her family farm, playing in the creek and riding bikes up and down Bondville Road with her lifelong friends. Shortly after graduating from Mercer County High School, she became employed by South Central Bell (AT&T) as a telephone operator. She remained with the company for 34 years. She served in various managerial capacities, ending her career as a property manager,

where she was responsible for the oversight of buildings, facilities, construction projects and maintenance. One of the most notable recognitions she received from the company was being selected for the cover of the telephone directory for the state of Kentucky in 1991-1992. She treasured her beautiful company service necklace, wearing it often. Upon retirement she embraced her love of politics, was a candidate for Mercer County Judge-Executive, and served many years as a Constitutional Officer for the Kentucky State Senate.

After the passing of her husband, Darrell, daughter Karen (Goodlett) Maxfield, son-in-law Richard Maxfield and grandson, Phillip Maxfield, all of Salvisa; step daughter, Leann Waterfill of Harrodsburg; stepson David Waterfill of Versailles; sister Joyce Royalty (Carroll) Morris of New Carlisle, Ohio; sister Beverly Royalty (Don) Hockersmith of Lawrenceburg; and numerous nieces and nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Kisle Royalty; husband Frank Goodlett; partner Ed Spencer; and grandsons, Robert Lewis and Francis Kyle Maxfield.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, at Clark Legacy Center on Versailles Road in Frankfort, with Rev. Ben Wulpi from St. Andrew's Anglican Church officiating. Celebration of life gathering of family and friends will fol-

low until 6 p.m. Bluegrass musician friends are invited to bring and play their instruments in honor and celebration of Emma. A private family committal service at the Gritton Evans Family Cemetery on Royal Acres Farm, will be scheduled in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg or to Avenues Clinic for Women in Frankfort.

Throughout her life, Emma attended Salvisa Baptist Church, Church of the Ascension in Frankfort, St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Harrodsburg, where she served as vestry member, Junior Warden and community meal volunteer, and Mayo Christian Church in Harrodsburg.

Emma loved her family, often caring for nieces and nephews as if they were her own. She was host mother for two beautiful students from Spain, and she had a special bond with her daughters, Karen and Leann, grandson Phillip, and nephew Chris.

After the passing of her husband, Frank, Emma

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clay, oil, or natural gas—in accordance with state law.

No application is needed to access the funds, which are automatically distributed to eligible recipients on a quarterly basis. The money may be used for a variety of governmental activities, including public safety, including law enforcement, fire protection, ambulance service and other related services; environmental protection, including

sewage disposal, sanitation, solid waste and other related programs; public transportation, including mass transit systems, streets and roads; health; recreation; libraries and educational facilities; services for the poor, aged, and handicapped; industrial and economic development; vocational education and workforce training.

County and Municipal Road Aid allocates funding

based on the Fifts Formula for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of county roads.

Judge Steele said Mercer County does not receive enough County Road Aid funds to fund the road department.

No one spoke at Tuesday's public hearing.

• Gave second reading to a budget amendment to accept excess fees and insurance

reimbursements.

Proclaimed April 12 through April 18 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The next meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at the fiscal courthouse (207 West Lexington Street). For more information, visit mercercounty.ky.gov.

already approached potential partner organizations willing to operate out of the armory.

"This is not a homeless shelter," Branam said. "This is a professional, structured resource center."

"How soon would you need an answer on this?" Commissioner Marvin "Bubby" Isham asked.

"We're not on any kind of deadline," Branam said.

Mayor Williams asked if the organization could provide any of the interi-

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Futures

On Monday, the city commission also approved lease agreements with Precision Dance LLC and John Owens, individually and doing business as D1 Academy to continue using the former National Guard Armory.

The city terminated the lease on the Harrodsburg Community Center at a special-called meeting earlier this year.

Mercer Area Family and Education and Wellness (MAFEW) has been operating for the armory as the Harrodsburg Community

Center for the last several years.

"We wanted to allow them to stay in the building at least through the end of June," Mayor Bob Williams said Monday.

The commission has not made a final decision on the fate of the armory. On Monday, they were approached by Amy Beth Branam, who requested to use the armory as a community resource center.

Branam was there as a representative of the Mission, a newly formed non-profit ministry. Since the

beginning of the year, Branam said they've mobilized 60 volunteers and operated a warming shelter.

"People aren't lacking services, they're lacking access," Branam told the commission Monday. By bringing disparate services together under one roof, including employment services, veterans services, mental health and recovery support and case management and life skills programs, Branam said it would be easier for Mercer County residents to access services.

Branam said she'd

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The voting machines will be inspected by the Election Board on **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026** at the Mercer County Clerk's Office at 2:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A Special Called Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. the Campbellsville University Gymnasium located at 772 University Drive in Harrodsburg, KY.

This Public Hearing is being conducted by the Mercer County Joint Planning & Zoning Commission. The meeting agenda includes the following items:

1. Call to order:
Roll Call of Members
2. Old Business: NONE
3. New Business:
 1. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed text amendments to the City of Harrodsburg and Mercer County Zoning Ordinances concerning data centers.
4. Chair Business:
 1. Financial Reports – None
 2. Executive Director's Report – None
 3. Committee Reports – None
5. Executive Session
6. Adjournment

Visit the Planning & Zoning Office, 109 Short Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 or call 859-734-6066 if you have any questions.

Bobby Upchurch, Chair
Mercer County Joint
Planning and Zoning Commission

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