

OBITUARIES



SHERI LYNN DAVIS
Sheri Lynn Davis, 44, of Salvisa, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2026.

Born March 6, 1982, in Danville, she was the daughter of the late Ronald and Patricia Coffey Davis.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include: one son, Eric Wilham of Harrodsburg; one daughter, Lucille Wilham of Harrodsburg; one brother, Eddie (Lori) Davis of Lawrenceburg; a special friend, Savanna Marcum of Danville; two nephews and two great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Eric Davis.

Memorial services were held Friday, Sept. 4, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Services with Bro. Joey Hightower officiating.

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



JAMES EVANS

James Stewart Evans, 74, of Harrodsburg, formerly of Ridgewood, New Jersey, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026.

He held a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, a Master of Public Administration and a Masters of Counseling, worked as a mental health therapist at the Jenison Ranch of Boys and the Family Child Services of Birmingham, was a geriatric therapist with Cullman Mental Health Authority, and worked with the mentally ill at Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health Authority.

Survivors include: one brother, Thomas Rambaut Evans.

No services are planned at this time.

Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



HAROLD HOPPER

Harold Vincent Hopper, 63, of Danville, died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

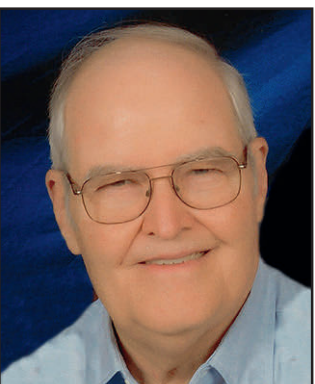
Born March 27, 1963, in Covington, he was the son of the late Gerald and Lorinda (Powell) Hopper.

He was employed by Super Value.

Survivors include: two sisters, Tonia (Leilani Weinell) Hopper of Harrodsburg and Torinda (Charlie Martin) Myster of Danville; one nephew; two nieces; one great-niece and great-nephew and several cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his niece, Nicole Russell.

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



ROBERT JONES

With heavy hearts we celebrate Robert "Bob" Willis Jones, of Harrodsburg, being called home by Jesus Christ his King on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, at 5:45 a.m.

Born on Nov. 18, 1945, he was 80 years old and happily married to Ruth (Roundtree) Jones for nearly 60 years.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter Angel (Ken) McPherson of Thomasville, NC; four sons, Dathan (Robin) Jones of Harrodsburg, Aaron (Samantha) Jones of Stanford, Delynn (Michelle) Jones of Lancaster and Darin Jones of Harrodsburg; 15 grandchildren, McKinley, Kaden, Kennedy, Corbin, Gracy, Bentley, McKenzie, Lexie, Brooklyn, William, Eden, Lilyana, Wyatt, Elijah and Amber; two great-grandchildren, Raelynn and Lainey; along with several in-laws, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gilbert and Imogene Jones; and brother Julian Jones.

Bob was a man of conviction and Christ, exuding quiet

strength and a formidable presence. He was a humble but firm member of the Gideons International and Salvisa Baptist Church, where he served in many roles for 50 years. He lived to serve those he loved and the local church all his life. Serving as a Kentucky Correctional Officer for 17 years, and working various roles after that, he retired from EW Brown Powerplant as a security guard in 2025. Bob did his best to set an example of hard work, good humor and Godly strength to any that gave him the chance. In his free time, he could be found studying his Bible, cheering on the Kentucky Wildcats, fishing, or dreaming up the next great vegetable for the garden.

He endured many difficult storms throughout his life and learned to weather each more gracefully than the last, trusting that "it's okay, it's in God's hands." He wasn't afraid to call someone out when they were in the wrong but always had a way of doing so that didn't make you feel less loved, only frustrated that you could do better than you had been. Bob's favorite verse was "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." — Ephesians 2:8-9.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Salvisa Baptist Church, with Brother Johnathan Jones and Brother Ronald Rose officiating. Burial was Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Corbin Jones, William McPherson, Elijah Jones, Kaden Jones, Ken McPherson, Mitch Whittle, Joe Morris and Larry Trisler. Honorary Pallbearers were the Adult Men's Sunday School Class and Salvisa Baptist Church.

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JOANN MILBURN

Joann Terhune Milburn, 86, widow of Eugene Beckham Milburn, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, at Morning Pointe of Danville.

Born March 21, 1940, in Mercer County, she was the daughter of the late Marvin and Loretta Coslow Terhune.

She was a member of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, was retired from Signet and had worked at Shakertown.

Survivors include: two sons, Donnie Hampton of Harrodsburg and Bradley (Tressa)

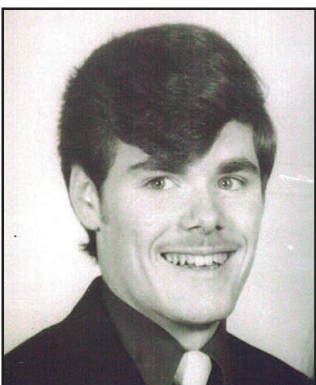
Milburn of Lexington; two sisters, Jeannie Terhune Warner and Linda Terhune (Larry) Lance both of Harrodsburg; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; two nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lisa Milburn Breeze.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Jonathan Johnston officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donnie Hampton, Bradley Milburn, Jordan Breeze, Sydney Breeze, Chad Barnett and Landon Curry.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Harrodsburg Baptist Church, 312 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.



DAVID PHILLIPS

David Phillips Jr., 72, widower of Rosie Phillips, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2026, in Burgin.

Born May 25, 1955, in Woodford County, he was the son of the late David Phillips Sr. and the late Gertrude Riley Phillips.

He was a self employed painter.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lavon (Travis) Land of Harrodsburg and one brother, Clarence Phillips of Harrodsburg.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivan Phillips and James Phillips; one sister, Shirley Wheeler and step mother, Jewell Phillips.

Burial was held Friday, Sept. 4, 2026, at the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services were in charge of arrangements.



ALBERTA SIMS

Alberta Elizabeth Cooper Sims, 97, of Lexington, widow of Gayle Norman Sims, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, at

the Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington.

Born July 11, 1929, in Gatlin, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Martha Ellen (Perkins) Cooper.

She attended Paris High School, worked for Crickteer and Parker Seal in Lexington and was a member of the Shakertown Baptist Church and attended the Broadway Christian Church in Lexington.

Survivors include: one daughter, Teresa Gail Sims Stephens of Boynton Beach, Fla.; two sons, Jerry (Sue) Carmickle of Georgetown and Bobby (Debi) Carmickle of Columbus, Ga.; two sisters, Betty Stratton and Marie Devine both of Harrodsburg; one brother, Donald Cooper of Shelbyville and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Carmickle; one brother, Bill Cooper; two sisters, Jeanette Adams and Louise Truesdale and one grandson, Scotty Carmickle.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Sims Funeral Services by Rev. Travis Stephens. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

Pallbearers will be Jeff Carmickle, Dax Carmickle, Richard Carmickle, Steven Carmickle, Trent Stephens and Derek Carmickle.

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



TROY TODD

Troy Todd, 54, of Lancaster, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Born Nov. 17, 1971, in Madisonville, he was the son of Mary Ann (Wright) Sanders and the late Elmon B. Todd.

He was a retired caregiv-

er and of the Christian faith.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include: one sister, Elaine Todd and three brothers, Matthew Todd, Marshall Todd and Mark Todd.

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SHIRLEY ANN WHITTAKER-BURBA

Shirley Ann Whittaker-Burba, 90, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2026, at the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville.

Born Dec. 19, 1935, in Cornishville, she was the daughter of the late Rawdy and Minnie Fay Matherly Whittaker.

She was a retired after 32 years as an elementary school teacher, was a member of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, was a member of the John Marshall Chapter NSDAR in Louisville, and was a member of Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include: one sister, Glenna Whittaker and one first cousin, Charles Matherly.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at Spring Hill Cemetery with Lee Lester officiating.

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Hannah Simpson inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa honor society

Hannah Simpson of Harrodsburg, a student at Eastern Kentucky University, was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa: honor society this spring.

EKU inducted its newest members into the Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies this spring, recognizing academic excellence. ECU offers two presti-

gious all-discipline honor societies, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, each focused on unique aspects of educational achievements and success.

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honor societies recognize distinguished performance in scholastics, research or leadership, sustained over a students' time at ECU.

Omicron Delta Kappa was the first collegiate honor society to recognize leadership, service and involvement outside the classroom. Only juniors, seniors and graduate students who rise to the top

35 percent of their class and demonstrate leadership are eligible.

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Mercer

zoning change for property owned by the Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office located on 1015 Lexington Road from A-1 (agriculture) to A-3 (agriculture).

"They want to sell off the house but keep the back for green space," Judge Steele explained.

- Gave second reading to a zoning change for a 2.914-acre tract on Chimney Rock Road from R-3 (residential) to B-3 (business). Paul Barnes owns the property. Planning and Zoning already held a public hearing on the zoning change.
- Heard community presentations from Cheri Cham-

berlain and Diane Green of Mercer Transformation and Jenni Link, director of the Mercer County Public Library.

- Approved an agreement with Tyler Kentucky for an update to the county's website.
- Accepted the resignation of part-time Transport Officer

Amanda Lamb effective Aug. 26.

The next regular meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County Fiscal Courthouse (207 West Lexington Street). For more information, visit mercercounty.ky.gov.

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& Storage, Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, Whitaker Bank, Langham & Sons Roofing, Commonwealth Animal Hospital, Welcomes, Downtown Barber Co., Bluegrass Power Sports, and Beaumont Inn.

For more information, check out the tourist commission's website at visitharrodsburgky.com or the Oktoberfest Facebook page @Oktoberfest—Downtown Harrodsburg.

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