

# OBITUARIES



### ROBERT BISHOP

Robert Lewis Bishop, 76, husband of Paulette (Anderson) Stivers-Bishop, of Harrodsburg, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at the Harrodsburg Health and Rehab. Born Nov. 24, 1949, in Lexington, he was the son of the late Rollie and Lucille (Stokeley) Bishop.

He was a Navy Veteran and worked in area factories and retired from Hitachi, and was a member of Concerned Bikers by Jimmy Snow and a member of the "In the Wind" club.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Dawn "Sissy" (Tom) Stivers-Brown of Paris; one son, Don (Patty) Stivers of Salvisa; three sisters, Paula Curtis of Berea, Donna Bond and Barbara Day both of Nicholasville; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Lewis Bishop II.

Graveside service will be held 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, at Bluegrass Memorial Gardens in Nicholasville with Stacy Wilson officiating.

Visitation 12-1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Heritage Hospice, P.O. Box 1213, Danville KY 40423-1213.

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



### CALEB BOTTOMS

Caleb Lenn Bottoms, 50, of Harrodsburg, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026.

He is survived by his spouse of 25 years, Emily Stowe Hood Bottoms.

He was a 1993 graduate of Mercer County High

School and continued his education at Transylvania University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Psychology. Subsequently, Caleb became a student and graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, earning a Juris Doctorate degree.

Following law school Caleb continued his family's tradition of practicing law. He opened Bottoms Law Office, P.S.C. He also worked as an assistant Commonwealth Attorney for many years. Serving clients and the public was something he enjoyed and from which he took great satisfaction. Caleb had an aptitude for the law, as well as the ability to relate to people, and both of these qualities were evident in his practice of the law.

Caleb loved the Lord and called Jesus Christ his Savior. He took great pleasure in worshipping at Harrodsburg Baptist Church. Additionally, when not working, Caleb enjoyed spending time with his wife and their special "fur family," which included Haleakala (dec.), Jolene, Elvira, and Conway Kitty. Other interests included being with family, the Cincinnati Reds, the Cincinnati Bengals, the University of Kentucky basketball and football teams, and his fantasy football league. Travel, golf, reading, hunting, photography and cooking were also things he enjoyed.

In addition to his wife, survivors include: his parents Richard Lenn Bottoms and Vickie Wilson Bottoms and Nita Speakes Etebar. He is also survived by three brothers, Michael (Jessica) Bottoms, Sina Etebar and Nema Etebar; one sister, Windy Etebar (Collin) Penn; a special nephew, Mack Jones; mother-in-law, Nancy Juett Hood; sister-in-law, Katie (Brian) Jones; and numerous other wonderful family members.

Caleb was preceded in death by a special brother-in-law, Will Jones; father-in-law, Jack Hood; grandparents Jimmie Bottoms and Maxine Bottoms and cousin Mark Allen Alcorn.

A private memorial service in honor of Caleb's life will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, at Sims Funeral Services. The celebration of Caleb's life will be directed by Minister David Carpenter and Minister Greg Warren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harrodsburg Baptist Church, 312 S. Main St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330 or the Mercer County Humane Society, 532 S. College St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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### JAMES COOLEY

James Elmer Cooley Sr., 89, of Harrodsburg, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2026.

Born May 5, 1937, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Fred Cooley and Emma McGinnis Cooley.

He formerly attended Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, taught training classes, was a mechanic, a car salesman, a builder and most recently a scrap merchant.

Survivors include: his longtime companion, Mildred A. Rogers of Lawrenceburg; one son, Jimmy Cooley of Harrodsburg; two daughters, Debra Ellis and Diana Baker, both of Harrodsburg; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Baugh; one son-in-law, James Baker; two sisters, Marie Love and Ella Godby; and two brothers, Eskell Cooley and Donald Cooley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Dedman officiating. Burial was in the Lawrenceburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Blake Rogers, Michael Harris, James Edward Baker, Bruce Cooley, Austin Rogers and Kevin Cooley.

Arrangements by Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.ritchieandpeach.com](http://www.ritchieandpeach.com).



### BETTY JO GREEN

Betty Jo Green, 90, of Harrodsburg, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, at her home.

Born Feb. 15, 1936, in Harlan, she was the daughter of the late Hugh Finley and Charity Elizabeth (Carter) McHargue.

She was a member of McHargue Church in London and was a X-ray technician at Lexington Orthopedics Asso-

ciates and was a member of the Herrington Yacht Club.

Survivors include: one daughter, Harriet Mullins of Harrodsburg; one sister, Norma Taylor of Muncie, Ind.; one bonus daughter, Gretchen Shearer; five grandchildren; one great-grandson and several nieces, nephews and special friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Stanley McHargue and three sisters, Doris Gilbert, Brenda Parmen and Joyce McHargue.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



### WILLIAM GREEN

William Phillip "Bill" Green Jr., 72, of Harrodsburg died Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at home.

Born July 27, 1954, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of the late William Phillip Green and Joan (Caminski) Green.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired as an electrician from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Survivors include: one son, Shane (Allison) Green of Lexington; former wife, Kim Skaathum; one aunt, Adeline Rubel of Chicago, Ill and one granddaughter.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



### BRENDA PROCTOR

Brenda Proctor, 75, of Harrodsburg, widow of Jerry Devine and Bill Proctor, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at her home.

Born Feb. 28, 1951, in Lincoln County, she was the

daughter of the late George and Ethel (Barlow) Hill.

She was retired from Hitachi Automotive Manufacturing and was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Tonia (Glenn) Curtsinger of Washington County; one son, Brad (Kent) Devine of Lexington; one sister, Wanda Brock of Harrodsburg; two grandchildren, and 26 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald Billy and Darrell Hill and four sisters, Geraldine Hunt, Barbara Adams, Jo Ann Devine and Norma Warner.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Lynn Releford officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Heritage Hospice or to Fellowship Baptist Church.

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



### JANICE RANDOLPH

Janice Randolph, 80, of Danville, formerly of Harrodsburg, widow of Billy Randolph, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, at her home.

Born Aug. 5, 1946, in

Casey County, she was the daughter of the late William and Lucy Jane (Mullins) Rousey.

She was a retired nurse having worked at Haggan Memorial Hospital and Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center and was a member of the Stanford Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Susan Leann Randolph of Houston, Texas and one sister, Sue (John) King of Danville.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Brian Keith Randolph and David Drew Randolph.

Private family services are planned. Burial will be in the Hustonville Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Slade Ransdell, Sawyer Ransdell, Jake Robinson, Jessica Espinoza, Sondra Marshall, Kayla Burton and Katie Robinson. Honorary pallbearer is Lisa Barger.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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The Mercer County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the following:

**Installation of bridge/box culvert on Roney Road (CR 1221)**  
**Oregon Road (CR1016) roadway embankment rebuild**

Sealed bids will be opened at the September 29th, 2026 Fiscal Court Meeting at 10am EST/9am CST. Sealed bids can be mailed or hand delivered to the Fiscal Court Clerk, Missey Ellis, at the County Judge/Executive's Office at the Mercer County Courthouse located at 207 W. Lexington St., Harrodsburg, KY, 40330. For complete repair details, please contact Todd Palmer, Mercer County Road Supervisor at 859-734-6340. The Mercer County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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**REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST**

The Burgin Independent Schools Board of Education is soliciting architectural services for the following project:

**Burgin School Campus Improvements**

One-page "Letters of Interest" will be received up to the hour of **5:00 P.M.** (Eastern Standard Time), **Thursday, September 24th, 2026,** at the Burgin Independent Board of Education office, 440 E Main Street, Burgin, Kentucky 40310, or via email to [christi.ochs@burgin.kyschools.us](mailto:christi.ochs@burgin.kyschools.us).

*The Burgin Independent Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.*

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get." Commissioner Isham said. "We're paying him to drive home every day and drive to work every day."

"This was a perk," Fraddosio said. He said some officers took the job with the HPD because of that perk.

"We've made that promise to those officers," Fraddosio said. "I don't like it either, but we did make that promise."

The chief said updating the cruisers would be very expensive. He noted any officer hired after today would be under the new policy. Officers who live outside the county cannot use a cruiser to run personal errands.

Commissioner Coleman asked for pricing information on equipping cruisers with docks for body cams.

Williams suggested charging officers who live two counties away for cruiser use.

Fraddosio said it would violate the city's promises to the officers.

Mayor Williams moved to approve the policy, and Commissioner Coleman seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission also approved changing the city's contract with new police officers from four years to

five years.

Fraddosio said the Kentucky League of Cities recommends five-year contracts

"We have to protect our investment," the chief said. "This is going to give us more time."

Fraddosio said they needed to "stop the bleeding" at the HPD. He joined the department as a part-time training officer in February 2025. Since then, the HPD has gone through 15 employees.

"We need qualified, good people," Fraddosio said.

Mayor Williams moved to change the contract, with Commissioner Isham seconding. It passed unanimously.

The commission also approved legislative findings on three police cruisers—all 2019 Chevy Tahoes—in need of replacement. The vehicles are paid off, but still under lease to Enterprise. Enterprise will sell them.

Finally, the commissioners approve legislative findings on five police cruisers, including a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, a 2014 Dodge Charger and three 2016 Dodge Chargers.

In her report, Maynard said she's meeting with all department heads to inven-

tory city-owned vehicles and create capital and maintenance plans.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Gave first reading to an ordinance establishing a joint city and county code enforcement board. Last week, the Mercer County Fiscal Court also gave first reading to the interlocal agreement creating the Mercer County-City of Harrodsburg Code Joint Code Enforcement Board. It would have the power to issue remedial orders and impose civil fines to enforce county and city ordinances. The board, consisting of six members and two alternates, can adopt rules and regulations to govern its operation and conduct hearings to determine whether violations have occurred. Membership on the board would be split between the county and city. Initially, members would serve staggered terms lasting one to three years, with subsequent appointments for three-year terms.

"This is something a long time coming," Mayor Williams said. Noting the document is 25 pages long, the mayor said the public could read it at city hall.

- Gave first reading to an

interlocal agreement to give Burgin seats on both the planning and zoning commission and the board of adjustments and appeals.

The fiscal court and the Burgin City Council gave first reading to the agreement last week. The Kentucky Department of Local Government must also approve it. If everyone signs off on it, the planning and zoning commission would become the Harrodsburg-Burgin-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. The board would expand to 11 members. The county would appoint five members, Harrodsburg four, and Burgin two.

The Board of Adjustments and Appeals would become the Harrodsburg-Burgin-Mercer County Joint Board of Adjustments and Appeals. The board would expand to seven members, with the county and Harrodsburg appointing three and Burgin appointing one.

The jurisdiction of both boards would include all the unincorporated land in Mercer County as well as all land within the corporate limits of Harrodsburg and Burgin.

- Gave first reading to an

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