

Bobby Vibbert

EDMONTON - Bobby Vibbert, age 72, formerly of Burkesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at his home. Bobby was born on June 29, 1954, in Cumberland County, Kentucky, to the late Ezra "Dud" and Iretis "Rettie" Vibbert. Funeral services were held Friday, November 6, 2026, at Ballou & Stotts Funeral Home in Burkesville, with burial following in the Grider Memorial Cemetery.

Randy Dale Glass

SUMMER SHADE - Randy Dale Glass, 63, passed away Sunday, November 1, 2026, at his residence. He was born on August 25, 1963, in Glasgow, Ky to the late Edward Marshall and Jerline Harp Glass. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at McMurtrey Funeral Home with burial in the Summer Shade Cemetery.

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schools do an excellent job educating children; unfortunately, with the politically correct environment that surrounds them, students often miss a lot of the richness of our American heritage. Families from other countries often don't want their children exposed to our heritage because of its Christian nature, but if you go to many of their homelands, you are required to not only learn about but convert to their religion, whereas in America, it is your freedom to believe or not.

Many history students can tell you of the Mayflower, but very few can tell you of the Mayflower Compact, which is considered to be the first governing document enacted in America. Many of the state Constitutions acknowledge God and required that each public official believe in God, and anyone who didn't was unable to hold public office. In Colonial America, the Ten Commandments were not only the Commandments of God, but also the Law of the Land.

In 1777, Congress issued a resolution instructing the Committee on Commerce to import 20,000 copies of the Bible. With war breaking out with England, they had to be imported from Scotland, Holland, and elsewhere. In 1782, the Federal Government published copies of the Bible for the sole purpose of being used in public schools. Today, 52 copies of those Bibles remain.

It would be impossible to list even a fraction of the instances where history shows the role Christianity played in the founding of our country. Indeed, entire books have been written on the subject, but by this column I hope to spark some interest.

Since our public schools can't teach about the role Christianity played, why don't churches get involved, but most of all, why don't Christian parents get involved? Don't leave the education of your children completely up to a system that teaches that we come from monkeys.

Are you willing to stand up for morality and for God's Word? Please take a moment to pray for someone who is lost.

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Sublime's "What I Got," something remarkable happened. Within seconds, the entire crowd erupted in unison, singing every lyric back toward the stage with an absolutely joyful fervor.

Even while singing along, my mind recalled the tragic history behind that song. For nearly a decade, Sublime had been little more than a scruffy California trio clawing for any foothold they could find. Frontman and guitarist Brad Nowell and his bandmates played rowdy backyard parties, slept in battered vans, scraped together pocket change for studio time, and handed out homemade cassette tapes. They spent years pouring their souls into their music during a time when practically nobody was paying the slightest bit of attention.

Then came 1996. In May, just two months before the band's major-label debut arrived in stores, Nowell died of a drug overdose in a motel room. He was only twenty-eight years old. When the self-titled album finally hit the shelves, it became a nationwide sensation. "What I Got" soared straight to No. 1 on the alternative chart, while tracks like "Santeria" and "Wrong Way" became ubiquitous anthems on rock stations. Sublime became one of the definitive sounds of the decade, yet Nowell was not there to witness it. He had paid every ounce of his dues, but never heard the thunderous applause that followed. It was over before it had begun.

It is a poignant reminder of an enduring truth: the person who plants the sapling rarely gets to enjoy the cooling shade of the full-grown tree. History is filled with creators whose genius only resonated long after they had left the room. Vincent Van Gogh died believing himself to be a failure. Herman Melville published Moby-Dick in 1851, but it was not a commercial success. By the time he died in 1891, only a few thousand copies had been sold. Today, it is routinely regarded as one of the greatest American novels ever written. Gregor Mendel published his groundbreaking work on hybrid plants in 1866, but it attracted little attention during his lifetime. His work was essentially forgotten until scientists rediscovered it around the turn of the century, and today he is known as the father of modern genetics.

The list could go on. Sometimes recognition comes years later, sometimes generations later, and sometimes it never comes at all. In every case, the person who did the work may never know what it eventually meant to the rest of the world.

The lesson here is not that hard work is futile, but that applause makes for a terrible compass. If an endeavor is worth undertaking, its real value comes from the honest act of doing, not from whether the world throws a parade. A fresh blackberry pie does not taste one bit sweeter because a blue ribbon gets pinned to the tin at the county fair, and a well-tended flowerbed is not a waste of effort just because the neighbors drove past without turning their heads. And I dare say nobody is framing a meticulously crafted spreadsheet.

We cannot control whether other people notice our labor or appreciate our craftsmanship. If we spend our lives measuring our worth by the fickle opinions of strangers, we have surrendered our independence and handed them the ruler. Far better to do the work simply because it matters to your own heart.

Dr. Jonas Salk once said, "The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." I like that. It's great to set goals for ourselves, and it's even better to achieve them, but we need to remember that they are our goals. They are personal.

Brad Nowell never got to stand beneath arena lights and hear a massive crowd sing his creations back to him. But nearly thirty years later, a rapidly-graying group of strangers was still lifting their voices to lyrics written in obscurity. The recognition may arrive late, or it may never show up at all. But when you put something genuine into the world, it has a way of outliving the silence.

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5 among Kentucky's nursing programs.

For more than a decade, RegisteredNursing has recognized outstanding nursing programs nationwide, highlighting institutions dedicated to quality nursing education and preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Its rankings are based on first-time National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses pass rates and the program's net price. Students in Lindsey Wilson's 2024 and 2025 nursing classes both posted a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

"This is another wonderful affirmation of our nursing program," said Lindsey Wilson Director of Nursing Dr. Emiley Button. "It's very humbling whenever an outside organization such as RegisteredNursing names our nursing program one of the best in Kentucky, but it's also an important confirmation that Lindsey Wilson has one of the best nursing programs in Kentucky."

It's been a busy fall semester for Lindsey Wilson's nursing program. In early October, the nursing program welcomed a record 32 students into its latest cohort at the annual white coat ceremony. Lindsey Wilson has a record 72 students in its nursing program.

And Button expects more large nursing classes, especially because of the growing popularity of the university's nursing preview days. The next one is scheduled for Nov. 13.

Two big reasons for the success and growing popularity of the Lindsey Wilson nursing program are

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