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Jack Denny Johnson, 95



Jack Denny Johnson, 95, of Stanford, KY passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville, KY. Born on December 27, 1930 to the late George Denny Johnson and the late Artie Wall Johnson.

Survivors include his loving wife of 71 years, Hartese Hatter Johnson; one daughter, Tamara Dee Johnson (Berkley Moore) of Stanford; two grandchildren,

Eric Henderson Albritton of Columbia, SC and Roxanne White of Stanford; and one sister, Myrtle Duttera of Newark, OH; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Dr. Teresa Ann Johnson; fourteen siblings, Louada Smith, Maxine Delk, Elvis Durham, Terrill Durham, Carlis Durham, Della Johnson Durham, Chelsea Durham, Mary Johnson Woods, Stella Johnson Hamilton, Mack Johnson, Ervin Johnson, Elvin Durham, Earl Durham and Curtis Durham.

Jack Denny Johnson was born in Hustonville, Kentucky, in the family home on his parents' farm. He was the twelfth child in a blended family of fourteen children born to George and Artie Johnson, hardworking Christians who were respected throughout the rural community for their generosity, leadership, and unwavering faith. Jack Denny attended Moccasin Elementary School and graduated from McKinney High School, where he excelled in both basketball and baseball. His athletic ability earned him a basketball scholarship to Campbellsville College. He later attended Bethel College in Bethel, Tennessee. He received his Master's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University, completed his Rank I studies, and pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Kentucky.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army with the famed 101st Division ("Screaming Eagles") and was stationed in La Rochelle, France.

A pillar of the Lincoln County community, Jack Denny devoted his life to public education. He served as a coach, teacher, and superintendent of schools in his native county. He also served as Superintendent of Burgin Independent Schools for ten years. As Superintendent of Lincoln County Schools, he oversaw one of the most significant periods in the district's history. He was superintendent when the new consolidated Lincoln County High School opened in 1974 and was instrumental in designing and overseeing the construction of the school's gymnasium after county voters approved a tax levy. More than fifty years later, his vision continues to benefit Lincoln County as the facility annually welcomes thousands of visitors during the Twelfth Region Basketball Tournament. Following his retirement from education in 1983, Jack Denny continued serving the community through PBK Bank. He most recently served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and was the bank's largest individual shareholder. During his tenure, he was a strong supporter of WPBK-FM, recognizing the important role local radio plays in serving the community.

His faith was the foundation of his life. Jack Denny was a faithful member of Stanford Baptist Church for more than fifty years, where he served on the Elders Committee, worked as a financial advisor, and faithfully taught Sunday School. He also dedicated his time to numerous civic organizations, including the Stanford Rotary Club, McKinney Masonic Lodge No. 631, and the Ruritan Community Club. Throughout his lifetime of service, Jack Denny received numerous honors recognizing his leadership and dedication. Among these were being named the 2025 Lincoln County Citizen of the Year, receiving the PBK Bank Award of Excellence for his service from January 1999 through December 2025, receiving the Masonic Service Certificate from the Brethren of McKinney Lodge No. 631, and being inducted into the Burgin Independent Schools Hall of Fame in February 2025. Outside of his work and community service, Jack Denny and his beloved wife, Hartese, spent more than thirty winters at their condominium in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. While there, he enjoyed the fellowship of many friends as a proud member of the Tiki Hut Liars Club.

Jack Denny was a dear friend to many, always offering an encouraging word, thoughtful advice, and a helping hand. He loved his family, friends, neighbors, and his community. Through his leadership, integrity, generosity, and servant's heart, he worked tirelessly to make Lincoln County a better place to live. His legacy will continue to be felt for generations through the schools he helped shape, the organizations he strengthened, and the countless lives he touched.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2026 at The Stuart Underwood Auditorium at Lincoln County High School from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Max Hester, Dr. Pamela Combs, Pastor Steve Dismuke and Rev. Irene Henderson Albritton officiating. Burial and graveside service will follow at Buffalo Springs Cemetery in Stanford, KY.

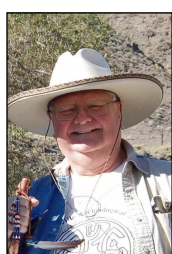
Full Military Honors will be presented by Caswell Saufley Post 18.

Active Pallbearers are Mack Johnson, Eric Ralston, Bruce Edgington, Jeff Durham, Jackson Sims, Joey Milburn, Berkley Moore, Neil Johnson, Jared Long and Terry Hatter.

Honorary Pallbearers are Paul Long, Marilyn Barlow, Mike Barlow, Joda McGuffey, Howard Wagner, Gary Johnson, Dennis Martin, James Hogue and Jack Coleman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Girls' High School Basketball Scholarship Fund, in memory of Teresa Ann Johnson, C/O PBK Bank, P.O. Box 366, Stanford, KY 40484 or to the Logan's Fort Foundation, P.O. Box 1775, Stanford, KY 40484.

James "Jim" Perry White, 83



James "Jim" Perry White, 83, passed away peacefully at his home on June 29, 2026. Jim, son of J.P. White and Margaret York White, was born on June 15, 1943, in Stanford, KY. He grew up in Crab Orchard, KY, and graduated from Crab Orchard High School in 1961. He continued his education at Eastern Kentucky University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1965. Jim went on to

teach school in Hardin County while pursuing further studies, earning his Master of Arts in U.S. History from Eastern Kentucky University in 1968. He later relocated to southern Indiana, where he taught middle school U.S. history for the next 32 years. Jim retired in 2000 and moved to Reno, NV. In retirement, Jim remained active in many organizations. He volunteered with the Salvation Army for five years, the Washoe County Sheriff's mobile auxiliary team for 12 years, and Renown Hospital for seven years. He was a longtime member of AM-ARCS of Nevada (since 2003), IOOF Lodge 14, and Crab Orchard Christian Church (since 1955). His kind heart, generous spirit, and wonderful sense of humor brought so much joy to everyone who knew him. Whether offering a helping hand without being asked, sharing a warm smile that could brighten the darkest day, or lighting up a room with his quick wit and infectious laughter, he had a rare gift for making people feel truly seen and valued. He touched countless lives through his quiet acts of kindness, his unwavering generosity, and the genuine warmth he extended to family, friends, and strangers alike. He will be missed dearly by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Though his physical presence is no longer with us, the love he gave, the memories he created, and the lessons of compassion and joy he left behind will continue to live on in our hearts forever. Jim is survived by his sister, Roberta Godby of Louisville, KY; his brother, John White of Raleigh, NC; his niece, Karen Godby Rowe of Louisville, KY; his nephews, Ramsey Akel and Coleman Akel, both of Louisville, CO; and two grandnephews, Ellery Wheeler and Chase Godby. He was predeceased by his sister Linda Akel and his nephew Gregory Godby. A funeral service is scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Mountain View Mortuary, 425 Stoker Ave., Reno, NV. Entombment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, 435 Stoker Ave., Reno, NV. A reception is planned following the entombment service at Mountain View Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Dale May, 55, of Science Hill, died June 29, 2026.
Irene Hendricks, 63, of Lancaster, died July 2, 2026.
Pedro "Pete" Antonio Ferrer, 70, of Liberty, died July 2, 2026.
Pierce Lenton Hinkston, 20, of Stanford, died July 2, 2026.
Ronnie D. Lee, 69, of Liberty, died July 5, 2026.
Leonard L. King, 87, of Stanford, died July 5, 2026.

Heatwave prompts energy tips from Kentucky Power

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

ASHLAND, Ky. (KT) – The first week of July is bringing a heat wave that has air conditioning units humming and fans turning as electric utility customers in Kentucky try to beat the heat.

"As temperatures climb, air conditioners have to work harder and use more energy to keep homes cool," said Ryan Lake, external affairs manager for Ashland-based Kentucky Power. "Extreme weather like this heat wave can cause customer bills to spike. However, there are many ways customers can control their energy usage, which can help manage high bills, even in extreme heat."

There are many low- and no-cost energy efficiency measures customers can put into place to save money without jeopardizing comfort, including:

--Repair air leaks in

the home; up to 25 percent of energy used to cool homes escapes via leaks.

--Maintain consistent temperatures and monitor your thermostat settings. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends a summer thermostat setting of 75-78 degrees.

--Use ceiling fans to circulate cool air throughout the house and to help cool people directly. This allows for a higher thermostat setting.

--Close drapes and shades on south-facing windows to block sun and heat during the day.

--Move furnishings away from floor or return air vents for more efficient HVAC operation.

--Avoid using heat-producing appliances such as ovens or dryers during the hottest parts of the day.

Screen time in the classroom topic of legislative committee

Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Legislation on screen time in the classroom could be in the works for the 2027 legislative session.

Lawmakers heard from critics of one-to-one digital technology usage in the classroom during the Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting on Monday.

Teacher turned neuroscientist Dr. Jared Horvath told the committee that research from more than 90 countries shows digital technology use in the classroom results in lower test scores.

In Kentucky, this is also true, he said. Kentucky began the transition to one-to-one in 2016. The year before Kentucky went digital, math and reading scores were the highest they had ever been for fourth graders, Horvath said.

"Since 2016, you adopted tech. Math has gone down four points to the lowest levels we've seen since 2006, and reading dropped 10 points, lower than it has ever been in Kentucky history," he said.

While the COVID-19 pandemic forced students to be fully digital for some of the last decade, Horvath said the pandemic is not the main source of the problem.

"I took COVID out of the data. It doesn't matter," he said. "What we're seeing is not unique to your state ... I could do this for all 50 states."

Horvath said learning using digital methods is always "shallower, weaker and less durable" than learning done with analog methods, and that "digital literacy is not determined by the amount of tech you use, it's determined by the amount of knowledge you have."

Sen. Steve Rawlings, R-Burlington, asked Horvath where the push for more technology in the classroom came from.

"Was it big tech?" he asked. "A mom sent me a 2017 article that said that the National Education Association's top priorities were a digital curriculum over an in-person ... Was it evidence-based?"

Horvath said the decision to introduce the individual use of tablets and laptops into classrooms was "never" evidence-based. He said mass introduction occurred when a leading computer company invented a laptop that didn't sell well. The company decided to recoup costs by selling it cheaply to schools, he said.

Rep. Shane Baker, R-Somerset, asked Horvath about what age screen time use is appropriate and how much screen time is acceptable.

Horvath said removing all tech from schools is not a realistic goal, however, primary schools "could get away with never touching

tech." Technology use in the classroom for older students should be "very, very regulated," he added.

Advocate Emily Cherkin also spoke to the committee about the dangers of technology use in the classroom.

"In my professional opinion, one of the most harmful things we have done to our children in American schools is to give them internet-connected devices built by for-profit technology companies and call it educational, and then to act surprised when test scores plummet, mental health declines and skill-building and cognition erode," she said.

Cherkin urged lawmakers to consider scaling back digital technology use and access in schools, and require schools obtain full and informed consent from parents before children engage with technology use in the classroom. She also suggested allowing parents to opt-out of any ed-tech offerings and to provide those students with an equal educational experience.

Artificial intelligence use in the classroom is another concern, Cherkin said, especially generative AI. She told lawmakers generative AI is "dangerous" for children and asked lawmakers to consider a recent call for a five-year pause on generative AI use in pre-K through 12th grade.

Here in Kentucky, Fleming County Schools is already looking at ways to reduce digital technology usage in the classroom. Superintendent Dr. Brian Creasman told the committee the students have started to ask for less technology-driven learning.

He said the district's school board is in the process of approving a new screen time policy that would limit screen time use to 45 minutes per day for grades K-5, 60 minutes per day for grades 6-8 and 90 minutes per day for grades 9-12.

"We really want learning to take place in our classrooms that's more meaningful to students and more relevant, but that also prepares students for the real world," he said.

Committee co-chair Sen. Stephen West, R-Paris, said Monday's discussion only "scratches the surface" of the topic of screen time in schools. He believes it is a topic lawmakers will continue to study throughout the interim.

"I can already tell from our presentations that there may be some legislation forthcoming," he said.

The Kentucky General Assembly cannot take action on legislation until the 2027 legislative session begins on Jan. 5.

The next Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Aug. 4. For more information, visit legislature.ky.gov