

**OBITUARY**

**Charles M. Richardson, 91**

Charles M. Richardson passed away in peace and comfort on May 5, 2026, at 8:45 p.m., surrounded by loved ones and the gentle care-givers of Loretto Living Center. He would have been 92 this September.

Charles, sometimes "Charlie," lived an extraordinary life, propelled by his astonishing mind, near-photographic memory, and sterling work ethic. Deeply influenced by a lifetime of true faith, he led by example, setting high standards of honesty, morality, tithing, and helping those less fortunate.

A proud lifetime associate of McKesson, Charles held district, regional, and corporate governance positions, retiring at age 55 from San Francisco world headquarters.

Charles is survived by his son, Mark Richardson and family; daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Craig Koehler; a grandson, Kyle Gerlach; great-grandchildren, Ephraim, Arista and Elais; brothers, Leo (Betty



Richardson and family and Ralph Richardson and family; sisters; Kathi (Jim) Stewart and family, Sheila (Buford) Coke and family, as well as Don Medley and family, the Jacobs family; and many nieces, nephews, church friends, and others — all of whom he quietly treasured.

Predeceased by his loving wife, Sauntessa, RN; parents, Margaret and Maurice Richardson; and two sisters, Margaret Medley and Lois Jacobs.

Our dad, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend will be sorely

missed by all who knew and loved him. We take comfort in honoring his legacy, knowing how blessed we were to have him share our lives, as he literally changed the world for the better just by being himself.

Our family would like to extend special thanks to the many wonderful people who provided loving and professional palliative care at Loretto. We'll never forget your kindness.

A Mass of Christian burial for will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Brandon DeToma as celebrant. Interment will be in St. Thomas Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home on Friday, May 8, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be no additional visitation Saturday.

Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**PET OF THE WEEK**

Barktown Rescue is located in Boston at the old Boston Elementary School at 295 Petersburg Road in Boston. If you have questions regarding adoptions, please email [adoptions@barktownrescue.org](mailto:adoptions@barktownrescue.org) or call (502) 833-2275 or follow them on Facebook at Barktown Rescue.



**Our Pet of the Week at Barktown Rescue is Sterlyng. She is strong, loyal, and all heart. She is a young, beautiful girl who is sweet and so smart! She is looking for a new family and friends! Adopt, foster, or donate at [www.barktownrescue.org](http://www.barktownrescue.org) We are still looking for volunteers also!**



**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**OLD KENTUCKY HOME SBDM COUNCIL**

Old Kentucky Home SBDM Council will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the SBDM room. All are welcome to attend.

**CLYDESDALE HORSES SCHEDULE**

The City of New Haven is honored to have the Budweiser Clydesdale Horses visiting New Haven on Saturday, May 9. Everyone is welcome to come out and see these beautiful horses. They will begin with a "Hitch Showcase" at 3:45 p.m. in the Kentucky Railway Museum parking lot. At 5 p.m., they will begin a "Full Hitch" parade down Main Street. Food vendors will also be available.

**YOGA AT MAYOR'S PARK**

Yoga at Mayor's Park is part of Tiny Tapas' mission to bring small practices for real life into the Bardstown community and encourage movement, mindfulness, and connection in our shared outdoor spaces.

Sessions will be Saturdays, May 9, May 30 and June 13 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, June 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Classes focus on simple movement, stretching, breath, and mindfulness, making them perfect for beginners as well as experienced yoga students looking for a relaxed outdoor practice.

**MOTHER'S DAY FOOD TRUCK SUNDAY**

Bardstown/Nelson County Hospitality Association and Visit Bardstown will sponsor a free Mother's Day event at My Old Kentucky Home Sunday, May 10, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Clydesdales will be there along with food trucks, live music a flower making station, bounce house castle and family friendly games will be featured.

**EXCUSED IN-PERSON VOTING**

Nelson County Clerk Jeanette Hall Sidebottom has released information regarding upcoming excused in-person voting for eligible residents.

Voters wishing to participate in excused voting must present a valid photo ID and meet one of the state's approved criteria. Individuals are required to attest that they qualify under one of the listed excuses in order to cast a ballot during this period.

Eligible reasons for excused voting include being a caregiver for someone with an illness or disability, as well as personal factors such as age, illness, or disability. Additional qualifying circumstances include pregnancy in the third

trimester and being out of town during all standard early voting days and on Election Day.

Excused voting will take place at the Nelson County Civic Center, located at 321 South Third Street in Bardstown.

The schedule for excused voting is as follows: May 11-13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Officials encourage voters to review eligibility requirements in advance and ensure they bring proper identification when arriving at the polling location.

**NAACP CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET**

The NAACP and Our Commonwealth Inc. will host a public meet-and-greet with primary election candidates on Monday, May 11. The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Banner Room at Crimmins Hall, located at 134 West Drive in Nazareth.

Organizers say the evening will offer community members an opportunity to hear directly from candidates, each of whom will be given up to five minutes to speak, followed by a question-and-answer session with attendees.

The gathering is intended to encourage civic engagement and provide voters with information ahead of the primary election. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

**Andy Beshear moves to cut gas prices, Aid Kentucky families**

As gas prices continue to rise due to the ongoing war in Iran, Gov. Andy Beshear took steps last week to provide relief to Kentucky families by freezing the gas tax, activating the state's price gouging laws and sending two letters to Congress requesting they suspend the federal gas tax. The Governor also signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency to reduce the gas tax by 10 cents, which he urged the Attorney General to sign, and proactively signed an executive order to freeze the motor vehicle assessment rate on Jan. 1, 2027.

"The American people are paying the costs of the war, and families are struggling at the gas pump, grocery and more — including right here in Kentucky," Beshear said. "I recognize the pain our families are feeling and I'm taking steps to help because it's the right thing to do."

First, the Governor signed an emergency regulation to freeze the gas tax at 26.4 cents per gallon ahead of an expected increase to 27 cents per gallon on July 1. The action to freeze the current rate is projected to save Kentuckians about \$1.7 million, combined, each month.

Recognizing more steps are needed to help with rising prices, Beshear also signed an executive order declaring

a state of emergency related to gas prices. The order will reduce the gas tax by 10 cents, which should result in a 10 cent per gallon price decrease for Kentuckians. The Governor requested the order take effect as soon as possible for both regular and diesel, with the potential to save Kentuckians \$26.8 million combined over a one-month period.

"This would be huge for our families, but it requires one step for it to become a reality and that's sign-off from Kentucky's Attorney General, based on a Supreme Court case from years ago," the Governor said. "My hope is that the AG also believes gas prices are too high and will sign quickly so we can deliver results for Kentuckians."

To enforce the reduction and ensure providers don't keep the 10 cents, Gov. Beshear also activated the state's price-gouging statute.

In addition to these steps, this morning, the Governor sent two letters urging leadership in Congress and leaders in Kentucky's congressional delegation to suspend the federal gas tax until the end of the year.

"These leaders have a real chance to help our people when they desperately need relief, and I pray they can put politics aside and take a long, overdue step to help

American families," Beshear said.

In a proactive step, the Governor also signed an executive order today to freeze the 2026 motor vehicle assessment rate ahead of an expected increase on Jan. 1, 2027. This step will ensure the rate remains the same so Kentucky vehicle owners won't pay more for vehicle property tax.

Today's actions come just weeks ahead of an expected price decrease in Jefferson, Bullitt and Oldham counties after the Governor's request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Louisville area to be removed from the federal Reformulated Gasoline Program (RFG) received approval in February. For 30 years, Kentuckians living in these counties were paying 10 to 25 cents more per gallon. The change will take place on May 27, 2026.

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