# Obituaries



***Carlos Hoskins "Todd"***
***Apr 24, 1939 — Nov 8, 2026***
***London***

Carlos Hoskins "Todd," born April 24, 1939, in Hyden, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at Hyden Health & Rehab Center in Hyden, Kentucky. He was 87 years old. Carlos is the son of the late, Bige Hoskins & Rose Hacker Hoskins.

Known to many as Todd, he will be remembered with love by those closest to him and by all who shared in his life through the years. His passing brings sorrow to his family, but also gratitude for the bond they shared with him and for the lasting place he holds in their hearts. Carlos had been a resident of Laurel County for the past 29 years. Carlos had worked for the Kentucky Dept. of Transportation for 18 1/2 years, GM Fisher Body for 14 years. He attended the Faith Ministries Church at East Bernstadt, Kentucky. Carlos enjoyed Bluegrass Music, attending festivals and Senior Citizens. He also loved spending time with Kate, Easton and all of his family. Carlos was humble, hard worker and loved his family more than anything.

He is survived by his special granddaughter, Katelyn Elizabeth Ann "Kate" Hoskins Wilder, whom he raised as his own, and by her husband, John. He also leaves behind a special great-grandson, Easton Todd Wilder. Surviving as well are his half-brother, Ronald Mattingly, and half-sister, Mildred Slone. A special sister-in-law, Helen Bray. He will be fondly remembered by his special nieces and caretakers, Sarah Hoskins, Rachel Caldwell, and Elizabeth Hoard, whose care and devotion were a meaningful part of his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annette Hoskins; his daughter, Crystal Renee; his father, Bige Hoskins; and his mother, Rose Hacker Hoskins. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Vernon Hoskins and Warren Hoskins, and by his nieces Rosey Hoskins, Maggie Whitlatch, Doris Morgan, Tonya Callahan, and Gina Mosley.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, 2:00 p.m. at the Stinnett Gap Church of God, Stinnett, Kentucky.

Officiating Ministers: Pastor Geoffery Roberts, Rev. Mike Hoskins and Rev. Eugene "Friday" Roberts

Interment: Swiss Colony Cemetery, London, Kentucky

Pallbearers: John Wilder, Charlie Hoskins, Jacob Caldwell and Mike Hoskins

Honorary Pallbearer: Easton Wilder

Visitation: Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Church

Carlos Hoskins "Todd" leaves behind the memory of a life deeply rooted in family. May those who knew and loved him find comfort in cherished memories and in the enduring love he shared with them.



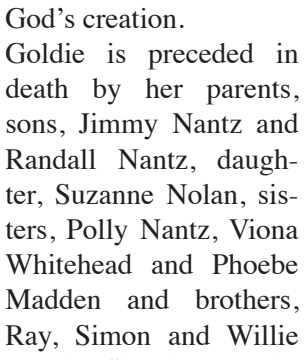
***Goldie Brock Nantz*** was born, October 5, 1935 in Hyden, Kentucky. She is the daughter of the late, Jack Nantz and Annie Nantz Gross. Goldie passed away Sat. November 7, 2026 at the Kenwood Nursing Home & Rehab Center, Richmond, Kentucky. She was 91 years old.

Goldie will be remembered as the Lady with a heart of gold. She showed true love and kindness toward everyone. Goldie was known for her great abilities with gardening and cooking. She preserved her garden vegetables by pressure canning every fall season and always willing to share what she labored for. Family and friends were continually invited into her home for a fresh cooked meal prepared by her hands. Goldie dearly loved and cherished all her family and friends. She also had a special connection with animals, owning numerous pets throughout her life. Goldie enjoyed fishing and admired the beauty and power of all God's creation.

Goldie is preceded in death by her parents, sons, Jimmy Nantz and Randall Nantz, daughter, Suzanne Nolan, sisters, Polly Nantz, Viona Whitehead and Phoebe Madden and brothers, Ray, Simon and Willie Brock. She leaves the following relatives surviving: sons, Gary Nantz (Rose), Elzie Nantz and Jackie Nantz, a host of special grandchildren and special friends, Jeff Rose and his parents, Jack Brock and Annie Brock.

Graveside will be Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at the Nantz Family Cemetery, Helton, Kentucky

Minister: Tim Finley



**Nancy Ann Roberts**
**Jun 22, 1953 —**
**Nov 20, 2026**
Bear Branch, Kentucky

Nancy Ann Roberts born June 22, 1953 departed this life on Friday, November 20, 2026 at her residence in Bear Branch, Ky. She was 73 years old. Nancy was born at Hyden, KY., the daughter of the late Roscoe "Big Shot" Roberts and Marie Stidham Roberts. Nancy had a very distinguished work career. She was employed by the Kentucky Department of Transportation for 27 years, working as a toll gate attendant and with the Ky. State Highway Department. Nancy was well liked and respected by her fellow employees. She possessed an outgoing personality, strong work ethic and a witty sense of humor. Nancy was affiliated with the Big Creek Baptist Church and the Bear Branch Baptist Church. She enjoyed being involved in the lives of friends and family and communicated consistently by telephone. Nancy took on the responsibility of being the care-giver for her younger brother, James, upon the deaths of her parents. She raised him as her own child and brother. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Roscoe "Big Shot" Roberts and Marie Stidham Roberts & her treasured brother, James Roberts. Mrs. Nancy Ann Roberts leaves the following relatives surviving: her cherished brother, Roscoe Roberts, Jr. and wife, Polly of Georgetown, Ky., beloved nephew, Kevin Blandon Roberts and wife, Michelle of Hazard, Ky., beloved niece, Tonya Dellena Hall of Dwarf, Kentucky, great nephews, Jordon Hall, Tyler Miller, Dustin Roberts, Brayden Roberts, great nieces, Kaitlyn Roberts, Mekenzie King, great great niece, Ryah Jane Roberts, special cousins, Gary Wayne Hacker, Bobby Hoskins, Sherry Gail Maggard and husband, James ,& Edna Jackson and husband, Joe.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUNERAL SERVICE: 2:00 p.m. - Wednesday - November 25, 2026 at the Bear Branch Baptist Church, Bear Branch, KY

OFFICIATING MINISTER: Ronnie Brown & Monroe Roberts (Reading of the Obituary)

TIME AND PLACE OF VISITATION: 10:00 a.m. - Wednesday - November 25, 2026 until the funeral hour at 2:00 p.m. at the Bear Branch Baptist Church, Bear Branch, Ky.

PLACE OF INTERMENT: Farmer Roberts Cemetery, Bear Branch, Ky.

PALLBEARERS: Kevin Roberts, Dustin Roberts, Gary Wayne Hacker, Matt Hacker, Jayden Hacker, Tyler Miller & Lance Caldwell

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: Fred Fortney, Phillip Hoskins, James Charles Maggard & Leroy Couch

# *So Be IT*
## Need a Breakthrough?

**Praising God in times of waiting is both an act of faith and a declaration of trust in His timing, power, and promises — and the Bible affirms that such praise can be part of the very process that leads to breakthrough.**

**Trust and Praise in Waiting. "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." — Psalm 27:14. This verse encourages steadfastness and trust while awaiting God's intervention, a posture that naturally includes praise for His faithfulness. "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18. Praising God in this context is an acknowledgment of His nearness and mercy.**

**God's Promises and Your Response. "For I know the plans I have for you… plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11 Praise here is a response to God's covenant promises, affirming His good purposes.**

**"Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." — Psalm 37:4. Joyful praise in this verse is linked to God's blessing and the fulfillment of His will.**

**Faith and Declaration. "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." — Mark 11:24. Praise in prayer is a declaration of faith that God's word is already at work. "For with God nothing will be impossible." — Luke 1:37. This is a confident praise of God's power, which can be spoken before the breakthrough is visible.**

**God's Presence and Help. "The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." — Zephaniah 3:17. Praise here is an expression of God's joy over His people, which can be declared even before deliverance. "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." — Psalm 34:15. Praising God in this context is trusting His attentiveness and readiness to act.**

**Praise as an act of faith: Declare God's promises over your life, even when circumstances haven't changed yet. Praise as a posture of trust: Use Psalms 27:14 and 34:18 to affirm that God's timing is perfect. Praise as a declaration of hope: Speak Jeremiah 29:11 and Psalm 37:4 to affirm God's good plans and blessings. Praise as a prayerful confidence: Combine Mark 11:24 and Luke 1:37 into prayers that declare God's power and faithfulness.**

**The Bible shows that praising God before a breakthrough is not just a spiritual habit — it's a prophetic act of trust, aligning your heart with His promises and inviting His intervention. AMEN! SO BE IT (11.25.26)**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Leslie County.

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