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OBITUARIES

William Burns Phelan

William Burns (Burley) Phelan, Jr., died on April 16, 2026. He was 83 years old.

Burley was the son of William Burns (Bo) Phelan and Irene Tennyson Phelan. He was born on April 30, 1942, in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; four children and their spouses: Bo (Amanda) Phelan; Beth (Jason) Worth; Ben (Rebekah) Phelan; Brad (Gloria) Phelan. Burley is also survived by 12 grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Emma, Mayes and Grayson McFarland; Radley and Chandler Worth; Will, Violet, Jack, Ruby, Carver, Miller and Edy Phelan; one great-grandchild, Anders Egil Ellefsen.

Phelan was a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School, attended the University of Kentucky and graduated with a B.S. from Brescia College and an M.A. from Western Kentucky University.

Phelan worked for Texas Gas Transmission Corporation while attending night classes at Brescia. After college graduation, he worked for Eck Miller Transportation for five years, leaving to become Dean of Students at Brescia, where he



served for ten years. In 1985, Phelan was named the Executive Director of the Owensboro-Daviess County Tourist Commission, where he served until his retirement in 2007.

Phelan was a past president of the Owensboro-Daviess County Committee on Aging, the Leadership Owensboro Alumna Association, Southern Little League, and the College Personal Association of Kentucky. He served as Chairman of the Kentucky Tourism Federation, Kentucky Tourism Council, and Kentucky Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus. Phelan also served on the boards of the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, the International Bar-B-Q Festival, the Kentucky Hotel/Motel Association,

the Kentucky Society of Association Executives, the River Park Center, the International Bluegrass Music Association, the St. Joseph Peace Mission. Phelan was a graduate of Leadership Owensboro and a member of Leadership Kentucky. He volunteered at the Help Office and was a committed blood donor to The Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of Western Kentucky.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will resume on Monday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory.

Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory is honored and privileged to be entrusted with the care of William Burns (Burley) Phelan, Jr. Please leave condolence messages for the family of Mr. Phelan and sign the virtual guestbook at www.haleymcginnis.com.

Janice Louise Young

Janice Louise Young, 74, of Owensboro, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. She was born Dec. 31, 1951 in Daviess County to the late Oliver and Grace Autry Young. Janice was retired from Kentucky Wesleyan College as a cook and was of the Pentecostal faith. She enjoyed going out with family and friends and listening to music. Janice also loved spending time with her daughter, son-in-law, and brothers and sisters and eating out with her niece, Lisa.

Janice was also preceded in death by siblings, Nellie Morris, Ruth Bolling, Linda Evans, William



Young, and Delbert Young.

Surviving are her daughter, Patricia Millay (Randall) of Owensboro and her son, Byron Self of Owensboro; three grandchildren, Ashley, Brian, and Caleb Self, all of Owensboro; two brothers, Oliver Young, Jr. (Diane)

and David Young, all of Owensboro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory with burial following in New Bethel Cemetery in Ohio County. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and after Noon Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Bethel Cemetery Fund, c/o Jerry Crowe, 4218 Saddlebrooke Trail, Owensboro, KY 42303. Messages and condolences to the family can be shared at www.glenncares.com.

Digest

Daviess Fiscal Court

During its meeting Thursday at the Daviess County Courthouse, Daviess Fiscal Court took the following actions:

- Proclamation for Burns Middle School
- Heard presentation for Friday After 5
- Heard treasurer's report for March, 2026
- Approved minutes of March 26, 2026, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Approved all claims for all departments
- Approved Benefit Advisory Services Agreement with Hub International Midwest Limited
- Approved Site License Agreement with Western Kentucky University for the installation and operation of a Kentucky Mesonet Station
- Approved amendment No. 2 to the Health Services Agreement with Southern Health Partners, Inc for the Daviess County Detention Center
- Approved amended service agreement with Combined Public Communications, LLC for inmate communications
- Approved service agreement with CyberPath Services, LLC for inmate messaging and handheld device
- Approved memorandum of agreement between Owensboro Community and Technical College, Daviess County Fiscal Court, the City of Owensboro, the City of Madisonville, and the City of Henderson to collaboratively offer coursework for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate
- Approved parking lot rental agreement with First Baptist Church
- Adopted the 2025

Program for Public Information for the Community Rating System

- Approved contract with Regroup Mass Notification system mobile app and emergency notifications services
- Accepted proposal by Bryant Engineering, Inc to provide land surveying services for the Daviess County Detention Center
- Accepted proposal of Aquatic Control for clean lake maintenance program for Panther Creek Park
- Accepted proposal of Aquatic Control for clean lake maintenance Program for Yellow Creek Park
- Approved declaring surplus inventory
- Approved Change Order 03 for Bid No. 2526-06: Transfer Station CD&D Concrete Pad (transfer station)
- Approved renewing the following bids: Bid No. 20-2022.4: concrete crushing services; Bid No. 2324-62.2: tire repair & maintenance services; Bid No. 2324-63.2: recycling services
- Approved awarding Bid No. 2526-57: Stanley sports lighting project (parks)
- Approved awarding RFQ 2526-67: Police pursuit vehicles upfitting (Sheriff)
- Approved hiring Jimmy Sanders as building and grounds supervisor effective April 12, 2026
- Approved promoting Mason Porter to solid waste laborer II effective April 12, 2026
- Approved hiring the following seasonal park attendants upon successful completion of pre-employment screenings: Brice Morpew and Olivia Casavant

POLICE REPORTS

The following list is compiled from reports from area law enforcement agencies:

Owensboro Police Department

- Lamario D. Carter, 19, of Evansville was charged Thursday with first-degree fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle), first-degree wanton endangerment and convicted felon in possession of a firearm.
- Justin D. Roe, 34, of Maceo was charged Thursday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- A home sustained vandalism damage when a widow and glass door were broken Tuesday in the 300 block of Littell Street.
- A healthcare worker was assaulted Wednesday at RiverValley Behavioral Health, 1000 Industrial Drive.
- The internal components of an air conditioner were reported stolen Wednesday at a home in the 1300 block of Bowie Trail.

Daviess County Sheriff's Office

- Mary A. Goldbach, 37, of the 4000 block of Hawthorne Drive was charged Thursday with first-degree wanton endangerment.
- Earrings worth \$960 were reported stolen Wednesday from a home in the 200 block of St. Ann Street. Reports say the victim said the theft occurred sometime in the last two weeks.

Kentucky State Police

- Teeonna L. Taylor, 32, of Rockport, Indiana was charged Thursday with driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified).

Joseph 'Bernie' Cecil

Joseph "Bernie" Cecil, 82, of Owensboro, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at home surrounded by his family while under the care of Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Kentucky. He was born on May 9, 1943 in Knottsville, KY to the late Claude and Thelma Cecil. He retired from Southwire-Kentucky plant and was a faithful member of BridgePointe Church. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing, trips to Gatlinburg, and most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Bernie was preceded in death by his siblings, Larry, David, Darrell, JR, Owen,



Robert, Mary, Patty, Margie, Ruthie, and Debbie.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Cecil; two sons, Bernard Wayne Cecil (Julia) and Kenneth John Austin (Gaynelle); five grandchildren, Joseph 'Joe' Cecil (Karli), Lexie Cecil, Samantha Brown (Jarred), Shane Haire (Mollie), and Kaitlyn Mayes (Travis);

seven great-grandchildren, Annmarie Brown, Adalynn Brown, Ellie Haire, Emmelyn Haire, Hudson Case Haire, Lincoln Mayes, and Madison Mayes.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at James H. Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to BridgePointe Church Renovation Fund, 2672 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Online messages of condolences may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Preston Robert Fulkerson

Preston Robert Fulkerson, 90, of Utica passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, under the care of Hospice and Palliative Care of W. Kentucky. The Daviess County native was born Jan. 18, 1936, to the late Francis Kendrick "F.K." Fulkerson and Elnora Kaufield Fulkerson. Preston graduated from Owensboro Catholic High School with the class of 1954.

He grew up in the Utica area with a strong work ethic and farmed his whole life. Preston served in the National Guard and enjoyed playing softball and bowling in his younger days and was always an avid UK fan. His quick wit and humor provided laughter to the whole family. Preston was a sweet and gentle man and a loving husband,



father, and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, Preston also was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Barbara last November; his son, Eric Fulkerson; his siblings, Raymond and Tommy Fulkerson and Mary Stallings.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Michael Fulkerson (Christi) of Springfield, TN, Kathy Criswell (Jim) of Utica, Kevin Fulkerson

(Debbie), and Perry Fulkerson (Fran) of Antioch, TN; daughter-in-law, Lisa Fulkerson; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass for Preston Fulkerson will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21 at St. Martin Catholic Church. Visitation will be Monday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Heartford House, c/o Hospice and Palliative Care of W. Kentucky, 3400 Wathen's Crossing Owensboro, KY 42301.

Condolences and memories for Preston's family may be left at www.glenncares.com.

Charles William Jewell

GREENVILLE — Charles William Jewell, 82, of Greenville, died Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Mr. Jewell was born Dec. 31, 1943, in Greenville. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his

wife, Nancy Grisius Jewell; sons, Christopher Jewell, Raymond Jewell, Jimmy Ingram, Robert Dotson, and Randy Dotson; several grandchildren; nephew, Robin Jewell; and niece, Darlene Jewell.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 20, 2026, at

1 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Carl Doss officiating, assisted by Joey Riley. Burial will be private. Visitation will be Monday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

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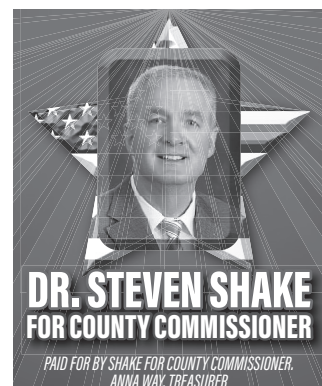
Boyd, Nancy, 74, died Tuesday. Service: 11 a.m. Saturday at Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation: 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Clark, Kenneth, 57, died Tuesday. Service: 1 p.m. Saturday at Gibson & Son Funeral Home, Lewisport Chapel. Visitation: 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Clary, Joseph, 73, died Sunday. Service: 10 a.m. Friday at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation: 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Craig, Freddie, 81, died Monday. Service: 10 a.m. Saturday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial: follows at Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until time of service Saturday

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