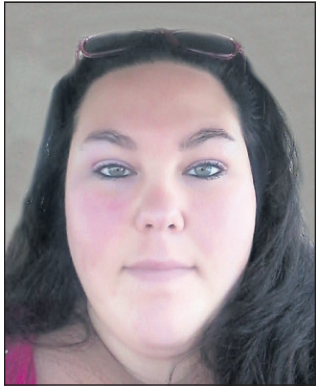




## OBITUARIES



### Tina Marie Brooks

Tina Marie Brooks, 34, of Owensboro, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2026. She was born on Oct. 3, 1991, in Owensboro, to Sam and Shelly Wright Scalf. Tina will be remembered as a loving wife, a mother whose kids were her world, and as an excellent homemaker. She also enjoyed reading books, listening to her favorite music, and loving on her dear four-legged companions.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Peggy Wright.

Tina is survived by her husband, Tim Brooks; children, Lexie, Leah, and Alyssa "KK" Brooks and Addy and Grayson Whitefeather; mother, Shelly Scalf; father, Sam Scalf; sisters, Tiffany Scalf and Christal (Bill) Newcomb; also, several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

The funeral service for Tina will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial to follow in Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 3 until 7 p.m. on Friday and from 10 until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memories and condolences for Tina Brooks may be shared with the family at [www.glenncares.com](http://www.glenncares.com).

### Thomas 'Tommy' Anthony Hermann Jr.

Thomas "Tommy" Anthony Hermann Jr., beloved husband, father, Poppaw, brother, and friend, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, passed away at Vanderbilt Hospital on April 18, 2026 after a brief but valiant battle with cancer. Born on Jan. 22, 1952, in Owensboro, Kentucky, Tommy was the son of the late Thomas Anthony Hermann Sr. and Margaret Louise Wink Hermann.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Hermann, and his in-laws, Margaret LaVerne and Kenneth Wright. Tommy is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Yvonne Hermann; his daughter, Emily Zabrecky (Justin), Courtney Compton (Bobby), and Chelsea Schneider (Andy). Poppaw leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Danielle Compton, Ethan Zabrecky, Sebastian Schneider, Alexander Schneider, Xavier Compton, and Aliyah Compton.

He is also survived by his bonus mom, Helen

Hermann; his brother, John Hermann (Debbie); his sisters, Judy Woellhof (Gary), Mary Jo Koller (Nate), and Jeanne Hayden (Brian); his sisters-in-laws, Cathy Hermann, Gloria Evely, and Trisha Conder; his brother-in-law, Andy Wright; along with many nieces and nephews and a few adopted daughters. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 1 p.m. The church is located at 502 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Tommy will be laid to rest at St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., with prayers of the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Vaughn Phelps Funeral Home. Additional visitation will be on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Johnson Vaughn Phelps Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Restoration Fund.

### Duane Edwin Zackery

BREMEN — Duane Edwin Zackery, 62, of Bremen, died Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 11:22 a.m. at his residence. Mr. Zackery was born Nov. 8, 1963, in Muhlenberg County. He was a member of New Harmony Baptist Church, and served as a Deacon. He was a master mechanic, and was owner of Triple Z. A graduate of Bremen High School.

He is survived by his wife, Lauria Jones Zackery; daughters, Maria (Corey) Neal and Christi (Doug) Vincent; grandchildren, Briana Zackery and Kensi Neal; mother, Carol Zackery;

brother, Troy Zackey; sister, Tammy (Richard) Novak; sister-in-law, Bobbie (Brian) Myers; brother-in-law, Bobby Jones, Jr.; mother-in-law, Barbara Jones; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Bro. Daxton Lear officiating, assisted by Bro. Dan Yeager. Burial in New Harmony Cemetery in Bremen. Visitation will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneral-homes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneral-homes.com).

### Virginia 'Sissy' Harpe

Virginia "Sissy" Harpe, 94, of Owensboro, passed away Friday, April 17, 2026, under the care of Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Kentucky. She was born Aug. 22, 1931, to the late James and Francis Tucker.

Known affectionately as Mamaw, Virginia embraced her role with great pride and affection, creating a loving environment for her family. Her home was often filled with the delightful aroma of fish fries, a cherished tradition that brought family and friends together in joyous celebration. Fishing was not only a pastime but a passion that connected her to the natural world and provided countless opportunities for cherished memories.

Virginia's enthusiasm extended beyond her home; she was an avid fan of the University of Kentucky basketball team, demonstrating unwavering support and following several of the players' careers in the NBA.

In addition to her parents, Virginia is preceded in death by her loving husband, James Edward Harpe; and brothers, Donnie Tucker, Bobby Tucker and Jr. Tucker. Those left to cherish



her memory include her children, Steve Harpe (Connie), Garry Harpe (Janie) and David Harpe (Tracey); grandchildren, Tara (Brian), Brandon (Ashley), Salena (Stephanie), Jimmy (Shannon) and Shawn (Malissa); and several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Virginia was held 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation was from 12 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Kentucky, 3419 Wathen's Crossing, Owensboro, KY 42303.

Memories and condolences may be offered online [www.glenncares.com](http://www.glenncares.com)

### Ruby Nell Wilcox

CENTRAL CITY — Ruby Nell Wilcox, 91, of Central City, died Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 11:54 a.m. at Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital. Mrs. Wilcox was born May 26, 1934, in Muhlenberg County. She was a bookkeeper for Muhlenberg County School System, and a member of First Baptist Church in Central City.

She is survived by her children, Eddie (Amy) Wilcox, Patty Williams, and Cammie (Will) Grant; grandchildren,

Katie Williams and Lee Williams; and great-grandchildren, Emma, Ella, and Eden.

Graveside funeral services will be Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery in South Carrollton, with Dr. Chase Thompson officiating. Burial to follow. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Gideons International. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneral-homes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneral-homes.com).

## POLICE REPORTS

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

### Owensboro Police Department

- Aaron S. Schoenfeldt, 28, of Calhoun was charged Wednesday with second-degree strangulation (domestic violence related) and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- Amanda K. Rone, 38, of the 1900 block of East 21st Street was charged Tuesday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone) and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- Keno V. Allen, 33, of Reed was charged Tuesday with second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.
- Car parts, video games, DVDs, model and remote control cars, tools bicycles and bicycle parts were reported stolen in a Tuesday burglary at a home in the 1700 block of Bluff Avenue.

### Daviess County Sheriff's Office

- Jonathan Strader, 44, of Nebo was charged Tuesday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- Kasey L. Wilson, 35, of Nebo was charged Tuesday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and tampering with physical evidence.

## 2026 'State of the Air' report lists multiple Kentucky counties with poor air quality

### Louisville receives F for ozone smog and year-round particle pollution

BY SARAH LADD  
KENTUCKY LANTERN

For Louisville high school math teacher Lindsay Thurman, air quality isn't an abstract concept. Her body tenses and cramps as she fights through pollutants to breathe.

Thurman lives with the rare pulmonary arterial hypertension, which features "abnormally high" blood pressure in lung arteries, according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders.

"It just seems as though my lungs were kind of built wrong, and the blood vessels in my lungs constrict and thicken, which makes it harder for my heart to push blood into my lungs to pick up oxygen, which makes the heart larger, which makes it harder to breathe," Thurman explained. "It's just a mess."

To boot, she breathes some of the worst air in Kentucky, according to a report released Wednesday.

The 2026 "State of the Air" report from the American Lung Association shows 176,359 children in Ken-



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Lindsay Thurman, a high school math teacher, lives with the rare pulmonary arterial hypertension, which makes breathing difficult. In 2021, the Louisville resident became the first known PAH patient to finish a marathon.

tucky breathe air with unhealthy levels of pollution.

According to the report, the Jefferson County area — the report includes Clarksville, Indiana, and

down to Elizabethtown as part of this area — is one of the dirtiest in the United States for ozone smog. Reasons for this include engine exhaust, factory output and wildfire smoke as pollution drifts in and settles in the Ohio Valley. Louisville is the most populous city in Kentucky.

This annual report issues grades to cities based on air quality. The Louisville area received an F for ozone smog and year-round particle pollution because it has nearly 11 days every year labeled unhealthy. The area has received a failing grade for years.

Meanwhile, several Eastern Kentucky counties ranked among the cleanest in the country for ozone smog.

Rural Kentucky earned a few wins in the latest State of the Air Report, but the state overall continues to rank poorly for air quality.

Findings in the report include: Eight Kentucky counties continued to be listed among the cleanest in the country for ozone smog — Bell, Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Morgan, Perry, Pike and Pulaski. They all earned an A grade in the report based on their low levels of ozone.

Perry County was the worst in the state for the daily (short-term) measure of particle pollution, earning a D grade.

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## FUNERALS

**Coomes, Barbara**, 84, died Monday. Mass: 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Whitesville, KY. Burial: follows at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation: 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Cecil Funeral Home.

**Madewell, Barbara**, 78, died Friday. Service: 2 p.m. Friday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial: Owensboro Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Visitation: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Peveler, Jane**, died Monday. Service: 1 p.m. Friday at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Burial: Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Pirtle, George**, 87, died on Friday. Service: Noon Thursday at William L. Danks Funeral Home, Beaver Dam. Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford. Visitation: 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

**Quisenberry, Martha**, 91, died Monday. Celebration of life: 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church. Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

**Robertson, Donna**, 77, died Monday. Service: 11 a.m. Friday at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Burial: Jerry Wayne Robertson Memorial Cemetery. Visitation: 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

**Smith, Norbert**, 94, died Friday, April 17. Mass: 11 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial: St. Anthony Church Cemetery. Visitation: 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Friday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory.

**Smith, Raymond**, 62, died Monday. Visitation: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Haley McGinnis Funeral Home and Crematory.

**Trotter, Mildred**, 90, died Dec. 21. Service: 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

**Walling, Leslie**, 80, died Monday. Service: 2 p.m. Thursday at Newton Springs Baptist Church in Fordsville. Visitation: 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

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