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‘Virginia’ Sue Brown Sublett

“Virginia” Sue Brown Sublett, 87, of Owensboro, KY, passed away on Saturday Aug. 22, 2026, at the Heartford House while under the care of Hospice of Western Kentucky. She was born Aug. 26, 1938, in McLean County, to the late Goebel and Evlyn Kirkland Brown.

Sue began her nursing career at Owensboro Daviess County

Hospital where she was instrumental in starting the first CCU unit. She spent many years on various stations of the hospital until 1984. In 1984 Sue joined Dr. Abshier at Owensboro Internal Medicine, until her retirement in 1999. She was a longtime member of Hall Street Baptist Church until she and her husband became members of Macedonia Baptist Church in 1990. In her free time, she enjoyed quilting and working in her garden and flowers at her home. Sue was known for her Sunday dinners which included some of her family’s favorites like her fried chicken, strawberry salad, orange juice cake, and her chocolate Godiva cake.

Sue’s love and joy for life was evident in every interaction she had. She loved her family and friends fiercely and cherished every moment with them. She will be remembered as a dedicated wife, mother, Nanny, sister, and great friend.

Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Donald Sublett; grandson, Justin Robbins; a brother, Gerald Brown; and sister, Marian Gatewood.



Sue is survived by her children, Greg Sublett and his wife, Karen, of Lexington and Susan Robbins Chapman and her husband, Tim, of Owensboro; grandchildren, Coty Robbins Horn (Brad), Elijah Sublett (Sarah), Madison Clark (Rudy), Seth Robbins, Austin Sublett, Ben Chapman, and Asha Reed (Jordan); great-grandchildren, Jackson, Connor, Jacob, Isabella, Augustus, Bentley, Aria, and Ellie; sister in law, Dorothy White (Brooks) of Alexander, VA; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Sue will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial to follow in Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Friday from 3 until 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Tucker’s Treehouse c/o Hospice of Western Kentucky 3419 Wathen’s Crossing, Owensboro, KY 42301. Memories and condolences may be left for the family of Sue Sublett at www.glennfuneralhome.com.

Mark Lynn Lewis

Mark Lynn Lewis, 56, of Owensboro, passed away on Monday, Aug. 3, 2026, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was born on Dec. 13, 1969, to James Robert Lewis and Vicky Cox. Mark was a 1986 graduate of Apollo High School and worked for himself as a carpenter. Outside of work he really enjoyed playing the guitar and being with his Schnauzer, Jazzy.

He was preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal grandparents; and his father, James Lewis.

Mark is survived by his mother, Vicki Cox; brothers, Rodney, James, Jamie, and Jeremy; and his sisters, Brescia and Sabra.

A memorial service for Mark will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial to



follow in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Heart Association P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX, 75284-0692. Memories and condolences may be left for the family of Mark Lewis at www.glennfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Douglas Hood

Joseph Douglas Hood, 86, of Owensboro, KY, passed away on Aug. 25, 2026. He was born in Philpot, KY, on Dec. 24, 1939, to the late Newell Justin and Mary Bernice (Hardesty) Hood.

Joseph was a devoted family man whose greatest joy came from the time he spent with those he loved. Family was at the center of his life. He also had a genuine interest in accounting and numbers. He was a member of Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church and his commitment to helping others extended beyond his church through his involvement with Civitan, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Knights of Columbus. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family,

his strong faith, and his willingness to serve others.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Kathy; siblings, Bob, Gerald Ray, Charlie, Darrell, and Sheila.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 65 years, Dorothy Ann “Cecil” Hood; his children, Tracy Kania, David (Kellie) Hood, Mary Ann (Eric) Schmidt, and Paul Hood; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his siblings, Jackie Cecil, Linda Hagan, Norma Fulkerson, Debbie Murphy, and Sandy Mayfield.

Services will be held at Carmel Home in Owensboro, Kentucky, on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, at 11 a.m. Friends

Shirley Stewart

Shirley Stewart, 85, of Utica, KY, passed away Monday, Aug. 24, 2026, at her home. Shirley Ann Moseley was born Feb. 17, 1941, in Daviess County, KY, to the late Herman and Sally Moseley, and was married to Edward Earl Stewart on Oct. 7, 1957.

Shirley was a homemaker and a member of Buck Creek Baptist Church.

Shirley is survived by two sons, James Stewart and Bill Stewart; a daughter, Debra Stratton (Terry); 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026, at Muster Funeral Homes, Calhoun Chapel. Burial will be in the Nickel Ridge Cemetery in Daviess County. Friends may visit with Shirley’s family from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Musters in Calhoun.

The Shirley Stewart family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to Shirley Stewart, Memorial Fund; C/O Muster Funeral Homes; P.O. Box 160; Calhoun, KY, 42327.

Shirley’s services will be streamed live on musterfuneralhomes.com at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Share your memories and photos of Shirley at musterfuneralhomes.com.

Scotty Ray Stewart

Scotty Ray Stewart, 48, of Central City, KY, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026 in Powderly, KY. Mr. Stewart was born July 12, 1979, in Muhlenberg County to Edward Buck and Patsy Stewart. Scotty helped out at Breakthrough Base, getting donations for the community.

He is survived by his three children, Selena Stewart, Billy Stewart, and Stormy Stewart; six grandchildren; brothers, John Stewart, Charles Stewart; sister, Tammy Butterworth; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026, at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City with Bro. Zack Banks officiating. Burial will be private.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Scotty Ray Stewart Memorial Fund, c/o Tucker Funeral Home, P.O. 548, Central City, KY, 42330, or online at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

and family are invited to visitation on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, from 10. to 11 a.m. at Carmel Home in Owensboro, Kentucky with burial to follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of charitable donations made payable to Sts. Joe and Paul Building Fund. In lieu of gifts or floral arrangements, the family kindly requests that those wishing to honor Joseph do so through memorial contributions.

Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory is honored and privileged to be entrusted with the care of Joseph Douglas Hood. Please leave condolence messages for the family of Mr. Hood and sign his virtual guestbook at www.haleymcginnis.com.

James William Rowland

James William Rowland, 65, passed away on Monday, Aug. 24, 2026. James was a lifelong resident of the Greenville area and a graduate of Greenville High School. He was

a talented and highly skilled welder who took great pride in his work and the things he could create with his hands.

He is survived by his daughter, Lacy Elizabeth Rowland; and his sister,

Bettye Faye Rowland Albin.

Funeral services are private. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

FUNERALS

Bryant, Jimmy, died Aug. 20. Funeral: 1 p.m. Wednesday at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City.

Embry, Netta, 83, died Aug. 21. Visitation: 10 a.m. Wednesday at New Assembly Church in Hartford. Funeral: 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Kirchhevel, Lawrence, 95, died Aug. 21. Visitation: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral: 12 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Linebaugh, Chris, 62, died July 26. Visitation: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Service is following the visitation.

Martin, Catherine, died Aug. 21. Service: 3 p.m. Wednesday at Cates Cemetery in Whitesville.

McDaniel, Florence, died Aug. 21.

Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Cecil Funeral Home in Whitesville. Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Whitesville.

Perry, Norma, 76, died Aug. 21. Visitation: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral: 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Render, Vonell, 82, died Aug. 23. Visitation: 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Muster Funeral Homes, Calhoun Chapel. Funeral: 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Vaughn, Russell, died Aug. 24. Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at Haley McGinnis Funeral Home. Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

POLICE REPORTS

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

Owensboro Police Department

• Justin D. Dubiel, 44, of the 1300 block of West Second Street was charged Monday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and second-degree assault (domestic violence).

• Lynette F. Mattingly, 48, of the 900 block of Hickman Avenue was charged Monday with second-degree assault (domestic violence).

• Tevin D. Johnson, 27, of Whitesville, was charged Monday with second-degree assault (domestic violence).

• Delanie R. Brey, 23, of the 2000 block of Fieldcrest Drive was charged Tuesday

with driving under the influence.

• A window sustained vandalism damage Friday at a home in the 700 block of Walnut Street.

• Tools, tool boxes, an all-terrain vehicle, clothing, an air compressor and a generator were reported stolen Friday from a vehicle parked in the 2500 block of Westwood Avenue.

Vehicle accidents

• A pedestrian, Michelle R. Bosler, was struck by a vehicle driven by Colton T. Westerfield at 10:21 p.m. Monday on Frederica Street at West Ninth Street. Reports say Bosler was walking east in the crosswalk when she decided to change directions and walk westward. Reports say Bosler looked up and saw the vehicle approaching but could not dodge away.

Reports say Westerfield said the light was green and did not see Bosler in the intersection. Bosler was taken to Owensboro Health Regional Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Daviess County Sheriff’s Office

• Julius A. Carmichael, 38, of of Chicago, Illinois was charged Tuesday with failure to comply with sex offender registration.

• Matthew B. Davis, 39, of Cromwell was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence.

• Tracy A. Harmon, 45, of the 4700 block of Towne Square Court was charged Monday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified).

Kentucky’s road projects down by more than 50% this summer

BY LIAM NIEMEYER
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State road projects across Kentucky have dropped dramatically this summer, usually one of the busiest times for road crews.

The Kentucky Lantern analyzed monthly documents called Eligible Bidders Lists from this summer and the previous two summers published by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that show the various road projects the cabinet is seeking bids for from asphalt paving and construction companies. Much of the cabinet’s summer work is asphalt resurfacing, where road paving companies put a fresh layer of asphalt on a road.

The Lantern found that the cabinet has listed dramatically fewer road projects in total this summer — roughly one-third of the projects it advertised during the summer of 2025.

Over June and July of 2025, the cabinet listed 161 road projects that companies were bidding on. Over June and July of this year, the cabinet listed 16 projects.

In an emailed statement provided at the close of business Fri-

day, Transportation Cabinet spokesperson Naitore Djigbenou said the cabinet “forecasts project cash balances and prioritizes paying for ongoing projects or operational obligations first before awarding new contracts.”

“Our summer project advertisements primarily featured projects already in the pipeline or with dedicated federal or general funds that we could advance,” Djigbenou said. “Additional resurfacing project advertisements were possible in August based on recent cash model projections and we expect to advertise and award more contracts in the coming months.”

The pulling back of road work this sum-

mer has happened as the GOP-controlled state legislature has sharpened criticism over a shortfall in the state’s road fund created in part by a temporary gas tax holiday enacted in May by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear. The overall amount of gas tax revenue collected by the state has also fallen even before Beshear enacted a gas tax break this year.

Djigbenou said the governor’s executive order enacting a gas tax holiday did not affect the cabinet’s ability to move forward with road projects and that “primary factors informing when to award projects have been budgetary constraints from the budget enacted by the General Assembly.”

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