

OBITUARIES

Buford Adamson Jr.

LA GRANGE — Buford Adamson, Jr., age 82, of La Grange, Ky., passed away peacefully at his home on March 1, 2026, surrounded by the love

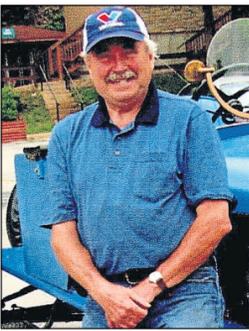
of his family. Born on Feb. 25, 1944, Buford was a proud graduate of Eastern High School, Class of 1962, where he excelled on the football field. Shortly after graduation, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force. During his four years of service, he worked as an aircraft mechanic and was stationed in West Germany during the height of the Cold War. Buford carried his pride in military service with him throughout his life.

Following his honorable discharge, Buford began a distinguished 35-year career with AT&T/BellSouth Communications as an engineer. Known for his skill, work ethic and problem-solving ability, he retired at the age of 58 and began what would become nearly 25 years of active and fulfilling retirement.

Retirement allowed Buford to devote himself to one of his greatest passions: classic cars. He meticulously collected, rebuilt and maintained numerous treasured vehicles. His craftsmanship and attention to detail earned him numerous awards and recognition at car shows throughout the region. Buford was a proud member of the Antique Iron Club of Oldham County and enjoyed the friendships and camaraderie that came with it.

A devoted Catholic throughout his life, Buford lived his faith quietly and consistently. He gave generously of his time and talents to his community. Over the years, he was involved with the Oldham County Youth Football League, the Be Like Griff Foundation and served as a Kentucky High School Athletic Association basketball referee in the 1980's. Buford also proudly served on the Trinity High School Football "Chain Gang" during the heralded 1988, 1989 and 1990 undefeated state championship seasons and for another ten seasons thereafter.

In La Grange, Buford was widely known as one of the handiest men around — someone who could fix or build nearly anything. More importantly, he was known for freely offering his help to



anyone in need. Whether repairing something for a neighbor, mentoring a young athlete or lending a steady hand to a friend, Buford embodied quiet generosity and service.

Above all, Buford was devoted to his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Buford Adamson, Sr. and Viola Adamson. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Evelyn Marie (nee Gnagie) Adamson; his children, Tamera Gail Adamson, Maria Lynn Adamson, Jeffrey Wayne Adamson and Christopher Michael Adamson; his cherished grandson, Tyler Matthew Adamson; his brothers and sisters, Myra Crews, Donna Johnson and Donnie Adamson; and a wide circle of extended family and friends who will miss his steady presence, humor and strength.

Buford was also a devoted dog lover and is preceded in death by his beloved golden retriever, Peaches Adamson and is survived by his second beloved golden retriever, Brandy Adamson. Both of these precious members of the family brought him great companionship and joy during his retirement years.

A memorial service will be held at Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home in La Grange from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Aloysius Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Golden Retriever Rescue & Adoption of Needy Dogs (GRRAND), P.O. Box 6132, Louisville, KY 40206, <https://grrand.org/donate/> or to a charity of one's choice in Buford's memory.

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" — Matthew 25:23.

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Photo courtesy of The Weil Team, Coldwell Banker McMahan

An aerial photo of the property is shown.

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The task force is expected to present its findings and recommendations to the fiscal court this summer after a series of meetings and public discussions. Updates on meeting dates and opportunities for continued public engagement are said to be shared in the coming weeks.

Volunteers for "Friends of Stewart Park," who will assist with the park's upkeep, will be sought at a later date.

The Stewart Park Task Force is comprised of 15 individuals, including Parks and Recreation Director Gary Parsons, who will serve as the force's chair. Other members include:

Oldham County Tourism Executive Director Kim

Hydes, Oldham County Conservation District Board Chair Mary Lowry, magistrates Chris Haunz and Brent Likins, Oldham County Police Chief Greg Smith, the park's former landowner Nathan Stewart, as well as local citizens Mike Prather, Stephanie Barter, Nell Bradley, Adrian Doleman, Marcia Santos Elder, Bill Ferko, Bob Vinsand and Danny Warren.

"Stewart Park's 225 acres of forested terrain and stream corridor provide the only public access to Harrods Creek in Oldham County, making it a unique and valuable public asset," the release reads. "Community participation in the survey reflects strong interest in preserving the property's natural beauty while enhancing responsible public access."

LA GRANGE — Philip Brent Garmon, age 82, of La Grange, Ky., passed away on March 7, 2026.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1944, in Indianapolis, Ind. to the late Dewey and Ella (Atwood) Garmon.

Philip married the love of his life, Linda Weilage, sharing 61 wonderful years and raising two children, Sherry and James V Garmon. He enjoyed tending to his 20 acres of land, mowing on the tractor and

PEWEE VALLEY — Anita F. Wilborn, age 82, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 7, 2026, in Pewee Valley, Ky.

Anita was born and raised in Pewee Valley and was a graduate of Oldham County High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for local retail establishments and wholesale businesses which she enjoyed greatly.

Anita had a passion for music and fishing. If she wasn't working, going to church, or playing her mandolin, she could be found at any local lake with a rod in her hand and a basket full of bait. Her faith was central to her life; she was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a member of

LA GRANGE — David Michael Hibben passed away March 6, 2026. David proudly served in the United States Army before



also serving his country in the Marine Corp Reserves.

Philip Brent Garmon, 82



working in the barn. Philip received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Louisville before going on to have a successful career with Humana before retir-

ing as their Senior Vice President. A longtime member of St. Matthews Baptist Church, he most recently attended La Grange Baptist Church and proudly served in the United States Army Reserves.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Rippy.

Left to cherish the memory of Philip Brent Garmon are his wife, Linda W Garmon; his children, Sherry and James V Garmon; his grand dog, Charlie; his brothers-in-law, Don Weilage (Carol) and Ralph Weilage (Betty); many nie-

ces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, along with extended family and friends.

A graveside service will be held at Floydsburg Cemetery, 5600 Old Floydsburg Road in Crestwood, Ky., on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to Dreams with Wings or Down Syndrome of Louisville in honor of his son, or to Hosparus Health for their care of Philip.

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Anita is survived by her husband of 64 years, Claude; and daughters Cynthia Willen of Leitchfield, Ky. and Lisa Wilborn of Pewee Valley. She leaves behind a loving legacy, including her grandchildren, James West Jr. (Heather) of Westport, Ky. and Erin Morford (Paul) of Corydon, Ind. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Carson West, Luke West, Mike and Charlee Tolle of Westport, Cory Kelley of Westport, Alyson Kelley of Corydon, Ind. and Emily Kelley of Corydon, Ind.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and caregivers at Hosparus of Louisville for their love,

compassion, and comforting care.

Visitation for Anita was held at Stoess Funeral Home, 6534 West Highway 22 in Crestwood, on Wednesday, March 11 and visitation will also be held on Thursday March 12, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. with a funeral service being held immediately following at Stoess Funeral Home. Burial will be at Floydsburg Cemetery in Crestwood.

Charitable donations may be made in her memory to Hosparus of Louisville. hosparushealth.org.

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David Michael Hibben, 77

Natoli (Mike), Sally Grogan (Tim), Barb Hodgins (Tom), Mike Hibben (Paula) and Renee Brozenic (Mark); and many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Michael Hibben.

Memorial visitation will be held at Heady-Radcliffe

Funeral Home & Cremation Services in La Grange on March 14, from 1-3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

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Court OKs 5-unit apartment complex on Highway 146

Court approves Judge Executive to negotiate for property purchase

BY GRANT GERSTNER
EDITOR

After a nearly two-hours of presentations, public comments and debate, the Oldham County Fiscal Court approved a zoning change for a five-unit apartment complex on Highway 146 in a 6-2-1 vote on March 3.

The hearing began with a presentation from Planning and Development Assistant Director Anna Barge, who stated that the development would take place on 3604 and 3608 W Highway 146.

Barge explained that, in order to go forward, the current zonings of "Residential, R-2," and "Commercial, C-1" would need to both be changed to "Residential, R-4," which allows for multi-family dwellings.

She also noted that, on Dec. 9, 2025, the Planning Commission both approved the development plan and positively recommended the zoning change to the court in a 9-1 vote.

The development, which will cover 24% of the just over 1/3-acre lot, also received a setback variance from the Board of Adjustments by unanimous vote on Dec. 18, 2025, allowing for a 4-foot setback from the nearby train tracks' right-of-way instead of the typical 25-foot rear-yard setback.

During the hearing, Key Homes LLC's legal representative Michael G. Swansburg namely argued that the zoning map amendment would better fit the development in the surrounding area.

Swansburg also argued that the development adhered to the comprehensive plan, citing sections that state "new development should be compatible with surrounding land uses, community and infrastructure" as well as "encourage development with existing capacity, infrastructure and service."

In doing so, Swansburg highlighted the recently constructed apartment complex across the street — Oldham Pointe, also owned and operated by the same developer.

He also mentioned the Oldham County Detention Center, located about 400 feet away, and the potential development along Highway 146 once the Kentucky State Reformatory property is released.

Swansburg further stated that the development is a reflection of a broader need for more affordable housing options and the increase in construction costs for single-family home developments, saying that costs have increased 44% in the last five years.

Laura O'Brien was one of the only local residents to speak during the public hearing portion, voicing several concerns.

Namely, O'Brien stated that the building being so close to the nearby train tracks posed a public safety hazard, that the development would stress infrastructure and local school capacity, and that approving developments of the sort sets a precedence for future development approvals.

Mary Lowry, who serves as the Chair on the Oldham County Conservation District Board, also briefly spoke against the development,

calling it "trying to fit a square peg into a round hole" due to the small lot space.

When brought back to the court for questions, Barge further clarified the written approval the setback variance received from CSX, who owns and operates on the nearby train tracks, and stated that the development adheres to local laws by including 10 parking spaces.

When asked about pricing, Key Homes LLC Owner Billy Doelker referenced the apartment complex across the street, which he said he charges \$1,475 per month for each two-bedroom apartment.

"Some of it's subject to market rates, some of it's subject to cost, but [they will be] in that neighborhood — probably higher," Doelker said regarding the cost. He also stated that he believes \$1,475 per month in rent is affordable for a single person. "I wish we could do it for less ..." he said.

Magistrate Bob Dye asked, "How soon do you plan on selling this investment?" to which Doelker replied that he

could not tell Dye an answer.

"I was one of the developers of Buckner Pointe; I had no intention of selling it. We were approached — it wasn't not on the market, but yes, we did sell it. I don't want to stand up here and tell you whether it'd be a year from now or it might be 25 years from now.

"I can tell you that we currently manage and own the ones across the street and that's the way that we're intending to do this project as well."

Magistrate Kevin Woolsley requested for the Doelker to build a 6-foot, non-chain-link fence along the rear property line to serve as a barrier between the property and the railroad tracks, and Doelker agreed.

Magistrate Stephanie Hawkins cited a section of the comprehensive plan, "T-1-1," which states that residential access on arterial roadways — such as Highway 146 — should be limited to prevent safety hazards, which she said was her justification for voting against the development.

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