

OBITUARY

Phyllis Lynn Sutherland, 75

HENDERSON, Tenn. — Phyllis Lynn Sutherland, of Henderson, Tenn., passed peacefully from this life Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026. She recently celebrated her 75th birthday.

After Phyllis learned she had Stage 4 cancer with brain metastases seven weeks earlier, she approached treatments and two hospitalizations with her characteristic faith, positive attitude and poise. God granted her the gift of spending her final days with compassionate, around-the-clock home care, in addition to hospice support. An army of family and friends graciously surrounded Phyllis to celebrate her great legacy of faith, service and friendship in her final days — a testament to the love she poured into others.

Phyllis was born Aug. 22, 1951, in La Grange, Ky., to Clyde Richard Powell and Thelma Mae Gering Powell. She grew up in Crestwood, Ky., and graduated from Oldham County High School in 1969. She attended Sullivan Business College and was chosen Miss Oldham County 1969.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her brother-in-law and sister, Mark and Mary Evelyn Powell Bramblett; brother, John Vincent Powell; sons and daughters-in-law, Luther Shannon and Lena Bramblett and Jason Andrew and Dawn Bramblett; grandchildren, Andrew, Hallie, Sy and Case Bramblett; nieces, Natalie Meredith, Jessica Powell and Whitney (and husband, Chad) Perry; nephews, Jonathon and Justin Powell; great-nephews, Weslee, Dylan and Wyatt Bodenheimer and Charlie Perry; and great-niece, Naomi Perry. Phyllis is also survived by several cousins and their spouses, Karen Byrd, Anna Marie McGinity, Mary Ann Hall, Keith Appel, Marty Appel, Richard Beard, Jim and Jeanne Gering, Joe and Becky Gering, Chris Gering and Paula Gering Jessop.

Phyllis and the late Stan Bramblett married in 1970 and moved to Fort Myers, Fla., after the birth of their first son. There they welcomed a second son before ending their mar-



riage. Phyllis built her life in Fort Myers for 33 years, where she and her boys enjoyed many beautiful days at the beach and on the water. She was an active member of McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers, where she sang in groups with her dear life-long friend Marilyn Hoiles and others. Phyllis worked in real estate and the dental field and married Don Swagler in 1982. Don passed away in 2005, while he and Phyllis were beginning the process of relocating to Henderson, Tenn., to be closer to family. Phyllis married Gayle Sutherland in 2017, and they lived together in Henderson until he died in 2020.

After living in Kentucky and Florida, Phyllis built a beautiful life in Tennessee for 21 years. She attended countless games, school events and performances for grandchildren, just as she had for her two sons. She also returned to the bleachers as often as she could to cheer on the college baseball teams her son Lu coached.

She worked with Brian Henson for 21 years after she began a new career as a financial services branch office administrator in 2005. She loved her Henson Lamb Wealth Management of Raymond James co-workers and considered Brian, Erika, Kyle, April and Kim to be family. She had a passion for serving clients with excellence, and her gifts of organization, encouragement, hospitality and settling people at ease shone brightly through this work.

A devoted follower of Christ and member of First Baptist Church of Henderson, Phyllis taught Bible classes, participated in music programs and volunteered on church committees. She taught a ladies' Bible class until her health forced her to stop this summer.

She enjoyed quilting and crafts, traveling with friends and family and antiquing. She cherished her time with special neighbors, her quilting guild, the Henderson Church of Christ Exercise Class and WinGS (Widows in God's Service) group, and The Tribe with many wonderful women from the Estes Church of Christ. She also served the community as a King Lion through the Chester County Lions Club. She maintained meaningful, rich friendships with countless people throughout her lifetime.

Phyllis wrote this message to share: "There is nothing more important than a personal relationship with God. Accepting His Son, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior was the life-changing decision of my life. I am not perfect, but I know that when Jesus died on the cross, He took my sins with Him, and I am free and look forward to spending eternity in Heaven with Him. I pray that while I have lived on this earth, I have reflected a strong faith in my Lord and been an example to others of a walk with Him."

To celebrate her life, faith and love for others, Phyllis's family and friends are planning a beautiful public space — Phyllis's Fountain of Blessings. The goal is to reflect her love of art and her hometown and to encourage neighbors to share community, read the Bible and enjoy moments of prayer and quiet contemplation. Anyone who wishes to honor Phyllis in this way can make a tax-deductible gift to the Henderson Arts Commission; contributions may be dropped off at or mailed to Bramblett Group.

Gifts Made Payable to: Henderson Arts Commission, Memo: Phyllis's Fountain of Blessings c/o Bramblett Group, 117 West Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340.

There was a Celebration of Life visitation and service on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at First Baptist Church, 504 East Main Street in Henderson, Tenn. Phyllis requested to be cremated following her memorial service and later be interred at The Floydsburg Cemetery in Crestwood, Ky.

Commission OKs tax rate, \$17K fiber cable install for park

BY GRANT GERSTNER
EDITOR

CRESTWOOD — The Crestwood City Commission conducted a second reading of its property tax rate for this year, as well as approved the installation of fiber internet cables in The Maples Park at their Sept. 9 meeting.

Mayor Jim Kramer said that the city's tax rate has remained at 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value for many years, and that the ordinance also outlines an agreement between the city and Oldham County Sheriff's Office allowing the office to send and collect the tax bills on behalf of the city.

In return, the sheriff's office receives 4.25% of the city's gross revenue.

Kramer said that property owners who pay their bills before Nov. 1 receive a 30% discount. Those who fail to pay before the start of the new year face a 10% penalty.

When brought to a vote, the ordinance passed unanimously. No one spoke during the commission's public hearing conducted during their August meeting.

The council also unanimously approved a \$17,136.73 contract with GEM Construction Group to install fiber internet cables and other internet equipment at The Maples Park between the commission's new city hall building and the park's amphitheater.

As previously reported, the commission approved an over \$33,000 payment to install the conduit that houses the cables at their July 8 meeting.

The park already has fiber cables installed to and from several different parts of the park, but Commissioner Terry Weathers sought the final stretch of cable to create a closed circuit that will ensure internet services are still available even if one section of cable is damaged and will open the door for having Wi-Fi capabilities throughout the park.

In other news, the commission also approved a \$3,860 contract with Modern Maintenance to remove old carpet, other unwanted items and clean the city hall building's basement, which was largely untouched by the renovations.

The commission also approved amendments to the county zoning regulations on qualified manufactured homes, short-term rental properties and golf driving ranges.

The changes to the manufactured housing regulations were spurred by new state legislation that requires all zoning classes that allow single-family homes to allow "qualified" manufactured homes — those that namely affixed to a foundation and were manufactured within five years prior to install.

The changes to the regulations on short-term rental property largely deal with the identification required to prove proof of residency. Previously, any two forms of identification were accepted. Now, one of those forms of identification must be a government-issued photo ID.

The changes to the regulations on golf driving ranges simply allow the ranges to install an up to 60-foot net. Previously, the regulations mistakenly allowed a 60-foot fence instead.

The commission also voted to give Kramer authority to sign a contract with

the Oldham County Clerk's Office to allow the old IGA building — which was used as a temporary courthouse in the past few years — to be used as a polling locating during the upcoming election.

Though the contract is a temporary lease, Kramer said he is not charging the county clerk's office for using the space.

The commission also heard several reports:

Kramer reported that the council has been working towards ironing out designs for their proposed city center and park plaza project, which namely plans to feature two 20,000-square-foot commercial buildings — one of which the commission hopes to house the Oldham County Public Library's South Oldham branch, and the other for a family-friendly restaurant and other businesses.

Kramer said that Encompass Design Develop Construct presented the commission with preliminary conceptual ideas for the design of the buildings and plaza. Once narrowed further, Kramer said a concept may be shown at next month's commission meeting.

Commissioner Joan Bryant reported that plans for another waste collection event for City of Crestwood citizens is planned for Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unlike the previous event, tires will not be accepted this time.

Consulting Architect Gant Jones reported that contractors for the city hall's roof hope to start work during the first week of October, and that construction has started on Crestwood Manor underneath A Taste of Thai, though they no longer plan to move the sprinkler system or paint the walls until a tenant has been more defined.

Jones also said that there is further space in the opposite side of the basement, underneath Papa Johns, and a proposal is being put together to take out partition walls and clean up the space for a possible future tenant or expansion of Crestwood Mercantile.

City Attorney Laura Stoess reported that the city's digital sign affixed to a trailer is planned to be given a permanent home at Glenn Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, at the corner of Highway 146 and Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Also, the ice machine and concrete bollards near Railroad Avenue and the former Star Armory building have been removed, making way for the city's proposed city center and park plaza development.

The Maples Park representative Jody Smiley reported that a new bench has been installed outside of city hall, that the park will host its last "Sounds of Summer" concert featuring Allen Lane Band alongside a car show on Sept. 18, and that the splash pad will remain on until Oct. 5.

Weathers reported that the installation of the card access equipment for the doors around the park is 60% complete, and that he is seeking quotes for some exterior repairs on the buildings at the park.

Also, Weathers is self-auditing the city's utilities and internet services, and wants to put the city's accounting service out to bid to ensure the city is getting the best deal.

The Crestwood City Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

PROSPECT

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LDG claimed Prospect didn't oppose the apartment complex until they learned it would be affordable housing. Instead, the developer said Prospect worried about the type of people moving in:

seniors, minorities, immigrants and low-income individuals.

Part of LDG's evidence used comments from 2016 public meetings in which residents were concerned that low-income housing would bring more crime to the area and lower the "social standard".

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Prospect Mayor Doug Farnsley provided a statement to the Era regarding the lawsuit.

"Prospect is taking all steps necessary to protect its interests now that the lawsuit has moved into its post-verdict stage," he said.

"Prospect is a small suburban city filled with good, thoughtful people. We will work with LDG as construction moves forward, and we look forward to welcoming their tenants as neighbors and as members of our community."

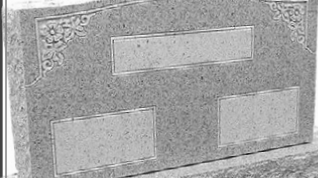
The developer took to Facebook to celebrate its win.

"While we had hoped that we would be able to win the support of Prospect community by incorporating some of the feedback they provided into proposed design, it didn't take long to realize that their objections were really about the people this development would serve and not about the buildings that would occupy the site," LDG said.

"As such, winning many of the Prospect officials' support was not something we would ever be able to achieve despite our best efforts."



Doug Farnsley, Prospect mayor



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artistry of that old fountain. From that angle that I painted, it allowed me to see some of the historic homes that are really charming about Madison" while including bright colors and flowers. "I like a lot of color," she said, adding she wanted to include some of the architecture of the city.

Pearson said she became familiar with Madison when her mother, Brenda Pearson,

was an art teacher at Trimble County schools several years ago. "She would take me over to Chautauqua when I was younger," she said, which she now returns to Madison and Chautauqua on her own as an adulthood. "Madison is a very lovely town. It feels like a Hallmark movie."

Pearson will sign copies of the print she designed at the information tent during

the festival — from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday and 4-5 p.m. Sunday.

This year's Chautauqua art print was sponsored by Arvin Sango with MPS Printing doing the printing.

Hinze said there are 205 confirmed artists — including 60 new artists and 140 returning — for this year's festival. "Some have been with us 30 years," she said.

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