

# Deaths And Funerals

## Shirley Owens

Shirley Ann Owens, 77, of Morganfield died on Sunday, March 15 at Linda White Hospice House in Evansville, Indiana.

She was born July



9, 1948 in Greenville, Kentucky to William E. "Flubby" Martin and Anna Jo Martin.

She enjoyed singing karaoke and dancing, and one of her greatest passions was fishing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Owens.

She is survived by a son, Bill (April) Owens of Dixon, Kentucky; a daughter, Pam (Donnie) Powell of Morganfield; four sisters, Sue Michael of Morganfield, Janie Green of Central City, Kentucky, Regina Martin of Greenville, and Martha Jane Ford of Killeen, Texas; a brother, Keneuk (Leslie) Helton of Madisonville, Kentucky; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren;

and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Friday, March 20, 3:00 P.M. at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield.

Burial will be in Boxville Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Visitation is 11:00 A.M. to service time on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420 or Ronald McDonald House Global, 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263.

## Nancy Collins

Nancy Marie Collins of Sturgis died on Thursday, March 13.

She was born January 29, 1960 in Jacksonville, North Carolina to Janice and Larry Jack Sale.



Nancy was a de-

voted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She dedicated her life to caring for children, earning a degree in Early Childhood Education and spending her pre-retirement years in teaching pre-school.

She enjoyed the simple comforts of home. Nancy loved music, shopping for purses, shoes, clothes and sparkly things, and enjoyed hosting family and friends in her home.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Julie Lynn Vinson and a son, Robert William Collins.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 49 years, Robert "Bobby" Wayne Collins; her children, Jance and Chad Fenwich, Jillian and Ted Russelburg, Jamie Collins and partner, Kelvin Bullock, and John-Robert Collins and partner, Jalissa Runnels; her siblings, Larry Lee Sale and Susan and Philip Bryant; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and family friends.

A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, March 17 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Jeff Paris officiating.

## Dorothy Hancock

Dorothy (Dot) F. Hancock, 76, peacefully passed away on March 12, 2026 at Lucy Smith Hospice Center in Henderson, Kentucky. Leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and service.

She was born September 13, 1949, in Morganfield, Kentucky; to the late Robert G. Frazier and Florence E. Frazier.

At an early age, Dorothy professed her faith in Christ and united with Carr's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and dedicated servant throughout her life. She joyfully served as a member of the usher board and choir. She later served as president of the senior choir, the We Can Do Club and mothers board where she was lovingly recognized as a Mother of the Church, offering wisdom, prayer, and encouragement to generations.

She attended Union County High School and worked diligently at Movac and Earle Clements Job Corps for many years. Her true calling was found at Higgins Learning Center, where she devoted over 10 years to lovingly caring for the residents. Known for her agape love, generous heart, and compassionate spirit, she was a pillar of the community and touched countless lives through her selfless love of everyone. If you needed help, she would be there to open her door.

Family, friends and fellowship were at the center of Dot's heart. She treasured time spent with loved ones and possessed a special gift for bringing joy, laughter, and light to every room she entered.

At the age of seventeen, Dot met the love of her life, Moses E. Hancock, Sr. Their union of 58 years was a beautiful testament to commitment, love and was blessed with four children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved son Jacques "Scooby" Hancock; her siblings Thelma, Melvin, Tracy, and Robert Frazier, Jr.; and a host of her beloved in-laws.

She leaves to cherish her devoted husband; her children who will always love and adore her; Renee White (Tim) of Raleigh, NC, Moses E. Hancock, Jr. (Tamara) of Morganfield, KY, and Deanna Rose of Raleigh, NC; and her son-in-law John Rose of Raleigh, NC.

Me - m a w ' s l e g a c y and love lives on through her cher - i s h e d e i g h t g r a n d - c h i l d r e n , w h o h a d t h e i r o w n u n i q u e b o n d w i t h h e r : N a t a s h a W h i t e - A n d e r s o n , A d r i a n W h i t e ; D e s i r e e H a n c o c k , M o n i q u e H a n c o c k , T r e H a n c o c k ; J a l i n H a n c o c k ; N y l a h R o s e , A ' m y i a h R o s e ; a l o n g w i t h t h r e e b o n u s g r a n d c h i l d r e n , E r i c S a u l s , T a m e i s h a W i l l e t t , a n d A n n i s h a W i l l e t t . S h e w a s f u r t h e r b l e s s e d w i t h s i x t e e n a d o r e d g r e a t - g r a n d c h i l d r e n .



She is survived by her cherished siblings, who loved and adored her, as she took on the Mom role in many ways after the loss of their beloved Mama. They all share a bond that will never be broken; her loving and caring twin Martha Alvis; Jerry Frazier (LaSaundra) of Sturgis, KY; James, Brenda, Karen, and Stacey Frazier of Morganfield, KY; Curtis Frazier of Henderson, KY; Terry Frazier of Louisville, KY; Elma Willett (Robert) of Woodbridge, VA; Sharon Frazier of Raleigh, NC; and her sister-in-law Ann Frazier of Fort Washington, MD.

Part of her legacy will continue through the unwavering love she had for her nieces and nephews who affectionately loved and adored "Aunt Dorothy". She had a way of building her own special bond with each of them and treated them as her own. She also leaves to cherish her beloved cousins, and her longtime three best girlfriends; Jewel and Darlene, (The Buga's), and June (Junie Kay); her special friends Faye and Barbara Jean; and her honorary mom, Mother Foster.

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."*

— 2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

Funeral Service will be Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 12:00 PM. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Carr's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Morganfield, Kentucky. Paid

## Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

### A Broken But Faithful Rock

Simon Peter failed Jesus at a critical time. Jesus had predicted it despite his protests:

And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same. (Mark 14:27-31)

And yet, before the night was over, Peter had denied knowing Christ at all. As Jesus was brought before the religious leaders, accused, beaten, and spit upon, Peter was questioned about his association three times. And each time he denied Jesus before the rooster crowed a second time, just as Jesus had said. Peter failed Jesus, just like many of us have.

Make no mistake. Peter had been the most vocal among the remaining eleven disciples, but all of them ran away and left Jesus when he was betrayed by Judas and arrested in the Garden. Peter was always speaking up among the 12. He was a vocal leader. And yet, Jesus had called Simon Peter to be a disciple despite knowing that he would betray him at his greatest hour of need.

In John's Gospel, after his resurrection, Jesus restored Peter when

they met by the Sea of Galilee:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." (John 21:15-17)

Three times Peter denied Jesus before his crucifixion. Three times after his resurrection, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him, and each time Peter confesses his love for Christ. Peter would go on to lead the New Testament Church and was at the forefront of the Gospel, breaking down barriers. He was ultimately martyred for his faith (death by crucifixion) under the Roman Emperor Nero. Peter is the broken but

faithful rock of Jesus.

My point is simple. Jesus chose imperfect and broken people to carry the Gospel message to the world. He built His church on the confession of people like Simon Peter. People who, despite their sinful nature, professed Jesus as the Messiah and chose to follow Him. He is still in the business of calling imperfect people to share the Good News! It's never too late.

After the resurrection, Jesus commanded them (the Great Commission) to take his story to the world so everyone could experience salvation. And they did. The disciples were bearers of Good News to a broken people. Their legacy is a church (small "c") that continues to share the Good News and mentor new disciples (us), so future generations can do the same.

Isn't it amazing to be a small part of this holy disruption called the church? Isn't it humbling to think that God would rely on us to share His most important message to bring salvation to the world! By God's power and grace, we can change the world by spreading the message of eternal hope. No human endeavor even comes close to this privilege.

Lent is half over. Who do you know that needs to hear the Good News? Perhaps it's a family member, neighbor, friend, or co-worker. Whoever it is, there isn't a better time to share what Christ has done for you and me than just before Easter. It's that easy. Just tell them the story of how

Jesus saved you from your sin. Tell them how Jesus gives you hope and purpose. Don't preach a fiery sermon; just be yourself and tell your story. Invite them to join the journey. And then, leave the results up to the work of the Holy Spirit. I remain,  
Another Broken But Restored Rock,  
Monty

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### -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

The Union County Air Board is accepting bids on a 1997 Ford Ranger 2-wheel drive, 5 speed with 89,000 miles.

Bids need to be turned in at 580 Pryor Blvd, Sturgis, KY by March 20th.

Truck can be seen between 8am-2pm Monday through Friday at the Sturgis Airport. 3/18c

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Union County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for a Full-Time Groundskeeper position at Moffit Lake.

Applications can be picked up and turned in at the Union County Judge/Executive's Office located at 100 West Main St., Morganfield, KY 42437. They may be obtained via email by emailing jill.hunley@unioncountky.gov or on the County's website at www.unioncountky.org. Applications will be accepted until March 20, 2026.

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