

# Deaths And Funerals

## Donna Marsh

Donna Marie Marsh, 75, of Sturgis died on Saturday, April 18 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

She was born June



30, 1950 to the late Bennie and Edith Benson Carver in Vincennes, Indiana.

She worked as a newspaper deliverer and a nurse aide at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. She also worked with her mother at White's Kitchen restaurant in Vincennes. She was a Union County bus driver and

custodian for the Union County Public Schools until her retirement. She also worked as a security guard with her husband at coal mines in the county.

Donna was a fan of the Kentucky Wildcats. She loved her family and the Lord.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Marsh; her sister, Patricia Carver; several in-laws, two nephews; and a niece.

She is survived by two daughters, Tina Duncan and Belinda Brooks, both of Sturgis; three sons, John Marsh, Jr., Luca Marsh, and Landon Marsh, all of Sturgis; two brothers, Bernie Carver of Sturgis and Steve Carver and wife, Terri of Mitchell, Indiana; two sisters, Ann Marsh and Terry of Westphalia, Indiana and Mayme and Roger of West Virginia;

five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and family friends.

Funeral service will be Thursday, April 23, 2:00 P.M. at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Matthew Thrower officiating.

Visitation will be 11:00 A.M. to service time at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

## Michael Thomas

Michael Paul "Load-



er" Thomas, 83, of Uniontown died on Friday April 17 at his home.

Mike was born on January 19, 1943 in Henderson, Kentucky, the son of Marion Paul and Elizabeth Mary Thomas.

He was a graduate of Henderson High School, Western Kentucky University, and Purdue University. He moved his family from Indianapolis, Indiana to Morganfield in 1971 and began his teaching and coaching career at Union County High School.

He was a dedicated educator and coach. He laid the foundation for Union County wrestling to secure its first wrestling state title in 1976. He mentored by example to his students and athletes.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Dianne Thomas.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Oxford (Greg) of Uniontown; a sister, Pat Hogan (Jack) of Henderson, Kentucky; three grandchildren; his caregiver and special friend; and nieces, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 21 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Fr. Freddie Byrd officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420 or Union County High School, c/o Union County Wrestling Program, 4464 U.S. 60, Morganfield, KY 42437.

## Raymond Lofton, Jr.

Raymond Eugene Lofton, Jr., 74, of Sturgis died on Wednesday,

April 15 at Morganfield Nursing and Rehab Center in Morganfield.

He was born August 27, 1951 in Morganfield to Raymond and Roberta Lofton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Pamela Lofton and a brother, Mark Lofton.

He is survived by a daughter, Dana (Dann) Maloney of Henderson, Kentucky; two sons, Scottie Lofton and Corey Lofton, both of Henderson; a sister, Arletta (Wayne) Bickett of Morganfield; and a brother, Wayne (Elizabeth) Lofton of Henderson.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 21 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with the Rev. Dwight Jackson officiating.

Burial was in Boxville Cemetery near Morganfield.

# He Had One Toe

By Van Yandell

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Have you ever known where you were, but not exactly? We were working an area in East Africa north of Nairobi Kenya, in the Embu province somewhere between Kerugoya and Nyeri.

Not knowing exactly where we were prohibits me from giving an exact location; however we knew Nairobi was south of us and that was enough.

This is in the Mt Kenya (17,057 feet) area. Being the second highest mountain in Africa, it is a sight to behold. With its rugged peaks, that mountain has a beauty all its own.

Traveling through such an area preaching the Gospel is a unique experience and one I would like to have again. We met some unique people and found the Africans to be very gracious.

It was not uncommon for villagers to invite us to a meal. To feast on githeri, a mixture of corn and beans is a pleasant surprise, especially when one has been walking the bush or jungle for hours.

Where there were

roads, we had an old Toyota pick-up truck we used for a speaker's stand. With microphones and speakers in the back, we would pull into a market, town or village and someone would speak to gather a crowd. Then one of us would provide, with an interpreter, a Gospel message.

The people were anxious to meet and talk with us. One man wanted his grandson to meet me. He left for a while; then returned with a young boy about seven, maybe eight years old.

I was the first white man the little boy had ever seen. He could not take his eyes off me. White man in Swahili is "Wazungu." He could not stop staring at my blue green eyes. My eye color was a new experience for him.

In one village we were called the "Umbaba" meaning "going around in circles." The British occupied Kenya until 1963 and the nationals saw them as constantly "going around in circles" thus the name.

In other villages the children always gathered around to get a closer look and feel. They always wanted to feel my arms. The African men have no hair on their arms so here I was the main attraction once again. Thinking of the children running their hands over my arms still brings a smile.

In the market in

Embu, was a vegetable stand; it had plantain. I'd never eaten plantain and thought it was a kind of banana. I bought one for two schillings and proceeded to try to peel it like a banana.

My trusty pocket knife managed to get into the "tasty" part. Not realizing it had to be cooked, it puckered me up like a persimmon and the locals couldn't stop laughing. Laughing when puckered is not easy but an effort was made.

One man that educated the Wazungu wore one flip-flop on his right foot. He only had one toe on that foot and none on his left foot. He was probably seventy plus years old and had walked so many miles on the sandy trails and roads, the abrasion had worn off all his toes but one.

His flip-flop was wired to the one toe. He didn't seem to be in pain and appeared to be a happy guy. We sat on a log by the entrance to the market. I explained to him the beliefs of Christianity. He prayed to receive Jesus on that log that sunny day in East Africa. What a great blessing that was for both of us!

When we leave such a place, we know we'll probably never be back. Parting words are usually "If I don't see you again here on earth, I'll see you in Heaven."

Another time we were close to the Indian

Ocean. In one village an elderly lady received Jesus. I'll never forget the tears in her eyes as she heard the Gospel story. No one had ever told her that God loved her so much He was willing to shed His blood and die for her so she could have eternal life.

The next Sunday the Utange church held a baptism in the ocean about two miles from the church. She walked for those two miles, barefoot on a gravelly road to be baptized. I will never forget the look on her face when she came up out of the water.

Christ Jesus voluntarily, sacrificially shed His blood, gave His life for the sin of all mankind. Salvation is because of His sacrifice; because of what He did.

We have found people of many nationalities, many ethnic groups,

many skin colors, and many other differences that embrace Jesus when they hear of His sacrifice because of His love for them.

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive in to Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

Reaching people for

the Lord Jesus has been one of the most satisfying and blessed things I have ever participated in. We don't have to go to the 'uttermost parts of the earth' to find someone to tell. Go for the blessing and tell someone. You'll be glad you did and so will they.

Van Yandell is a retired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist and commissioned missionary. His email is vmy3451@gmail.com

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING ESTATE HAVE BEEN PROBATED IN UNION DISTRICT COURT. PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS TO FILE AGAINST SAID ESTATES MUST FILE SAME NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIDUCIARY.

Estate of Margaret B. Moran. Executor/Administrator: Cheryl F. Smith, 50 Road 10, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment: April 16, 2026. Attorney: Stephen M. Arnett, 109 South Morgan Street, Morganfield, KY 42437.

Estate of Rosemary Thornton. Executor/Administrator: Donald O. Thornton, 1151 State Road 109, Sturgis, KY 42459. Date of appointment: April 16, 2026. Attorney: Harry L. Mathison, 127 North Main Street, P.O. Box 43, Henderson, KY 42420.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00062

FIFTH THIRD BANK N.A. PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.,  
CROSSCLAIMANT/COUNTERCLAIM  
vs.  
JOSEPH L. PATTERSON, BRANDY M. PATTERSON DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025, I will on **APRIL 30, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:  
**Property Address: 740 Mary Anne Drive, Morganfield, KY 42437**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: M2-14-33.**  
**The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.**  
Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 3.5000% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.  
GIVEN under my hand this the 16th day of March, 2026.  
STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner  
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION 01  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00047

TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-MH1,  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
THOMAS E BURKE, ANGELA H BURKE FKA ANGELA H LOVELL,  
WASHINGTON MUTUAL FINANCE GROUP, LLC,  
CITY OF UNIONTOWN, MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS LP  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF UNION DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:  
**Property Address: 203 Turner Road, Uniontown, Kentucky 42461**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: U1-62-C2**  
**The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.**  
Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.  
GIVEN under my hand this the 24th day of March, 2026.  
STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner  
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION 01  
CIVIL ACTION NO 24-CI-00096

BG48, LLC PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
GARRET QUARLES; LARRY V. QUARLES;  
E. CHRISTINA HOLLEY; LETITIA M. QUARLES;  
RENEE GARNETT; CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KY;  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF UNION DEFENDANTS

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**Property Address: 507 West Geiger Street, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: M1-14-18**  
**The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.**  
Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.  
GIVEN under my hand this the 17th day of March, 2026  
STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner  
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