

# Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

## Encouragers

Encouragers come in all shapes, sizes, and occupations. Some are teachers, clerks, medical professionals, plumbers, law enforcement, ministers, singers, artists, authors, and coaches. Most of them don't even know how much they encourage others. They are just living their lives, and they want to help others. They are positive people who spend more time building others up than tearing them down. They are generous and content with life. They are kind and compassionate.

One of the greatest encouragers in history was a man named Joseph. He was a Levite from Cyprus. We know him as Barnabas from the New Testament:

"Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet." (Acts 4:36-37)

This followed Peter and John's encounter with the Sanhedrin for teaching and preaching the resurrection of Jesus as the Christ. They were put in jail. Thousands believed their message and came to follow Jesus. The religious leaders could not decide how to punish them, so they were released. The church was exploding as the Gospel message was spreading, people were following, and lives were being transformed. The apostles were meeting and praying regularly with the people, needs were being met, and the grace of God was powerfully at work in them. Barnabas sold some land and donated all of the proceeds to meet the needs of others. His act of generosity and love was so great that Luke specifically mentions it here in the Book of Acts.

Jump to Acts 9, and Saul, the Jewish persecutor, is on a rampage against the believers. He is traveling to Damascus to find followers of Jesus and arrest them. It's on this journey that Saul becomes the Apostle Paul after a blinding encounter with Jesus. Upon his healing, he teaches and preaches Jesus as the Christ. The Jewish leaders planned to kill him, but he escaped and fled to Jerusalem to meet the apostles. However, they are rightfully skeptical of him because he had persecuted Christians

and oversaw their deaths. The apostles feared him. And yet, the encouraging Barnabas speaks up on Paul's behalf:

"But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus." (Acts 9:27)

Paul is accepted because of Barnabas' testimony and good word. Imagine if he hadn't spoken up for the former Jewish zealot? Barnabas saw the change in Paul's life. He believed in the new Paul, and mentored him. Encouragers tend to see the best in people despite their past. Encouragers speak up when others don't. I often wonder how effective Paul's ministry would have been were it not for Barnabas. The Bible is full of encouragers. It should be because God's salvation through Christ to humanity is the most encouraging news in the world.

Let me ask you a question. Who encourages the encouragers in your life? Is it a minister, teacher, coach, friend, or co-worker? Perhaps it's someone you haven't been in contact with for a long time. Maybe it is a family member or someone who did something for you at the perfect time. Think about all the people who have brought encouragement into your life. What if you followed up and turned the tables? How can you encourage them? It could be a phone call, an email, a letter of gratitude, or some simple act of kindness.

We need more encouragers in our world. How can you become one? Ask God to embolden the gifts of kindness, grace, and encouragement toward others in your life. But be prepared! Discouraged people can be downright mean, ornery, and even hateful. Their hearts can be calloused from disappointment, failures, and pain. It isn't personal. Don't be afraid, Barnabas wasn't. Press on and encourage them. Don't let fear or their response dictate your level of encouragement. Barnabas didn't; he went all in with Paul, even on his first missionary journey in Acts 13.

Be an encourager and bless the ones in your life!

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# Kentucky State Police Issue Proactive Patrol Reminder

The Kentucky State Police would like to offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel area roadways. The agency strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics.

The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide for a high visibility, public safety service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid licensing of drivers. Other violations

of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed.

These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the Commonwealth.

Post 16 serves the following counties: Henderson; Daviess; Union; McLean; Ohio and Hancock.

For a list of Post 16 road check locations, visit the KSP website: [KentuckyStatePolice.ky.gov](http://KentuckyStatePolice.ky.gov)

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by calling KSP toll-free at: (1-800-222-5555). Citizens can call to confidentially report impaired drivers or any criminal activity. You may also confidentially report crime tips electronically with the KSP Crime Tip Form.

# Deaths And Funerals

## Jack Stewart

Jack Steven Stewart, 78, of Sturgis died on Saturday, May 2 at The Heartford House in Owensboro, Kentucky.

He was born on May 19, 1947.

He was preceded in



death by his parents, Jack and Georgia "GG" Stewart.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shireen Stewart; three children, Jack (Janet) Stewart, Jason (Nici) Stewart, and Julie (Matt) Lovell; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jack was a member of the first graduating class at Union County High School. He was a veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He spent his career as a coal miner.

He loved his family. He was a fan of the Indianapolis Colts and was an avid supporter of the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. today (Wednesday, May 6) at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. today.

## Did You Know?

Philatelists, also known as stamp collectors, enjoy the hobby of studying and collecting postage stamps, among other items related to the postal world. Philatelists may be on the hunt for items that are very rare and thus highly valuable. The most expensive stamp ever sold is the 1856 British Guiana 1c "Black on Magenta," which sold for \$9.48 million. It is considered to be the world's rarest and most expensive stamp. Only one copy of the stamp is known to exist, and it was an emergency issue of a stamp in British Guiana, now Guyana.

## Virginia Clements

Virginia "Ginny" Waller Clements, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital.



Born on November 9, 1946, in Morganfield, she was the cherished daughter of Liston and Nancy Waller.

Ginny grew up deeply rooted in her faith and community. A lifelong member of St. Ann's Catholic Parish, she attended St. Ann's

Catholic School, where she formed friendships and values that stayed with her throughout her life. Her love of learning led her to Lindewood College in St. Charles, Missouri, and later to the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis. There, she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree—an accomplishment she pursued with determination and pride—before returning home to serve the community she loved.

In 1978, Ginny married the love of her life, Richard Clements. Together they built a partnership grounded in devotion, respect, and shared purpose. She was a beloved mother to their son and daughter, and her family remained the center of her world. Ginny approached motherhood with the same warmth, steadiness, and quiet strength that defined every part of her life.

For more than 40 years, Ginny worked side by side with Richard at Clements Drugs in Morganfield. As a pharmacist, she was known not only for her expertise but for her kindness. She greeted every customer with genuine care, offering comfort, reassurance, and a listening ear. Many in the community came to rely on her gentle presence and trusted guidance. Her work was more than a profession—it was a calling, and she fulfilled it with grace.

Ginny will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her generous spirit, and her deep love for her family. She had a calm, steady way of making others feel seen and supported. Whether through her work, her friendships, or her quiet acts of kindness, she touched countless lives.

Her legacy lives on in the family she adored, the community she served, and the many people who were blessed to know her.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Clements of Morganfield; a brother, Robert Waller of Colorado Springs, Colorado; her children, Nancy Clements and Logan Clements, grandchildren Zachary Clements, Blaine Willett and Zaden Clements

Funeral was at St. Ann Church in Morganfield on Friday, May 1,

Visitation was held at St. Ann Church prior to the funeral service from 10AM to 1PM.

Burial was at St. Ann Cemetery following the funeral service.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION DISTRICT COURT  
CASE NO.

IN RE: Carolyn Louise Norris, who died intestate on the 3rd day of November, 2020, a resident of Union County, Kentucky

ORDER REGARDING FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

It is now ordered that the Final Settlement tendered herein be filed in the Clerk's office; advertised in accordance with statutory regulations; and continued until June 4, 2026 at 8:15 A.M. for exceptions.

BE IS SO ORDERED, this the 30th day of April, 2026.

BEN LEONARD, Judge  
Union District Court  
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UNION COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS  
MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Union County Board of Education will receive bids for the construction of the referenced project as described herein and per the Contract Documents.

Generally, the project consists of the replacement of the existing heating hot water boilers, heating hot water pumps and associated piping, controls, power.

Major divisions of work include but are not limited to: Demolition; HVAC; Temperature Controls; Electrical; and Fire Alarm.

Sealed bids will be received at 2:00 PM CST, Thursday, May 21, 2026, in the Board Room at the Union County Board of Education, 4500 US Highway 60 W, Morganfield, Kentucky, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents are on file at the office of the Engineer, Marcum Engineering, LLC, 2301 McCracken Blvd, Paducah, Kentucky and the Union County Board of Education office. Copies of the documents will be available Friday, May 1, 2026, and may be obtained at Paducah Blueprint by depositing \$100.00 (per complete set) made payable to Paducah Blueprint. The deposit will be refunded for the return of complete sets (in usable condition) within fourteen (14) days after the bid opening. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE FOURTEEN (14) DAY RETURN PERIOD.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Union County Board of Education, 4500 US Highway 60 W, Morganfield, Kentucky with a site visit to the Union County Middle School, 4465 US Highway 60 W, Morganfield, Kentucky immediately following on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM CST.

Bids shall be submitted with a bid bond, payable to Union County Board of Education, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. A certified check or bank draft will be allowed in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay all fees for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds per the Contract Documents.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. The Union County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any informalities.

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