

# Deaths And Funerals

## Dr. Donald Wicks

Dr. Donald Wicks died on Friday, July 3 at Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville, Indiana.

Born in 1932 in



Union County, Don was the son of the late Louis and Marie Wicks.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Cricket; and a son, Joel (Tamarra).

He served four years in the United States Navy during the Korean War. After his military service, he attended Western Kentucky University and graduated from the Louisville School of Dentistry. He enjoyed a career

in dentistry.

Don enjoyed the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and boater. He enjoyed spending time on the water and in the wood.

Arrangements are with Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with graveside services at 1:00 P.M. today (Wednesday, July 8) at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

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

## Andrea Hosford

Andrea Dayberry Hosford, 55, of Newburgh, Indiana, formerly of Uniontown, died on Wednesday July 1 at her home.

She was born April 7, 1971 to Cathy and Damon Dayberry in Morganfield.

Andrea was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown. She enjoyed



crafting and making wreaths. Andrea loved spending time with her family and enjoyed being in the pool and out in the sun. She loved animals.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, her maternal grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband of 16 years, Garry Hosford of Newburgh; her parents, Cathy and Damon Dayberry of Uniontown; a daughters, Rachael Welch and husband, Caleb of Henderson, Kentucky; two

step-daughters, Garrah Thomas and husband, Larry of Dundas, Illinois and Sydney Hosford of Olney, Illinois; a sister, Lana Schulte and husband, Brett of Rockport, Indiana; two brothers, Alan Dayberry and wife, April of Clay, Kentucky and Adam Dayberry and wife, Heather of Marion, Kentucky; three grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

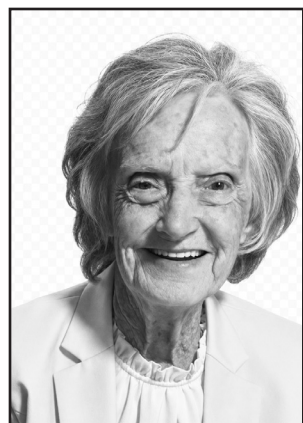
Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 7 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Fr. Bruce McCarty officiating.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

## Mary Eckman

Mary Evelyn Eckman, 86, died on Tuesday, June 30.

She was born Sep-



tember 7, 1939 to Claude and Lizzie Hagan in Uniontown.

Matry Evelyn was a life-long member of St. Agnes Catholic Church. She said many rosaries and taught children this prayer when she served as a teacher's aide at St. Ann School. Mary Evelyn was an active volunteer of Right to Life.

She and her husband, Fred, were the recipients of the Sofia Award, given by the Diocese of Owensboro to an individual who exemplifies stewardship in their church, parish, and life.

She is survived by her children, Kelly (Tim) Joiner, Patty Eckman, Billy (Kim) Eckman, and Brian Eckman; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Mickey (Janice) Hagan, Denny (Sherry) Hagan, and Anne Hagan.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Fred Eckman; a son, Tony Eckman; and a brother, Larry Hagan.

Memorial contributions can be made to Right to Life, 161 St. Matthews Avenue, Unit 2, Louisville, KY 40205 or JPPII Building Fund, 307 South Church Street, Morganfield, KY 42437.

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## Harry McGuire, Sr.

Harry Charles McGuire, Sr., 75, of Morganfield died on Thursday, July 1 at Morganfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born July 8, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas to Harry Williams McGuire and Dolores Juanita McGuire.

Harry enjoyed listening to Dixie music

and watching Westerns. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Katrina Michelle Hansbrough.

He is survived by three sisters, Pamela Jean Crowe of Bloomington, Indiana, Teresa Rebecca Boston of Plano, Texas, and Bonita Charmaine McGuire of Evansville, Indiana; son, Harry McdGuire, Jr. of Evansville; and a daughter, Shaneeka Lanna McGuire of Evansville.

Graveside service and burial was held on Tuesday, July 7 at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Union County Board of Health will meet July 21, 2026 at the Union County Health Department in Morganfield. Board members are asked to arrive at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will begin at approximately 7:00 P.M., and the meeting is open to the public. 7/15c

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## Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

### They Are Watching!

U.S. Men's National Soccer Team star Folarin Balogun was issued a controversial "red card" in the U.S. match against Bosnia and Herzegovina last week. The penalty was issued shortly after Balogun had scored the first goal for the U.S. A video review showed that Balogun had accidentally stepped on the ankle of the opposing defender, Tarik Muharemović. The majority of analysts believe it was unintentional and that his leg got tied up. Many believe the foul did not deserve a red card, meaning a suspension from the team's next match against Belgium (Round of 32, Monday, July 6th).

It's important to note Folarin's reaction and response to the penalty. The star U.S. striker did not argue the call or try to defend himself. After his team won the match, he returned to the field (The Pitch) and shook hands with each official, including the one who issued the penalty card. This took an incredible level of restraint and maturity, as many players would have returned to argue the call. In a follow-up article for The Athletic, Henry Bushnell reported why the American star player chose respect instead of righteous indignation:

"There's still lots of people we're inspiring, little kids, boys and girls who are watching, and we have to show them the correct way to handle things, even when you think it's unjust," Balogun said two days later. He explained that he always shakes the hands of officials after matches. "And this game," he said, "was no different."

No one would have argued if Balogun had defended himself to the official. Let's be honest, we see great athletes argue calls in their respective sports all the time. There have been some epic battles between ump's, players, and MLB managers in the World Series over the years. Balogun was thinking beyond the penalty and his own right to be heard. He knew millions were watching. And among them, children aspiring to play at his level one day. He wanted to show them how to respond with dignity, maturity, and respect. He modeled something that sports need to recover: character.

In Matthew 18, the disciples ask Jesus, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Before answering, he puts a child on his lap and tells them that unless

they become like children, they will never inherit the kingdom. And he adds that anyone who humbles themselves like a child is the greatest in heaven. But then he warns: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

This passage came to mind after I read the post-penalty quote from Folarin Balogun. It made me think about how children learn bad thoughts and behavior from adults. Kids witness a lot of interesting things in cars with their parents. Let's use the car ride after church, for example: a parent complains about the pastor's message being boring or too long, the music being too loud; the length of a teen's skirt or shorts is analyzed; gossip about a troubled couple's marriage; an epithet or curse word toward a driver cutting them off in traffic; grumblings about someone's new Tesla and how they could afford it; politicizing the focal scripture for worship; pointing out a woman's tattoo with less than complimentary words. You get the idea. Children pick up on a critical spirit faster than most. They see and hear everything. They are like sponges. We've all been guilty of saying/doing something in front of our children we regret. This is human. However, when there is an ongoing pattern, it speaks to character. I can't think of being entrusted by God with anything more fragile and impressionable than a child. Parenting is really hard. It is also one of the most rewarding responsibilities we will ever embrace. And yes, there are no perfect parents or children, which is why it's so important to model and teach grace.

Folarin Balogun reminds us that we have a responsibility to prepare the next generation. In essence, he said to us, "They are watching!" And even a little thing like how we respond to a penalty in a game (where no one would have blamed us for protesting) is just as important as any classroom experience. It's not just the kids, either. Our peers, co-workers, neighbors, boss, and many others are watching.

Who knew that a penalty card at the FIFA World Cup would be a global lesson on character? It appears that one American player did, and I'm glad. His response has challenged the areas in character I need to improve. How about you?

Agape, Monty

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