

Deaths And Funerals

Mary French

Mary Margaret Buckman French, 92, of Hitesville, Kentucky died on Friday, July 24. She was born March



8, 1934 to the late William Robert “Bob” Buckman and Mary Leo Willett Buckman.

She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. She loved being with her family, sewing, reading, going to yard sales and auctions, praying for people, saying the Rosary and taking care of flowers.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, C. F. French; a daughter, Diane O’Leary; two brothers, Donald Buckman and Joe Buckman; two sisters, Francis Stone and Doris Jackson; and a grandson.

She is survived by three sons, Fred (Debbie) French of Hitesville and Mike (Cindy) French and Don (Ann) French, all of Morganfield; a daughter, Karen French of Hitesville; brothers, Jim Buckman of Morganfield, Charlie Buckman

of Chicago, Illinois, and Johnny and Billy Buckman of Hitesville; sisters, Bernadette Coley and Debbie Kellen, both of Morganfield and Pat Smith of Hitesville; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 26 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waverly with Fr. David Johnson officiating.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or St. Peter’s Catholic Church.

Beverly Greenwell

Beverly “Kay” Hart Greenwell, 81, of Uniontown died on Thursday, July 23. She was born in



Union County to Mary Virginia and L. G. Hart.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Daniel French; her second husband, James B. Greenwell; her parents; a sister, Barbara Hart Walter; a brother, Keith Hart,

and a grandson.

She is survived by a son, Scott (Tammy) French of Uniontown; three daughters, Kimberly (Roy) Fulcher of Henderson, Kentucky, Lisa (Kevin) Ferguson of Uniontown, and Mary Beth (Michael) Cleveland of Uniontown; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Monday, July 27 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with the Rev. Eric Crowley officiating.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown.

Lynell Greenwell

Lynell V. Greenwell, 78, of Uniontown died on Thursday, July 23 at Deaconess Henderson Hospital in Henderson, Kentucky.

She was born Febru-



ary 1, 1948 to the late Lloyd and Linnie R. Gibson in Morganfield.

Lynell was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown. She worked at Shell-er-Globe and Rayloc for over 30 years.

Lynell enjoyed crocheting and reading books. She loved her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bedford Greenwell and her brothers, Johnny, Sammy, and Leslie Gibson, Jr.

She is survived ed by a daughter, Cassie Greenwell of Uniontown; a son, Jason Greenwell of Uniontown; two brothers, Bobby Gibson and wife, Lucy of Waverly and Eddie Gibson and wife, Myra of Pride; a sister, Linda Carrier and husband, Randy of Uniontown; and three grandchildren.

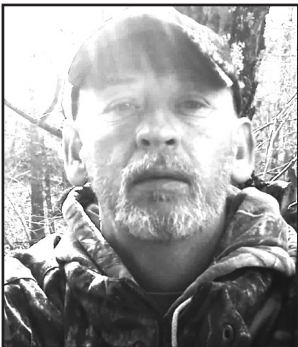
Funeral service will be at 10:00 A.M. today (Wednesday, July 29) at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Fr. Bruce McCarty officiating.

Tommy Willett

Tommy Neal Willett, 62, of Morganfield died on Wednesday, July 22 at his home.

He was born August 9, 1963 in Union County to Herman and Martha Willett.

He was a farmer for



over 30 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He formerly served in the National Guard. He loved his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Roy, Tony, and Billy Willett; a sister, Frances Miller; and a granddaughter.

He is survived by three daughters, Toni (Chris) Dennis of Mor-

ganfield, Tara (Drew) Curtis of Sturgis, and Trista Willett of Morganfield; two sons, Tyler Willett of Henderson, Kentucky and Conner Willett of Kansas City, Missouri; a brother, Hermis (Cindy) Willett of Owensboro; two sisters, Judy (Johnny) Moore of Waverly and Honey Lutz of Henderson; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Monday, July 27 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with the Rev. Billy McKendree officiating.

David Rakestraw

David Glenn Rakestraw died on July 5 at his home in Louisville, Kentucky.



He was born November 20, 1962 in Union County.

He was a crane operator for a metal supply yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Fredia Rakestraw.

David is survived by his sisters, Susan (Mark Mills of Morganfield. Shelly (Bill) Adelman of Evansville, Indiana, and Melissa Haynes of Vine Grove, Kentucky; a brother, Mike (Kimm) Rakestraw of Morganfield; and nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service for family members will be held at a later date.

Ida Omer

Ida Francis Lovell Omer died on Monday, July 20.

She was born to the



late Lonie Lovell and Nell Reburn Lovell on August 12, 1937.

She was a telephone operator for Bell South before retiring. She also volunteered for the Henderson hospital, St. Anthony’s Hospice, Lucy Smith King Care Center, AT&T Telephone Pioneers, and various doctor offices, as well as her church and the Ecumenical Cursillo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Omer; brothers, Return and Stewart Lovell; a sister, Ella Mae “Babe” Young; and a niece and nephew.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Friday, July 24 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with the Rev. Eric Crowley officiating.

Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony’s Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420.

Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

Standing in the Dark

Have you ever seen the bumper sticker: “CHECK TWICE – SAVE A LIFE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!” It’s been around since 1982 as part of a national campaign for motorcycle safety. It is a reminder for motorists to be aware of motorcycles. Last weekend, a motorcycle was traveling at a very high rate of speed on a main thoroughfare in Greenville, weaving in and out of cars. He was also passing between cars on the dotted line, essentially creating his own lane. Clearly, the rider either missed the motorcycle safety ad campaign or chose to ignore it. He put himself and others in great danger. The biker’s decision was wrong and illegal. He knew it was wrong, but chose to break the law anyway.

Last month, my daughter-in-law’s father shared some wisdom from his late father as we gathered to pray before a meal together. Quoting his father, Don said, “If you want to do something you suspect is wrong, and you are pretty sure you can get away with it, don’t ever do it.” Don was reminding us of the importance of character and integrity. His father was essentially saying that our integrity is all we really have and that we should guard it carefully. I’ve been chewing on this for nearly a month.

Integrity and character are major themes in the Bible. The story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50), sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, is a case study in integrity. Throughout his story, we find a man of great character who was faithful and obedient to God. In chapter 39, Joseph is serving as the overseer of Potiphar’s household. Potiphar was the captain of the guard for Pharaoh. Potiphar’s wife was physically attracted to Joseph, and she asked him to sleep with her. And Joseph refused:

“But he refused and said to his master’s wife, ‘Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against

God?’” (Gen. 39:8-10)

Joseph was being asked to do something he knew was wrong, but could have gotten away with it. And yet, he chose the right thing. Joseph chose to stand on truth and resist temptation. The rest of the story in Genesis 39 reveals that Joseph paid a high price for choosing to do the right thing. It didn’t matter because obedience to God was more important to him than self-gratification. I bet Dr. Burbank and Joseph would have been good friends. Joseph embodied Dr. Burbank’s statement about integrity. The great evangelist D. L. Moody was fond of saying, “Character is what you are in the dark.” Moody was asking, who are we when no one is looking or watching?

God isn’t calling us to be “holier than thou,” or people of puffed-up piety. Our calling is to obedience and faithfulness. Character isn’t about trying to achieve or projecting perfection. We are human. We all fail. However, character is what compels us to come clean when we have done wrong. We admit it, learn from it, and grow stronger. This is the process of sanctification. It’s how Christ-followers try to become more like Jesus.

Have you ever noticed how people of great character walk in humility? Pride and great character are incompatible. Pride is what kept the rich young ruler (Matt. 19:16ff) from surrendering his will to Jesus. Pride is a horrible master. It makes us think we are better than we are. It whispers lies to the heart and brain. Trust me, don’t buy into the lie. Here’s a great way to discern the truth like Joseph. Ask yourself, “Is what I am about to do/say compatible with the Bible?” Can we justify it with God’s word?

Then we can rightly fulfill Jesus words in Matthew 5:36-38: “And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

This is how light shines in the darkness. Shine out, people of God with truth and integrity!

Agape,
Monty

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Uniontown will be taking sealed bids for a lot-property located at 316 Main Street in Uniontown, KY beginning July 29,. 2026 to August 14, 2026, with a minimum of \$4000.00 being accepted. The lot size is 70 feet x 100 feet.

Bids must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. Central Time (5:00 P.M., Eastern Time) on August 14, 2026 at Uniontown City Hall. Bids will be opened during the regular Council meeting August 17, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., Central Time (7:00 P.M., Eastern Time).

For more information please contact City Hall 270-822-4277 during normal business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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