

OBITUARIES

Francis Peck

Francis "Fran" L. Peck, 82, of Calvert City, Kentucky, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

She was a member of Altona Baptist Church. She pursued a career as a licensed dental assistant and food services for Kentucky State Parks.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years Wayne Peck, of Calvert City; one son, Chad Peck of Evansville, Indiana; one daughter, Laurie Womack of Jenks, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Whitney Peck of Fredonia, Elizabeth Streveler of Glenpool, Oklahoma, and Emily



Hubler of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; and three great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister; four brothers; and her parents.

Memorial donations may be made in her honor in the form of

donations to Altona Baptist Church, 5827 US-62, Calvert City, KY 42029.

Friends may call 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial will follow at Peck Cemetery on Lone Valley Road in Calvert City.

To share a memory or leave a message for the family, please visit Fran's Tribute Wall at www.filbeckandcann.com.

Mary Hendrickson

Mary Miranda Hendrickson, 92, of Benton, died Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Mills Manor in Mayfield.

She was a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Benton. She worked for many years at Ashby Chair Factory until its closure, then at Shawnee Plastics, and later as a cook at Four Seasons Restaurant in Hardin. In later years, she worked alongside her husband, supporting his contractor business.

She is survived by her stepson, Alvin Hendrickson of Georgetown; sister, Garnella Norwood of Benton; brother, Joe Edwards of Benton;



three grandchildren, Angie Root of Metropolis, Illinois, Shannon Wilford of Louisville, Danny (Amanda) Stevenson of Hickory; eight great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Shane, Sydney, Ella, Will, Hollie, Dustin, Jacob; and one

great-granddaughter, Heavenly.

In addition to her parents, George Elbert and Della Margaret Kim Edwards; she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Boone Hendrickson; daughter, Donna Jean Stevenson; son, Larry Wilford; two sisters, and one brother.

Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2026, in Ford Cemetery in Marshall County.

Filbeck-Cann Life Celebration Center of Milner and Orr is in charge of arrangements.

You may light a candle or leave a message for the family at www.filbeckandcann.com.

Garvilene Darnall Collins

Garvilene Darnall Collins, 90, of Benton, passed away May 8, 2026, at her home.

Garvilene was born on Oct. 24, 1935, to the late Garvin Henry Darnall and Velma Sue Nelson Darnall.

Garvilene was a devoted mother, grandmother, and cherished friend whose love for her family was evident in everything she did. She was a talented cook who enjoyed canning and sharing her creations with those she loved. Garvilene also had a gift for sewing and took pride in her handiwork.

A woman of Christian faith, she lived with kindness, strength, and determination. She was an accomplished hunter and marksman, especially skilled with a bow, and competed successfully in archery competitions, earning recognition for her talent. Garvilene also loved to travel and treasured the memories made along the way.

Above all, she adored her family and will be remembered for her warmth, independence, and the many ways she cared for those around her.

She is survived by three daughters, Edna



Sue Griggs (Carl J.) Newton of Benton, Velma Louise (Alan) Turner of Cadiz and Janyce Carrel (David Martin) Sorrels of Paducah; one son, Louis Earl Collins, Jr. of Benton; one brother, Larry Dale (Jeanette) Darnall of Hardin; several grandchildren, Susan Hicks (Dominic) Caporali; Mitzi Griggs (Dean) McCoy, Pamela Newton (Howard) Clark, Carla Newton (Michael) Beeler, Sheila Newton (Mitch) Davis; James (Teresa) Ross, Rebecca Shackelford, Adam (Nikki) Collins, Joseph (Carrie) Collins, Frank Weidl, Maranda (Boris) Kan, Jennifer (Timothy) Strating; great-grandchildren, Ocean Nikole Caporali (Alex) Smith, Alexandria Caporali, Wraith Caporali, Francesca Caporali, Molly McCoy

(Michael) Chance, Kalli McCoy (Perry) Colley, Jasmine Beeler, Courtney Beeler (Trev) Green, Shelby Hutsler (Sean) Glover, Edward Hutsler, Tessa Clark, Matthew Davis, Jeffery Ross, Victoria Burdett, Jason Shakelford, Cameron Shakelford, Jenna (Deriek) Spahel, Bethany Collins (Logan), Courtney Collins (Nicholas) Heaton, Nicholas (Landrey) Collins, Ellis and Zia Kan, Felix Starting; great-great-grandchildren, Marloe Smith, Autumn Swain, Phoenix Giovando, Wyatt & Finlee Spahel, Lyla Heaton, John Wiedl; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Louis Earl Collins, Sr.; brothers, Frank Nelson Darnall and Donald Alvin Darnall.

A private memorial burial will be held at a later date.

Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner and Orr is in charge of arrangements.

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said he knew there were a number of people in the area of East 21st Street that had bought homes there due to their proximity to the Benton Country Club, but that would not have a legal means to cross Main Street to access the country club because that area of Main Street is a 45 miles per hour zone. Flatt noted that he spoke to a number of people but had not had anyone say that they were in favor of the ordinance.

Several other attendees spoke in favor of the ordinance, but with concerns for the safety impacts, and the lack of available places to cross busy streets, which would impact golf cart drivers' access to local businesses. The general consensus of attendees was in favor, but with concerns for the potential safety impacts of it.

Council member Ann Riley spoke primarily about the potential risks, sharing the concern that the allowance could lead to the death of a child. However, Riley stated that she was undecided on how she would vote on a potential ordinance. Council member Kevin Farley echoed her concerns about child safety.

Council member Guy Henton stated that the allowance might bring more traffic to court square businesses. However, it was then noted that the square is primarily made up of state highways, which golf carts are not allowed on.

Council member Syl-

via Jestes shared that she was in favor, but had hoped that a community member might be more against the ordinance, in order for her to see the other side of the argument. She maintained her position in favor, but acknowledged that it would present a certain level of risk.

Council member Butch Holland spoke briefly, saying he would hold most of his thoughts for the next meeting. He did note that his daughter, who resides in Georgia, lives in a town similarly sized to Benton that does allow golf carts.

Council member Laura Craynon was absent.

Dotson shared a map of the city with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or 25 miles per hour, which would allow golf carts under the KRS. This showed ample roads that would be allowed, but Dotson did note that crossing would remain an issue due to the number of state roads with a speed limit above 35 miles per hour.

As the meeting was simply a public hearing, no official action was taken, but the council is expected to take up the discussion at the May 18 meeting. The Benton City Council regularly meets on the third Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

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