OBITUARIES

KRISTIE NELL CARPENTER CHRISTOPHER



Kristie Nell Carpenter Christopher, 55, passed away November 8, 2026, at her residence. She was born in Nicholas County on June 30, 1971, to Wanda Crawford Carpenter and the late Clarence 'Sonny' Carpenter.

She was a Nicholas County Graduate and a caregiver. She is survived by her husband Allen Christopher, three sons, Jacob Christopher, Richmond, Ky, Kyle Christopher and Luke Christopher, both of Mt. Sterling, Ky, two stepsons, Steven (Ruby) Christopher, Mt. Sterling, Ky and Allen Christopher Jr., North Carolina, six step-grandchildren, she is also survived by her mother Wanda Crawford Carpenter, three brothers, Jeff Carpenter, Terry Carpenter and Ricky(Gwen) Carpenter, three nieces and one nephew, also an aunt Amanda McElfresh.

She was preceded in death by her father Clarence 'Sonny' Carpenter, an aunt, Wilma Crawford, her paternal grandparents, Clarence and Nellie Carpenter, her maternal grandparents, Henry and Erva Crawford and an Aunt Mary Plummer.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 pm. on Thursday November 12, 2026, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with Bro. Kenny Robinson, who is officiating. Visitation Thursday 12 – 2 pm. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

ARDITH KAY RUBLE MANN



Ardith Kay Ruble Mann, 69, wife of Paul Wayne Mann, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2026 at her home in Nicholas County.

Born May 31, 1957 in Nicholas County to the late Arthur Maxwell & Helen Jean Vanlandingham Ruble, she was a 1975 graduate of Nicholas County High School, a former employee of Jockey International and Bluegrass Office Supply, a retiree of Bullard in Cynthiana, and a longtime member of Blue Licks Christian Church. Kay had the exceptional good luck of winning tickets to many concerts and enjoyed attending them with her friends. She loved cooking and talking, and was game for any adventure. Every kind of animal was drawn to Kay, and she genuinely loved them all.

Additional survivors include a son, Brent Mann; 2 grandsons, Quenton Allen Pratt (Bella Burgess) and Ayden James Lukins; a great-granddaughter, Luella Pratt; a sister-in-law, Jolene Ruble; a niece, Polly Jean Ruble (Stan Morris); a great-niece and 3 great-nephews: Neveah Bowles (Joe Kitchen), Codie Bowles, Mason Bowles & Dillon Morris; and a great-great niece, Emory Kitchen, along with a large extended family.

Also preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Lyndsay Shay Mann; her brother, Michael R. Ruble; and a niece, Brittany Ruble.

Services were held 11:00 A.M. Monday, November 9th at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Pastor Jeremy Cantrell with burial following in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Ethan Bloomfield, Jake Irvin, Josh Mann, Chad Ockerman, Aaron Pope and Matt White.

Visitation was after 5:00 P.M. Sunday.

Condolences and video tribute are available at www.mathersgaunce.com.

ANTHONY SHANE BUSSELL



Anthony Shane Bussell, 55, formerly of Carlisle, passed away Saturday, November 7, 2026 at St. Joseph Hospital-Mt. Sterling.

Born November 19, 1970 in Nicholas County to the late Lee Estill & Norma Jean Hollar Bussell, he worked for many years as a plumber, most recently at Patriot Plumbing

He is survived by his former wife and special friend, Cheri Turner; 3 brothers, Charles (Lisa) Bussell, Raymond Roberts and Timmy (Rita) Roberts; and a sister, Peggy (Al) Moser, along with a large extended family.

Also preceding him was a sister, Debbie Chambers.

A Gathering of Family & Friends was held 5:00-7:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 11th at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left at www.mathers-gaunce.com.

COMMUNITY

Mount Olivet Police Chief Charles R. Blackmar, Jr. announces Notice of Retirement

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Mount Olivet Police Chief Charles R. Blackmar, Jr. announced on Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, on the City of Mount Olivet Police Department-Kentucky Facebook page his Notice of Retirement.

The post reads as follows,

"November 4, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Whalen

Mayor, City of Mount Olivet, Mount Olivet, Kentucky

Subject: Notice of Retirement

Dear Mayor Whalen,

Please accept this letter as my official notice of retirement from my position as Chief of Police for the City of Mount Olivet. My last active workday will be November 24, 2026, after which I will be on approved leave until my official retirement date of January 1, 2027.

It has been one of the greatest honors of my career to serve the citizens of Mount Olivet and to have had the opportunity to establish and lead a law enforcement department for this community after the city had been without local law enforcement services for approximately eleven years. Being entrusted with this responsibility and helping build a department dedicated to public safety, professionalism, and service has been both a challenge and a privilege that I will always cherish.

I am deeply grateful to the people of Mount Olivet for their support, trust, and encouragement throughout my tenure. Their commitment to making this community a safe and welcoming place has been an inspiration.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Mount Olivet City Council for their support and partnership as we worked together to strengthen public safety and serve the needs of our community:

Most importantly, I want to thank you, Mayor Whalen, for your leadership, vision, and dedication to the City of Mount Olivet. Your commitment to the future of this city and your steadfast support of the police department have been instrumental in the progress we have achieved. I am grateful for the confidence you placed in me and for the opportunity to serve under your administration.

As I conclude my law enforcement career, I do so with pride in what we have accomplished together and with confidence that the City of

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ROBERTSON COUNTY KENTUCKY SUMMARY ADVERTISEMENT OF A SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 01-002 AND FISCAL COURT REVISIONS OF AUGUST 24, 2020. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A NET PROFIT AND/OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, AND PAYMENT OF A NET PROFIT AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX BY PERSONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES CONDUCTING BUSINESSES, TRADES, OCCUPATIONS, AND PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ROBERTSON, KENTUCKY. THIS SECOND READING SHALL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 20, 2026, AT 10AM, AT THE ROBERTSON COUNTY COMMUINITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 120 PINHOOK ROAD, MOUNT OLIVET, KY 41064.

WHEREAS, THE ROBERTSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT DESIRES TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF KRS 67.750 TO 67.795 AND THE "HOME RULE" AND DEEMS IT NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE THAT CERTAIN CHANGES BE MADE TO EXISTING ORDINANCES IMPOSING NET PROFIT TAX AND OCCUPATIONAL
TAX AND YEARLY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ROBERTSON, AND SO THAT THE ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT OF ANY NET PROFIT (1.5%) AND OCCUPATIONAL TAX (2%) AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX ($100) CAN BE ADMINISTERED MORE EFFICIENTLY.

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 01-02, WHICH WAS INITIALLY ADOPTED ON OR ABOUT MARCH 26, 2001, IMPOSING AN OCCUPATIONAL TAX AND NET PROFIT TAX AND AN UNRECORDED ORIDINANCE OF FISCAL COURT ACTION ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 24, 2020, RELATING TO EXTINGUSHING THE NET PROFIT
TAX FOR A YEARLY LICENSE TAX ARE HEREBY DEEMED NULL ON VOID ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND THIS NEWLY MODIFIED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED OCCUPATIONAL TAX AND NET PROFIT TAX ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE AND EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2027.

THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT IN SUMMARY, WHEREIN, THE FULL TEXT AND COPY OF THE ORDINANCE CAN BE FOUND AT THE ROBERTSON COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE, BETWEEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M. (WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. TO NOON ONLY). TELEPHONE 606-724-5615

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Operation Christmas Child Drop Off Location Locust Grove Baptist Church

During the week of November 16th-23rd, Locust Grove Baptist Church will be serving as a Drop-Off location collecting shoebox gifts during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week.

Families, churches, groups, and individuals are encouraged to fill empty shoeboxes with fun new toys, school supplies and hygiene items. For more information on items to include and how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. Participants can donate $10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

Once you have prepared your shoebox, you can drop it off at Locust Grove Baptist Church during one of the times listed below.

Locust Grove Baptist Church
1999 Locust Grove Baptist Church
Carlisle, KY 40311
Questions: Email Karen Mills at karenmills02@gmail.com or text/call 859-533-7234

OPERATING HOURS:
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Thursday, Nov. 21st: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 22nd: 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23rd: 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m
Sunday, Nov. 24th: 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25th: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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