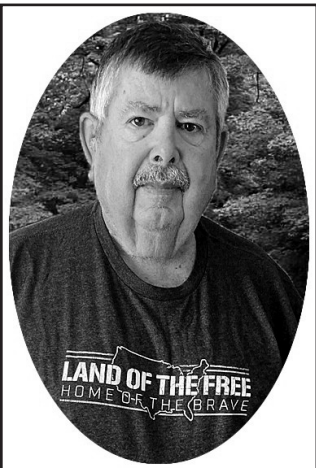


# OBITUARIES

## WILLIAM LEE HELWIG



William Lee Helwig, age 77, of Morehead, passed away Sunday, January 25, 2026, at Wood Glen Alzheimer's Community in Dayton, Ohio.

Born December 11, 1948, in Rowan County, he was a son of the late Jack Willard Helwig, Jr. and Mary Ellen Moran Helwig. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Keith Helwig.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Janet "Sue" Wright Helwig; one son, William Franklin Helwig of Morehead; three daughters, Tonya Perry (Travis) of Morehead, Melissa Caskey (Keith Terry) of Cumberland, Maryland, and Heather Caskey of Morehead; eight grandchildren, Kaitlyn Muncy of Morehead, Trevor Mekelburg and Brianna Mekelburg, both of Lexington, Mallory Muncy of Morehead, Bryce Ratliff of Paris, Emma Bowman and Gabe Bowman, both of Louisville, and Koda Melton of Morehead; and eight great-grandchildren, Nataley Tackett,

Paislee Mekelburg, Aubreigh Branham, Derek Branham, Genevieve "Evie" Workman, Jasper Ratliff, Griffin Oddis, and Lola Patton.

Additional survivors include two brothers, Jack Helwig II of Palatka, Florida, and Steve Helwig (Leatha) of Morehead; extended family members, Diana Johnson of Morehead, Debbie and Dennis Hanson of Jeffersonville, and Vanessa and Ronnie Wright of Denver, North Carolina; numerous nieces and nephews; his special dogs, Cali and Lakota; and many friends.

Lee proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Lee worked alongside his father operating Helwig's Standard Service Station on Main Street in Morehead for several years and Lee later owned and operated Lee's Chevron on KY 32. He later moved to Versailles, where he was employed at Cornett & Wellman Pontiac Dealership. After returning to Morehead, he worked at Pack's of Morehead until his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service.

Firefighting was truly his life. Lee was a member of the Morehead Fire Department for more than 55 years, holding every rank up to Fire Chief and served as Chief from 1979 to 1981. He also ob-

tained his pilot's license and enjoyed flying out of the old Farmers Airport, as well as attending air shows.

Lee enjoyed NASCAR, U.K. basketball, watching his all-time favorite television show The Andy Griffith Show, and his favorite Christmas movie, It's a Wonderful Life. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family, especially attending his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events. He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Ray White and Roger Russell officiating. The service was live streamed on Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals Facebook.

Immediately following the service, Morehead American Legion Post 126 presented full military honors at the funeral home. Burial followed in Lee Cemetery.

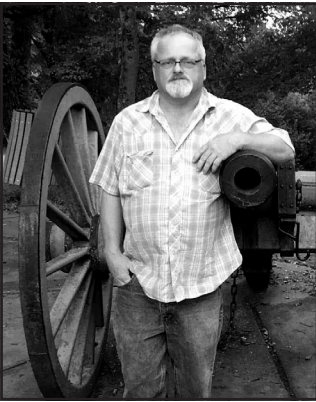
Pallbearers were Steve Helwig, Ronnie Wright, Travis Perry, Cliff Lewis, Trevor Mekelburg, and Dale Adkins.

The Morehead Fire Department current and former members served as honorary pallbearers.

Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

View memorial tribute or sign online guestbook at [www.northcuttandson.com](http://www.northcuttandson.com)

## ANTHONY ALLEN BUTLER



Anthony Allen Butler, age 57, of McKinney Cemetery Road, Morehead, passed away Monday, January 26, 2026, at his home following an extended illness.

Born September 11, 1968, in Morehead, Allen was a son of the late Carl Everett "Biggs" Butler and Glenna Kay Reynolds Butler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Linda McKinney, and one brother, Brian Scott Butler.

Allen is survived by his significant other, Cindy Sargent of Morehead;

three daughters, Tosha Lee and her husband Billy and Aleshia Oakes and her husband Taylor, all of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Kacy Butler of Savannah, Georgia; two sons, Larry Butler and his wife Kasidy of New Braunfels, Texas, and Travis Butler and his wife Cassidy of Nicholasville; and two cherished grandchildren, Oliver Butler and Amara Butler.

Additional survivors include three brothers, Jeffrey Butler and his wife Donna of Olive Hill, Frankie Butler and his wife Jill of Morehead, and Daniel Butler of Clearfield; one sister, Melissa Butler of Morehead; a brother-in-law, Terry McKinney of Morehead; a special friends, Darryl Brown and Lee Dupuy; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Allen was a former lineman for Elliott Construction. He had a deep love for history, animals, and antiques and en-

joyed woodworking, fishing, mechanical work, and especially spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. The family would like to extend special thanks to the nurses of St. Claire Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Robert Kidd officiating. Burial followed in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Lee Dupuy, Joe Stapleton, Travis Butler, Jeff Butler, Frankie Butler, and Briar Butler.

Visitation was Monday, February 2, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

View the video tribute or sign the guestbook at [www.northcuttandson.com](http://www.northcuttandson.com).

## GAROLD "BUGS" REID LACY



Garold "Bugs" Reid Lacy, Sr., age 84, of Morehead, passed away peacefully Thursday, January 29, 2026, at UK—St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead, surrounded by his loving family.

Born April 22, 1941, in Morehead, he was a son of the late Anderson Lacy and Gladys Stacy Lacy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by twelve siblings.

Garold is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 63 years, Jewell Collins Lacy, whom he married on July 11, 1962; two sons, Garold "Scooter" Lacy, Jr. and his wife Sheila, and Rob Lacy and his wife Marsha, all of Morehead; one daughter, Regina Workman and her husband Tony of Hillsboro; five grandchildren, John Lacy, Ryan Lacy, Jon Lacy, Wes Lacy, and Kasi Burke; six great-grandchildren; a special sister-in-law, Jane Lacy

Highfield of Morehead; and other extended family members and friends.

"Bugs" was a lifelong self-employed painter and a devoted husband, father, papaw, and great-papaw. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ginseng hunting, and watching the Cincinnati Reds and UK basketball. He will be greatly missed, and his life will continue to live on through the many memories held dear in the hearts of those who loved him.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Wade Muncy of-

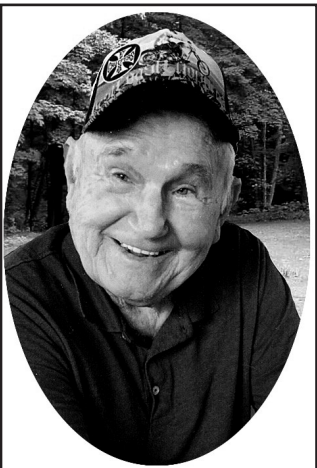
ficiating. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Wes Lacy, Jon Lacy, Ryan Lacy, Tim Stevens, Chris Stevens, and George Morrison.

Honorary pallbearers were Jason Morrison, John Lacy, Tony Workman, and Jerry Lacy.

Visitation was Monday, February 2, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

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Omer Arnold Mabry, born November 7, 1933, in Morehead, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 31, 2026.

Omer lived a life centered on love and family. He was a man who believed in showing up for the people he cared about and offering a helping hand whenever it was needed. His gentle nature and willingness to help others left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Guyan Sloan Mabry; his daughters, Diane Winkle of Morehead, Kentucky, and Shawna Kidd (Chris) of Morehead, Kentucky; and his son, Marvin Mabry of East Point, Kentucky. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren: Brooklynn Williams, Shiane Blundell, Ethan Blundell, Dakota Mabry, Denise Lelesch, Shirley Doll, and Amanda Sanders. He also had four great-grandchildren, Brett, Destanee, Kortney, and Kamryn; and one great-great-granddaughter, Adalyn, along with other extended family and friends who will forever miss him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lil-

## OMER ARNOLD MABRY

lie Nickell Mabry Elam of Columbus, Ohio; his father, Thomas Mabry of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; his sisters, Loraina Gillenwater of Columbus, Ohio, and Flo Elam-Hicks of West Liberty, Kentucky; his brothers, Lawrence Elmo Mabry and Howard Mabry, both of Columbus, Ohio; his sons, Arnold Wayne Mabry and Thomas Allen Mabry, both of Morehead, Kentucky; and his daughter, Donna Joyce Mabry of Morehead, Kentucky.

Omer found his greatest joy in spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He could spend hours at the table playing cards, particularly rummy and Uno, creating laughter and memories that will live on forever. He loved his pets and enjoyed talking about cars and his career in ironwork, where he took great pride in reminiscing about the work he did. He would talk about walking a high beam and situations that would make others' knees tremble, but he did it without reservation. He enjoyed watch-

ing Westerns and was always ready to share his wisdom, offering advice and comfort in any life situation.

We are deeply grateful for the love, lessons, and steady presence he gave us. His life was a blessing, and his memory will be a treasure we carry always in our hearts.

Funeral services were Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Larry Hamm officiating. Burial followed at the Nickell-Mabry Cemetery, 100 Thornhill Road, Morehead, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were Marvin Mabry, Ethan Blundell, Chris Kidd, Cole Moore, Seth Mynhier, Dakota Mabry, Ollie Mabry, and John Donavan.

Visitation for Omer Arnold Mabry was Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

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## PROBATE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-169  
DECEASED: PERRY LEWIS  
ADDRESS: 2857 TAYLORTOWN RD., SHELBY, OH 44875  
FIDUCIARY: SHEILA ANN METZGER  
ADDRESS: 2861 TAYLORTOWN ROAD SHELBY OH 44875  
ATTORNEY: MARK JORDAN  
ADDRESS: 221 EAST FOURTH STREET, SUITE 2300, CINCINNATI OH 45202  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 09, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 09, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-172  
DECEASED: CHARLES DERRICKSON  
ADDRESS: 1090 SHARKEY ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
FIDUCIARY: RALPH DERRICKSON  
ADDRESS: 600 DERRICKSON ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
ATTORNEY: TRUMAN DEHNER  
ADDRESS: 206 EAST MAIN STREET, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 07, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 07, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-173  
DECEASED: CLIFFORD HAMILTON  
ADDRESS: 3715 BULL FORK ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
FIDUCIARY: JANICE HAMILTON  
ADDRESS: 3715 BULL FORK ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 07, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 07, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 26-P-3  
DECEASED: WILLIAM BOYD BOLICK  
ADDRESS: 4429 BOLICK ROAD, LENOIR, NC 28645  
FIDUCIARY: DANIEL BOLICK  
ADDRESS: 2721 ARDEN DRIVE, LENOIR, NC 28645  
ATTORNEY: PAUL STOKES  
ADDRESS: 129 EAST MAIN STREET, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 09, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 09, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 26-P-4  
DECEASED: SYLVIA JEAN PLANK  
ADDRESS: 99 KENNEDY COURT, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
FIDUCIARY: HEATHER PLANK FULTZ  
ADDRESS: 1555 SEAS BRANCH ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
ATTORNEY: JOYCE PLANCK STEVENS  
ADDRESS: PO BOX 773, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 15, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 15, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 26-P-5  
DECEASED: DOUGLAS G. FORMAN  
ADDRESS: 4990 KY 519, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
FIDUCIARY: DOUGLAS G. FORMAN JR.  
ADDRESS: 4990 KY 519, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
ATTORNEY: EARL ROGERS  
ADDRESS: 154 FLEMINGSBURG ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 14, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 14, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 26-P-8  
DECEASED: GAYNE LAW  
ADDRESS: 601 MORGAN FORK ROAD, LOT #8, BOX #14, MOREHEAD, KY 40351  
FIDUCIARY: DONALD LAW  
ADDRESS: 1010 FRALEY ROAD, SALT LICK, KY 40371  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: JANUARY 21, 2026  
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JULY 21, 2026

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY 21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT ROWAN CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II

File No. 25-CI-90190

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS:

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

KENNETH DECKERT, ET AL

DEFENDANT

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Rowan Circuit Court on February 26, 2026, to raise the sum of \$229,385.76, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at Rowan County Judicial Center, 700 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351, on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

A tract of land containing 2.851 acres, more or less, having the customary address of 150 Old Sportsman Road, bearing PVA No. 077-00 026.04, and being the same land conveyed to Kenneth Deckert by deed dated December 16, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 286, Page 467, of the Rowan County Records.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he shall post bond with acceptable surety for the unpaid purchase price bearing interest at the judgment rate from the date of the sale. The surety may be a person who owns real estate in Kentucky who must be present at the sale, or an alternative type of surety. Alternative types of acceptable surety may be obtained by an email request to budsalyer4@gmail.com. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Rowan County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Rowan Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed; (J) Announcements made at the time of sale take precedence over any statement contained herein; (K) Purchaser is responsible for the current year's taxes.

Anyone wanting to be added to a mailing list of future sales should send a request to budsalyer4@gmail.com.

B. R. Salyer  
Rowan County Master Commissioner  
210 Big Brushy Road  
Morehead, KY, 40351  
606-776-0119  
budsalyer4@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT PERIOD**

The Gateway Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (GAAAIL) will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed FY 2027–2029 Area Plan on Aging. The Area Plan outlines services and priorities for older adults, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities in Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties.

Public Hearing Details:  
Date: February 18, 2026  
Time: 1:30 PM EST  
Location: Gateway Area Development District  
110 Lake Park Drive, Morehead, KY 40351

The hearing will include a review of the proposed Area Plan and provide an opportunity for public comment prior to submission to the Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). All interested individuals are encouraged to participate. Public input is an important part of this process and will help shape services and priorities across the Gateway region. The public comment period ends February 27, 2026.

For additional information and to view the draft Area Plan, visit: <https://gwadd.org/rfps-public-comment/>