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EVELYN MABRY CATRON



Evelyn Mabry Catron, age 86, of Ellington Loop, Morehead, peacefully passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at UK Medical Center in Lexington after an extended illness.

Born April 18, 1939, in Rowan County, she was the only child of the late Ollie Mabry and Sarah Conn Mabry.

Evelyn is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Dennis Arthur Catron, whom she married

October 20, 1962; her beloved son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Angie Williams Catron of Morehead; two cherished grandchildren, Matthew Catron and wife Danielle and Sarah Beth Hutchinson and husband Benjamin; and one precious great-granddaughter, Sophia Jo, who was a special joy in her later years.

A devoted homemaker, Evelyn dedicated her life to caring for her family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose quiet strength and steady presence were the foundation of her home. She formerly worked at the Big Store 5 & 10 and at the Rowan County Sheriff's Office. She also lovingly babysat and cared for family members throughout the years, always placing the needs of others before her own. Evelyn was of the Christian faith and lived her life guided by kindness,

humility, and love.

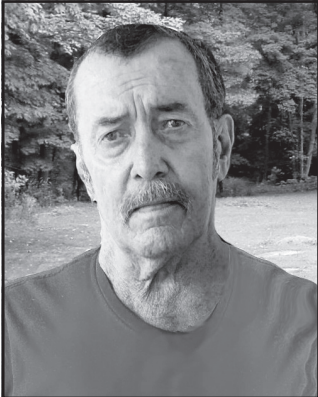
Those who knew Evelyn will remember her gentle spirit, her warm heart, and the deep love she had for her family. Her life was a beautiful example of devotion, and her memory will forever be treasured by those she leaves behind.

Funeral services were Monday, February 16, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Brother John Lands officiating. Burial followed in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers: Mark Lands, Clinton Curtis, Randall Catron, Matthew Catron, Ben Hutchinson, and Jeff Richardson.

Visitation was Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

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A. C. Rigsby, age 69, of Ebon Road, Wellington, passed away Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at UK-St. Claire Health-Care in Morehead.

Born August 12, 1956, in Morgan County, he was a son of the late Willard Rigsby and Maxine Marie Lewis Rigsby. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife,

Kathaleen "Kathy" Back Rigsby, and one brother, Larry Rigsby.

A.C. is survived by two brothers, Leon Rigsby of Frenchburg and Ira Rigsby of Morgan County; one sister, Shirley Patrick of Morgan County; two sisters-in-law, Media and Delbert Fairchild of Xenia, Ohio, and Connie and Tony Bowman of Wellington; brothers-in-law, Estill and Jennifer Back and William Ray Back, all of Wellington; two special nieces whom he thought of as his own children, Tina Rogers and Becky Caudill, both of Wellington; ; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as other extended family members and friends.

He was a self-employed

logger and a member of Frenchburg First Church of God. A.C. enjoyed deer and ginseng hunting, playing cards, listening to music, and taking his weekly trips to Walmart. Most of all, he loved going to church and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

At his request, there will be no visitation. A graveside inurnment will take place at a later date at Back Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

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Rowan County Fiscal Court talks snow and ice, Rumpke, and more

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Members of the Rowan Conty Fiscal Court, including Judge-Executive Harry T. Clark, met on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2025, at 8:00am, at the Rowan County Courthouse for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast live on the Rowan County Fiscal Court Facebook page.

Judge-Exec. Clark called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call, and the Judge's report, which included updates regarding the Senior Center and a grand-opening in April, spoke about the most recent snow and ice storm that blanketed the county, and rumors that the county was out of salt which is untrue.

The court approved the minutes of the meetings held on Jan. 20, 2026, and Jan. 23, 2026.

Road Foreman Steve Kelsey spoke to the court that work is beginning on Airport

Road, which will not be shut down; Pettit Road is close to being done; and spoke about the snow and ice removal, and the hard work that his crews done, even though some issues that needed to be addressed would be addressed.

Environmental Services Director Tyler Brown reports to court that there was no trash pickup due to the weather and said that he is working on some grants, as well.

Animal Control Officer Kim Adams gave some updates to the court regarding the animal shelter, including dogs and cats that were available for adoption; and a recent spay & neuter grant.

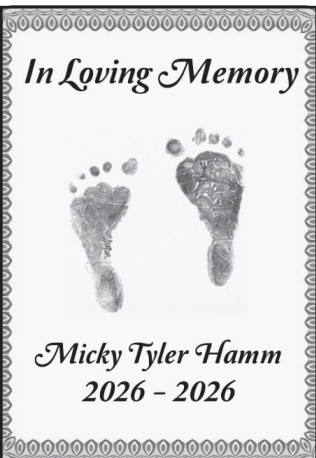
A representative from Rumpke spoke to the court that trash pickup is getting back to normal regarding the transition, including the recent winter weather event and miscommunication. She also mentioned that she is going to get a storm plan in place for future weather events, as well.

Under New Business, the court approved the authorization for Judge-Exec. Clark to execute title transfer documents for various school buildings back to Rowan County Schools; approved a resolution authorizing application to Rowan County Sheriff to KOHS LEPP grant program; and approved several EMS transfers.

The court approved an interfund cash transfer order to the road fund; approved the 1st reading of a budget amendment - \$835,860.45; and approved the Rowan County Detention Center continuation certificates.

Before going into closed session, the court approved the budget transfers; monthly financial statement; and consideration of monthly bills.

The meeting then went into closed session, and adjourned directly afterwards, with committee meetings held following the meeting.



Micky Tyler Hamm, precious infant son of Jared and Brooke Hamilton Hamm of Morehead, was carried by the angels into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Saint Joseph East in Lexington.

Though his time on earth was brief, Micky's life was a priceless gift, bringing immeasurable love and joy to his family. He will forever be cherished by his big sister and brothers, Wrena,

MICKY TYLER HAMM

Warren, and Kenlee; his maternal grandparents, Tracy (Connie) Hamilton and Cindy Moore (Darrell) Glover; his paternal grandparents, Clinton (Kariann) Hamm and Maryann Brown; and his paternal great-grandmother, Margaret "Mickey" Jennings.

He is also lovingly remembered by his aunts and uncles, Tierra (Tim) Kochendoerfer, Matt (Michelle) Hamilton, Mandy Glover, Jessica (Richard) Taylor, Ryan (Maria) Glover, Tylar (Chris) Maxey, Breanne Kelsey, Josh Hamm, Jesse Hamm, and Lucas Moore; special family members Raymond Moore, Carolyn Gyurik, and Cara Fultz; along with many devoted great aunts and uncles, cousins, and extended family who already held him close in their hearts.

Micky was welcomed into Heaven by his ma-

ternal great-grandparents, Rev. James "Kenry" Hamilton and Linda Adkins Hamilton, Roy Moore and Edna Faye Crum Moore; and his paternal great-grandparents, Versie Clinton Hamm and Fred and Flossie Brown.

Though their arms ache with emptiness, his family finds comfort in knowing that Micky rests peacefully in the presence of the Lord, forever loved and forever remembered.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, with Pastor Jeff Fannin officiating.

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Linda Jeanette Porter, age 63, of State Highway 955, Olive Hill, passed away peacefully Friday, February 13, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born July 2, 1962, in Ashland, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Faye Porter of Olive Hill and the late Hubert "Duke" Porter. Besides her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Dee "J.D." Mabry, on April 18, 2010, and one brother, Michael Porter.

In addition to her mother, Linda is survived by her two loving sons, Derek Whisman (Kaneatha) of Jeffersonville and Andrew James "A.J." Porter of Olive Hill; and her cherished eleven grandchildren,

LINDA JEANETTE PORTER

Landon Whisman, Jazalynn Whisman, Alissa Whisman, Cora Whisman, Gracie Whisman, Kammie Whisman, Karter Whisman, Kassie Stacy, Katrina Stacy, Emma Whisman, and Shelton Whisman.

Also surviving are one brother, Lowell Porter of Morehead; one sister, Brenda Porter Holbrook of Olive Hill; several nieces and nephews; and many extended relatives and friends.

Linda was a devoted homemaker and caregiver for many years. She was of the Christian faith and loved going to church, helping others, and serving Jesus. She enjoyed watching television, coloring, and especially spending time with and caring for her grandchildren. She was loved beyond measure and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services were Monday, February 16, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jason Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Porter Cemetery on Henderson

Ridge, Olive Hill.

Pallbearers were Landon Whisman, Myran Thornsberry, Frankie Thornsberry, Karter Whisman, Charles Buckler, and A.J. Porter. Honorary pallbearers will be Shelton Whisman and Spencer McCarty.

Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

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