

OBITUARIES

SUMMER BRITTANI HESTERBERG WHITE BARKER



A 1999 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School and a graduate of Morehead State University, Summer dedicated much of her professional life to helping others. She formerly served as director of Edgewater Recovery in Paducah.

Summer found joy in music, often listening to her favorite songs and occasionally playing the guitar. A talented gymnast, she also spent several years coaching and encouraging young athletes. Above all, Summer's greatest love was her family. She treasured her children and parents.

Though her time here was far too brief, Summer leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, strength, and compassion. Her memory will forever be treasured by those fortunate enough to know her, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who loved her.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the memorial chapel of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals with Pastor Ben Furman officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Braxton White, Tanner Hesterberg, Johnny Leep, Clark Jarvis, Tyler Loy, and Jason Tackett.

Visitation was Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

Summer Brittani Hesterberg White Barker, age 45, of Clearfield, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

Born on April 13, 1981, in Lexington, Kentucky, Summer was the beloved daughter of Linda Conn of Paducah and Rick (Latonya) Hesterberg of Morehead.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Dustin Barker; her cherished children, Braxton Todd White and Harper Rayne White, both at home; her stepson, Dawson Barker of Morehead; and maternal grandmother, Jean Conn of Morehead.

She is also survived by her brother, Tanner Hesterberg of Prestonsburg; sisters, Karlye Loy and Chelsea Jarvis, both of Paducah, and Brooklyn Leep of Lebanon; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Andrew Todd White; her maternal grandfather, Galen Conn; and her paternal grandmother, Janet Huffman.

DERIE MATTHEW "MATT" CAUDILL



Jaden Gee, Aaliyah Shaw, Tayshaun Shaw, J. J. Conley, Tinley Sallaz, Aurora Caudill, and Kylee Caudill.

Other survivors include two sisters and their husbands, Linda and Willis Glover and Judy and Gary Gulley, all of Morehead; one brother and his wife, Phillip and Charlotte Caudill of Lexington; several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; extended family; and friends.

Matt dedicated 46 years of his life to truck driving, beginning his career behind the wheel at just 16 years old. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and cherished the time he spent with his children and grandchildren. A man of faith, he was a member of Three Pines Freewill Baptist Church in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

A funeral service will be conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Gary Sparks and Brother Don Hall officiating.

Burial will follow in Caudill Cemetery on Old Sportsman Road, Morehead. Pallbearers will be J. J. Conley, Tony Shaw, Joe Sallaz, Gardner May, Don Hall, and Tom Collins.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. View or sign online guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

Derie Matthew "Matt" Caudill, age 62, of Little Perry Road, Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026, after an extended illness.

Matt was born January 28, 1964, in Morehead, a son of the late Everett Lee Caudill, who passed away February 10, 2003, and Gladys Ison Caudill, who passed away February 11, 2000. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Scott Caudill and infant James Caudill; one sister, Betty Trent; and the mother of his children, Donna Gee Caudill.

He is survived by three sons, Ricky Gee of Peas-ticks, KY, Dumplin Caudill of Morehead; and Todd and Samantha Caudill of Morehead; three daughters, Jennifer and Tony Shaw, Amber and Joe Sallaz, and Hayden Smedley,

ALTA ELIZABETH ADKINS FRANKS



Alta Elizabeth Adkins Franks, 83, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, with her husband and children by her bedside at UK - St. Claire Health-Care in Morehead after a brief illness.

Born September 26, 1942, in Rowan, Kentucky, to the late Charlie and Lillie Trent Adkins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles "Ed" Adkins, Kenny Adkins, Troy "Tootie" Adkins, and Leroy Adkins, as well as one stepson, Timothy Franks.

Alta lived her life with a deep commitment to her family. She was a talented seamstress and worked many years at local sewing factories and after retiring, she spent her time as a dedicated wife and mother. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her husband, Ronnie Franks, whom she married February 16, 1990; three daughters, Sherry

(Terry) Mays, Trenda Roe, and Dianna (Calvin) Roe; three sons, Darrell (Mistie) Roe, Darrin Roe, and Rodney (Janet) Roe, all of Morehead; one stepson, Shawn Franks and one stepdaughter, Tara (John) Gist, all of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; 11 grandchildren, Chelsea (Tyler), CJ, Katie, Wayne, Dalton, Krista (Jordan), Casey (Jesikah), Braxton (Faith), Oscar, Will, Aaron (Kaleigh); and seven great grandchildren.

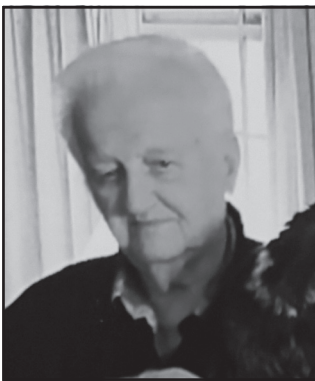
She is also survived by four brothers, Coy Adkins and Delmar (Rose) Adkins, all of Morehead, Jackie Adkins, Springfield, Ohio, and Everett Adkins of Decatur, Tennessee; two sisters, Mary Jo (Glenn) Maybry of New Lebanon, Ohio, and Bonnie Boggs of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 3 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Elder Clyde Mayse Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Adkins Family Cemetery in Elliottville.

Pallbearers: Steve Caudill, Johnny Adkins, JR Adkins, Jack Templeton, John Gist, Glenn Mabry

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. View memorial tribute or sign online guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

CLYDE EDWARD MAYSE



five years, Clyde served as a dedicated supervisor of the custodial staff in the Ypsilanti school system. Outside of work, he treasured time spent with family and friends and enjoyed the excitement of horse and dog racing, especially the challenge of picking a winner. He also liked trying his luck with lottery tickets and looked forward to the possibility that each ticket brought. Clyde will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by those whose lives he touched.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Dave Evans officiating. Burial will follow in the Mays Family Cemetery (11773 Brown Ridge) in Morehead.

Pallbearers will be Ray Mayse, Eugene Mayse, William Riddle, Dale Davis, Tim Davis and Stoney Mayse.

Visitation for Clyde Edward Mayse will be Friday, June 12, 2026, from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

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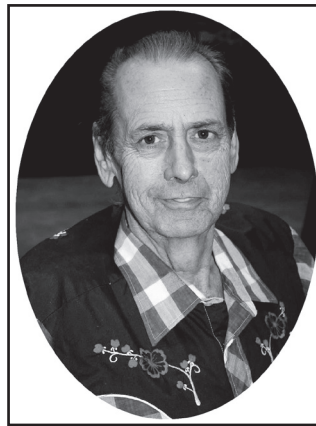
Clyde Edward Mayse, age 84, of Maplewood Avenue, Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at his home.

Born October 26, 1941, in Morehead, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Elbert and Marie Crum Mayse. Besides he parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Ricky Mayse.

Clyde is survived by his son, Steven Mayse of Ypsilanti, Michigan; one grandson, Mitchell Mayse of Michigan; two brothers, Eugene Mayse of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Ray Mayse of Clinton, Michigan; four sisters, Darlene Mays of Winchester, Kentucky, Retha Davis of Morehead, Kentucky, Rella Evans of Richmond, Kentucky, and Barbara Mays of Morehead, Kentucky, as well as several nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends.

For more than twenty-

JAMES LEE "JIMMY" NORRIS



loved and the people he inspired. His remarkable career was highlighted by an astounding 56 World Championships and 49 Reserve World Championships at the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration. His knowledge, dedication, and tireless work ethic earned him the admiration and friendship of countless individuals throughout the horse community.

Beyond the show ring, Jimmy enjoyed fishing, sharing stories, joking with friends, and giving others "a hard time" with his quick wit and playful spirit. He found comfort in simple pleasures—a hot cup of coffee, a Marlboro Red cigarette, and time spent with family and friends. His larger-than-life personality, infectious humor, and generous heart made a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Jimmy's legacy extends far beyond trophies and championships. It lives on in the horses he trained, the people he mentored, and the family he loved so deeply. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives he touched. Though his earthly journey has ended, Jimmy's spirit will continue to ride on in the memories, stories, and countless lives he influenced along the way. May he rest in peace.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jeff Fannin officiating. Burial will follow in Wyatt Cemetery on Rock Fork Road in Morehead.

Pallbearers will be Joe Leon, Benny Burton, Zach Clark, Jody Brannon, Christopher Norris, and Donnie Oppenheimer.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

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James Lee "Jimmy" Norris, age 67, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 7, 2026, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on June 6, 1959, in Morehead, Kentucky, Jimmy was the son of the late Everette Norris and Ethel Ritchie Norris. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Marion Norris and Sammy Ray Norris, and four sisters, Sharon Barricks, Vickie Lynn Kincaid, Judy Ann Creech, and Betty Jo Miller.

Jimmy leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish his memory, including his sons, James Wayne (Ginny) Norris of Morehead and Robert "Samuel" Norris of Shelbyville, Tennessee; his daughter, Christy (Jeff) Adams of Morehead; eight grandchildren, Brian Adams, Leeann Furnish, Christa Spillman, Brentnee Adams, Christopher Norris, Natalie Jessee, Bryson Jessee, and Haelynn Norris; numerous great-grandchildren.

Other survivors include two brothers, Jerry Norris of Inez, Kentucky, and Danny Norris of Shelbyville, Tennessee; one sister, Bessie Pelkey of Augusta, Georgia; Samuel's mother, Angela Scheppe of Shelbyville, Tennessee; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

"Jimmy was a legendary horseman whose name became a symbol of excellence in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry." A respected trainer, teacher, rider, and mentor, he devoted his life to the horses he

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Notice is hereby given that Logan Barker of 747 Short Street, Morehead KY has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to perform an addition on to the current residence, in compliance with city ordinances. The property is located in Morehead Ky that lies on the corner of Short and Lewis street. This lies right off of US 60. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions

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