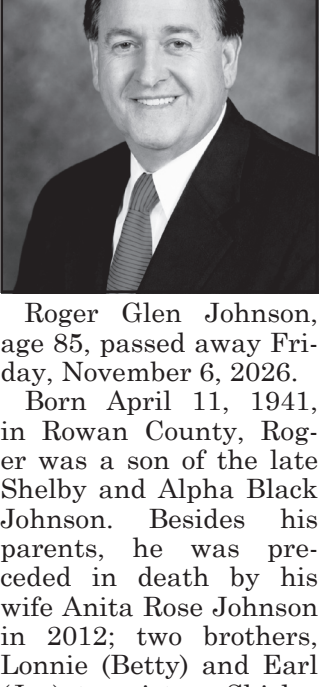
OBITUARIES

ROGER GLEN JOHNSON



Roger Glen Johnson, age 85, passed away Friday, November 6, 2026.

Born April 11, 1941, in Rowan County, Roger was a son of the late Shelby and Alpha Black Johnson. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Anita Rose Johnson in 2012; two brothers, Lonnie (Betty) and Earl (Joy); two sisters, Shirley Kinder and Wilma Jean who died in infancy.

He is survived by nephews Tony Kinder and Darin Johnson; nieces Tammy Kinder and Natalie (Ron) Caudill; great-nieces and nephews Derrick (Amanda) Kinder, Kristen (Simon) Jackson, Garrett Kinder and Ian (Makenzie) Kinder, along with several great-great nieces and nephews.

Upon graduating from Morehead State University, Roger married Anita on June 29, 1968, and worked and retired from Armco Steel after 28 years. He remained a member of Mt. Pisgah Christian Church in Morehead, Kentucky, while he faithfully attended and served at Yankee Road First Church of God in Middletown, Ohio for more than 50 years.

For 40 years, Roger sang with The Gospel Echoes, passionately witnessing and sharing the gospel throughout Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. His dedication to spreading the love of Jesus Christ through music touched the lives of many.

The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Boonesboro Trace Assisted Living and Hospice East for their compassionate care and support.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Kevin Collins officiating.

Burial followed in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Derrick Kinder, Garrett Kinder, Ian Kinder, Darin Johnson, Ron Caudill, Jim Robinson, Scott Martin, and Harold Ellington.

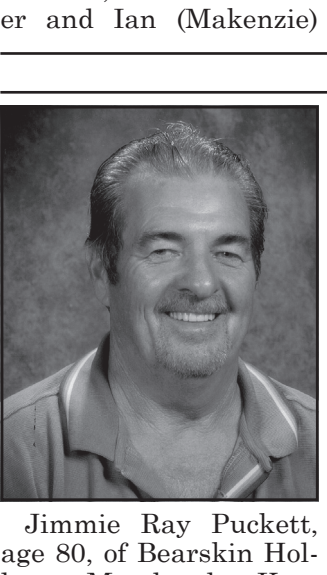
Honorary pallbearers were Colbert "Bear" Kinder, Camilla Kinder, Elizabeth Jackson, Caleb Jackson, Alex Jackson, and Caroline Kinder.

Visitation was from 12-2 p.m. Saturday, November 21,2026, at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

Memorial contributions suggested to Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, C/O Tony Kinder, PO Box 444, Flemingsburg, KY 41041 or Yankee Road First Church of God, PO Box 1300, Middletown, OH 45042

View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

JIMMIE RAY PUCKETT



Jimmie Ray Puckett, age 80, of Bearskin Hollow, Morehead, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 19, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

Born October 22, 1946, in Rowan County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Frank and Monnie Belle Sparks Puckett. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin Puckett and Clayton Puckett; and five sisters, Linda, Geneva, and Diana Puckett, Elma Gertrude Puckett Irvin, and Jackquelene "Jackie" Puckett Howard.

Jimmie is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Janet Middleton Puckett, whom he married April 9, 1967; his son, David Ray Puckett and wife Veronica; and his daughter, Cindy Kay Puckett, all of Morehead. He also leaves behind three grandchildren, Joseph Dawson Puckett, Rayna Rayjean Puckett, and Lani Elswick; and two great-grandchildren, Chanceton Goodan and Sawyer Carroll, who brought him much joy.

Other survivors include two brothers, Robbie Puckett of Soldier and Mike Puckett of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; three sisters, Violet Fields of Demopolis, Alabama, Pauline Brewster of Winchester, Kentucky, and Yvonne Sue Puckett of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; a host of nieces and nephews; other family members; and many friends.

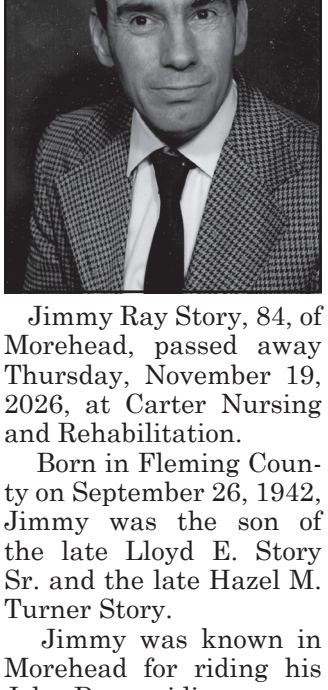
Jimmie retired from the Rowan County Board of Education after 37 years of dedicated service as a custodian at Rowan County Middle School. His dedication to his work was evident in the nearly 20 years he and Janet lived on the school property so he could be available whenever his services were needed. Before beginning his career with the school system, he drove a dump truck for Avery Adkins Trucking for ten years. He attended East End Church of God.

A man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, Jimmie loved riding horses and, above all, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He took pride in his work, cherished his family, and leaves behind many treasured memories for those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends, but the love he shared and the memories he created will live on for generations to come.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Roy Lands officiating.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, Kentucky. View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com.

JIMMY RAY STORY



Jimmy Ray Story, 84, of Morehead, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Carter Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Born in Fleming County on September 26, 1942, Jimmy was the son of the late Lloyd E. Story Sr. and the late Hazel M. Turner Story.

Jimmy was known in Morehead for riding his John Deere riding mower around town, he enjoyed mowing and weed eating and had worked at the rest area on Interstate 64 for several years keeping the lawn looking good. Jimmy had also worked at the Kentucky Kandy Kitchen in Maysville for several years. Ho loved watching the Price is Right, Wheel A Fortune and any UK sporting event. He attended the Morehead Nazarene Church.

He is survived by his three siblings, Lloyd E Story Jr. and wife Barbara, William Wayne Story and wife Kathryn and Barbara S. Watson and husband David; several nieces, nephews along with great and great great nieces and nephews, and many extended family and friends.

In addition to parents Lloyd and Hazel; Jimmy was preceded in death by his sibling, Wanda Joyce Darnall, Linda Kay McDonald and three infant siblings.

The funeral service will begin at 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Compton officiating.

Jimmy will be laid to rest in Fleming County Cemetery.

Pallbearers include Stephen Watson, Brad Watson, William Story Jr., Matthew Story, Andy McDonald and Bryce Applegate. Honorary pallbearers include Timmy Darnall, Tony Darnall and Zachary Applegate.

Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until the hour of service at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home located at 150 West Water Street in Flemingsburg.

Friends may offer online condolences at www.boonenickellfuneralhome.com

TAMARA BETH (SHEPHERD) SCHUBERT



Tamara Beth (Shepherd) Schubert, born June 13, 1987, in Lansing, Michigan, passed away on November 15, 2026, at her home in Olive Hill, Kentucky. She leaves behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, and a family and friends who will forever cherish the person she was.

Tamara had a personality all her own, a big sense of humor, and a mischievous spirit that made her unforgettable. She loved pulling pranks, trolling people in livestreams, singing karaoke, and all things 1990s. She found joy in Nintendo, Animal Crossing, and everything Halloween. She was also incredibly proud of her job at Morehead State University.

Family meant everything to Tamara. She deeply loved her brothers and sister, her nieces and nephew, her friends, and all the beloved family pets who had been part of their lives through the years. She cherished the life she built with her husband, Joe, and loved spending time together at their country home. Her absolute favorite place was Cave Run Lake, where she spent so much of her time and made many special memories. And if you ever took her out for Mexican food, you could count on one thing: she was ordering the chicken chimichangas!

Tamara was preceded in death by her mother, Peggy (Marshall) Shepherd; her grandmothers, Magaline Bedell and Donna Patrick; her grandfather, Mike Bennett; her aunt, Patty (Watkins) Dunaway; her uncle, Shannon Bennett; and her beloved pets.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Joe Schubert; her father, Douglas Shepherd; her sister, Andrea Conley (Zach); her brothers, Tyler Marshall (Rennay), Alex Shepherd (Kendal), and Joshua Shepherd; and her nieces and nephew, Alyssa, Paris, Amelia, August, and Adelaide. She also leaves behind countless friends and loved ones whose lives were brighter because they knew her.

Though her passing leaves an immeasurable space in the hearts of those who loved her, the best way to honor Tamara is to keep the things she loved alive. Play the old Nintendo games, turn up the 90s music, celebrate Halloween, sing karaoke, remember her pranks, and share a laugh over the little things that made her who she was. And whenever you find yourself at Cave Run Lake, take a moment to think of her.

The people we love never truly leave us. They live on through our stories, our laughter, our memories, and the pieces of themselves they leave behind in our hearts.

Tamara will forever be loved, forever missed, and forever a part of the family she cherished so deeply.

A celebration of Tamara's life will be held at a later date.

Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, located at 400 Fraley Drive in Morehead, Kentucky, is honored to assist the family of Tamara Beth (Shepherd) Schubert. Your kind words, cherished memories, and condolences may be shared online at www.northcuttandson.com.

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NOTICE

The City of Morehead, in partnership with the Kentucky Division of Water, invites all citizens to a public meeting at 6pm on December 10 at the Morehead Police Department (309 West Main Street). The public meeting will share progress on the City's ongoing efforts to reduce flooding and improve water quality in Triplett Creek.

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Rowan County Fiscal Court
Regional Recycling Infrastructure Expansion Project

The Rowan County Fiscal Court will be accepting statements of qualifications for the Regional Recycling Infrastructure Expansion Project for professional Architectural/Engineering services. The selected Firm will be responsible for providing professional services including, but not limited to: design, permitting, preparation of plans and specifications, bidding assistance, construction administration, and related services as necessary for successful implementation of the project.

Firms interested in applying should visit https://gwadd.org/rfps-public-input/ or contact Benjamin Birchfield at (606) 780-0090, ext. 2201 or email Benjamin.birchfield@ky.gov for the full Request for Qualifications. Statements of qualifications must be received by 3:30 PM local time by Friday, December 11th, 2026.

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