

Obituaries

Rebecca Caniff 1949-2026

Rebecca Jean Caniff, 77, of Flatwoods, passed away at the Hospice Care Center on Aug. 12, 2026.

She was born on June 22, 1949, in Ashland, to the late Arbie Edward and Neva Chandler Daniels.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Arthur M. Daniels and Ernest H. Daniels.

She was a woman of extraordinary love, faith, and grace.

She had a gentle, nurturing spirit and a remarkable ability to make people feel cared for, supported, and deeply loved.

Her kindness was not reserved for those closest to her; she gave freely of herself to family, friends, and so many others whose lives she touched.

Rebecca’s faith in the Lord was at the center of who she was. She trusted in God through every season of her life, finding strength in her faith and comfort in His promises. She lived her faith through the way she treated others—with compassion, generosity, patience, and an open heart. Her relationship with the Lord was not simply something she believed; it was something she carried with her and reflected in the way she lived.

Rebecca and Greg Caniff were high school sweethearts. What began as a young love grew into a lifelong partnership filled with devotion, family, faith, and countless memories. Together, they built a beautiful life and a family rooted in the values that meant the most to them. Through all the seasons of life, they remained by one another’s side, sharing the joys, challenges, milestones, and ordinary moments that become a lifetime. Their story was one of enduring love, companionship, and devotion.

Family was Rebecca’s greatest joy. She loved her children with an unconditional and steadfast love, always offering encouragement, reassurance, wisdom, and support. No matter what life brought, her family knew they could turn to her. She was a constant source of love and strength.

Her grandchildren held an especially precious place in her heart. Rebecca cherished every moment she spent with them and took great joy in watching them grow into the people they were becoming. She celebrated their accomplishments, encouraged their dreams, and made each of them feel special simply by loving them for exactly who they were. The memories they made with their grandmother will remain among their most treasured gifts.

Rebecca had a way of making ordinary moments meaningful. She found joy in the people she loved and gave so much of herself without expecting anything in return. Her warmth, compassion, and unwavering love left an imprint on countless lives.

Even through the most difficult days, Rebecca’s faith remained strong.

She trusted in the Lord and in the promise of eternal life.

Those who loved her find comfort in knowing that she is now at peace, free from suffering, and in the presence of the Savior she loved so deeply.

She retired from Ashland Oil as an Executive Meetings Coordinator with 23 years of service.

Throughout her career, she was admired for her professionalism, reliability, and dedication.

In addition to her career, Rebecca was also a homemaker and treasured her time with her children and grandchildren.

In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and working with flowers in her yard.

Rebecca was active in her community and in organizations that were close to her heart. She served as state chaplain for the Jayceettes and was also president of the Flatwoods Jayceettes Chapter. She was also a member of First Baptist Church of Flatwoods, where her faith remained an important part of her life and where she found fellowship and strength.

Rebecca is survived by her loving husband, Paul Gregory Caniff of Flatwoods; her son, Steven Gregory Caniff (Brenda) of Columbus, Ohio; her daughters, Kimberly Ann Caniff (Christopher Jett) of Highland Heights, and Terri Lynn Ratliff (Tony) of Russell; her brother, Dennis E. Daniels of Flatwoods; and her sister, Ann Cumpston of Ashland.

She also leaves behind a cherished legacy through her grandchildren, Kasey Ann Weinfurtnr, Kristen Elizabeth Ratliff, Evan Gregory Caniff, Logan Anthony Weinfurtnr, Tyler Daniel Caniff, Camrny Ratliff Pennington (Nick), Jessica Lynn Ratliff, and Samantha Rae Caniff, as well as her great-granddaughter, Aleah Mae Pennington, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 17, 2026 at Steen Funeral Home-Central Avenue Chapel and will be officiated by Pastor Jim Nichols and Brother Dave Daniels.

Entombment will follow in Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens.

Rebecca leaves behind a legacy far greater than anything that can be measured.

It lives in her children and grandchildren, in the family she and Greg built together, in the people she encouraged, and in every life made better by knowing her.

She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and carried in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Friends may make contributions in her memory to Community Hospice, 1480 Carter Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101.

William Cross 1957-2026

William Edward Cross, 68, of Wurtland, passed away, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, at UK Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

Will was born Dec. 5, 1957, in Ashland, a son of the late Leonard A. and Ellie Horn Cross.

He retired from Flame Laminating in North Andover, Massachusetts, where he was treated like family and worked for 18 years.

Will found joy in the simple things in life.

He loved riding his 4-wheeler and enjoyed bowling with his brother, Doug.

Doug was an especially important part of Will’s life, and the two shared a close bond filled with many memories, laughter, and time spent together. Their brotherhood was a special one, and Doug’s presence brought great meaning and companionship to Will’s life.

Above all, Will’s greatest joy was his family, especially his daughters and grandchildren. He treasured every moment spent with them, and they loved him deeply in return.

His love, kindness and devotion to his family will be cherished and remembered by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Cross Morris and Liz Melnick.

He is survived by two daughters Angela (Willem) Nel of Milton, New Hampshire and Michelle (Chris) Florence of Kensington, New Hampshire; a brother Douglas Cross of Newburyport, Massachusetts; five sisters Ruth Akers of Ironton, Ohio, Georgie Sheers of Proctorville, Ohio, Mary (Wayne) Stevens of Flatwoods, Darlene (Les) Messer of Hedgesville, West Virginia, and Betty Dyer of Jeffersonville; six grandchildren Sarah Brown, Alexis Brown, Nicole Brown, Brianna Brown, Kristen (Shawn) Nally, and Alyssa Florence; five great-grandchildren; a very special friend Paul “Woody” King of North Andover, Massachusetts; a special niece Kay McIntire of Marion, Ohio; special friends and caregivers Bill Deirfield and Jeff Horn; a host of nieces and nephews and extended family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Will’s greatest legacy will be the love he gave so freely to his family. He will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. The memories he created with those closest to him, especially his brother Doug, will be treasured forever. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

Funeral service were Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, by Minster Dennis Young.

Thelma Jewell Pierce 1939 – 2026

Thelma Jewell Pierce, 87, of Ashland, widow of Delbert F. Pierce, died peacefully Friday afternoon, Aug. 21, 2026, at Community Hospice Care Center.

Thelma was born in Ashland, July 14, 1939 a daughter of the late Charles Frazier and Daisy Cordial Thompson.

She was a member of Holy Family Church in Ashland. Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, include ten siblings; Betty Hite, Irene Sergeant, Mona E. Martin, Joann Strange, Barbara Naugle, Sophie Pauline Johnson, Caroline Cantrell, Charles Thompson, James Thompson, and Gideon Mark Thompson.

Surviving include five sons; Delbert F. ‘Frank’ Pierce, Jr. and wife Teresa, of Ashland. James Michael ‘Mike’ Pierce, and wife Victoria, of South Point, Ohio, David Matthew Pierce, and wife Lisha, of Geneva, Alabama. Joseph Brian Pierce, and wife Allison, of Ashland, and Christopher Scott Pierce, and wife Melissa, of Ashland. 3 daughters; Teresa Kim Finrock, and husband Don, of Kettering, Ohio. Stephanie Suzanne Gaskins, and husband David, of San Antonio, Florida. Betty Anne Mayo, and husband Craig, of Ashland. 2 brothers; David Thompson, and wife Gwin, of Ashland. Russell Thompson, and wife Stephanie, of Ashland. A sister; Linda Burke, and husband Houston, of Flatwoods. 17 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, at Preston Family Funeral Home.

Courthouse

Deeds filed

• Samuel R and Janet L Simpson to Rebecca Simpson Nelson Pt Lt 4 Alice carner Add \$38,000.

• Carol and Rodney Schisler/Alice and Samuel Herles to Jason and Tangula Campbell/Linda Gail and Michael • David Mullins Lt 16 Frank Wheeler add Worthington \$101,000.

• Jason and Tangula Campbell/Linda Gail and Michael David Mullins to Amanda L Akers and Dylan S Liming Lt 16 Frank Wheeler Add Fullerton \$119,000.

• Rhonda and Philip Kearns to william Keith Armstrong Pt Lt F clyde Grizzle Property

• Claude Anthony Wright to Abigail Osborn Lt 4 Unit 1 Siloam Heights \$160,000.

• Kenneth Hieneman Sr, Melody Hienemanand Kenneth Hieneman Jr to Clemont Shawn and Pamela S Bays 3. acres Greenup Co \$20,000.

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• LGB Properties LLC to Three Daughters Cabins LLC Tract Ky Route 2 and US route 23 \$650,000.

• Marie Bates to Samantha Jo Haddox Lts 101-102 Walnut Street \$217,400.

• Donna S Adkins to Donna S and Ryan Todd Adkins Unit 3A3 Oakmont Condo Community FCV \$123,000.

• DJ Ashworth to Laureen Joan and David Allen Morris Lt 29 and Pt Lt 30 Kenwood acre Tract

• Charles and Christina Simpson to Charles Simpson Lt 2 Kentucky Street FCV \$80,000.

• Maynard Family Trust to Lana K Fraley Parcel 2 Near Old US 23 \$10,000.

• Wolfe Family Revocable Living Trust to George w and Sandi M Arnold tract Near Diederich Boulevard \$100,000.

• Dennis L and Connie J May to Robert Troy and Shawnie Renee Allen Tract Greenup Co \$105,000.

Suits filed

• East Coast Tax Auction vs PGS Leasing LLC Et Al, foreclosure, attorney Jerry Higgins

• PNC Bank National Assoc vs Cynthia I Stevens, credit card debt \$8318.02, attorney Austin Combs

• Ashley Fluty vs Millard D Fluty III petition for dissolution of marriage, attorney Whitney Davis

• JP Morgan Chase Bank National Assoc vs Betha Lucas, foreclosure , attorney Michael Brinkman

• East Coast Tax Auction vs Cooke’s Farm Center Inc. Et Al, foreclosure, attorney Jerry Higgins

• Midfirst Bank vs Shawn Vanhorn Et Al, foreclosure, attorney Blake Embry

• Onemain Financial Inc vs Christopher Bennett, debt collection \$6516.48, attorney Fredrick Hecht

• Debois Inc vs Curtis Craft Et Al , debt collection \$12,175.85, attorney Michelle Heinz

• Galaxy International Purchasing LLC vs Dianne Potter, debt collection \$5789.65, attorney Jon Conner

• Jesse Ryan Topping vs Jennifer Ann Topping, petition for dissolution of marriage, attorney Jeff Hensley

• Kathleen Gartin vs Erik Angel, custody, attorney Tracy Frye

• Sun West Mortgage Co Inc vs Ashley Grubbs Et Al, foreclosure, attorney Veronica Stewart

• Morgan Shae Kaylor vs Roger Eugene Kaylor Jr, petition for dissolution of marriage, attorney Marie Troxler

• Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Ins Co vs Tassie M Hollins, property damage \$6415.98, attorney Charles Grosse

• LVNV Funding LLC vs Wesley Clifton, credit card debt \$5715.78 , attorney Ethan Weiland

• Leah Ann Layne vs Justin Michael Meister, petition for dissolution of marriage, attorney Jeff Hensley



FAITH

For Today

For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5b (KJV)

There are times when we are going through the trials of life and difficult situations that we may feel like we are all alone and that no one cares. We may feel like all of our friends and family members have walked away and left us to deal with the problem by ourselves. We may be in the midst of a huge crowd but feel like we are all alone.

Jesus has promised us, however, that He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is always with us, and He cares what we are going through. Even more, He has the answers to every problem that we may encounter in life. No matter where you are walking or what you are facing, Jesus knows where you are and what you are dealing with. What a comfort to know that we can always lean on Him and He will always be there with support and answers!