

# Obituaries

**William Ray “Bill” Luther**  
**Aug. 29, 1943—Oct. 1, 2026**  
William Ray “Bill” Luther, 83, of Greenup, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, at his home.

Bill was born Aug. 29, 1943, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a son of the late Arnold and Mary Belle Monk Luther.

Bill was a member of the Faith Christian Assembly Church in Flatwoods. Bill enjoyed setting up and selling at the local area flea markets and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife. Opal Morgan Luther; a daughter. Susie Crabtree; a son. Robert Luther; a daughter -in-law. Liwanda Tackett; and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by two sons Robert “Jody” Tackett of Wurtland, and Jason Tackett of Somerset; eight daughters Alberta (David) Jointer of Lexington, Laura Luther of Portsmouth, Ohio, Charlena (Robert) Cunningham of Wurtland, Helen (Kelly) Smith of Morehead, Sharon Hunt of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mary Elizabeth Luther of Wheelersburg, Ohio, Bobbi (Tim) O’Donnell of Lawrenceburg, and Angela Luther of Wurtland; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, by Minister Jay Adkins. Burial followed in Plum Grove – Collins Cemetery in Greenup.

**Mary Griffith**  
**June 29, 1948—Oct. 3, 2026**  
Mary Hancock Griffith, 78, of Greenup, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

Mary was born June 29, 1948, in Ashland, a daughter of the late George and Margaret McDowell Hancock.

Mary was a 1966 graduate of the former Wurtland High School and later graduated from Ashland Vocational School as a License Practical Nurse. She was a member of the Plum Grove Baptist Church and enjoyed going to Bible study once a week. She enjoyed spending time and taking care of her family, who she loved dearly. Mary loved to read and drink her coffee.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Phillip Griffith Sr.; two sons Infant Mark Allen Griffith and Phillip Griffith Jr.; a brother Jeffery Hancock.

She is survived by a grandson Justin (Sara McClanahan) Griffith of Greenup; great grandson Joseph Griffith Wurtland; two brothers Michael Hancock of Greenup, and Terry (Becky) Hancock of Wurtland; Brother and sister-in-law Mike and Cindy Griffith of Greenup; a daughter in law Connie Burton Smith; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup by Pastor Chris Bellew. Burial followed in the Plum Grove – Collins Cemetery in Greenup.

At the family request in lieu of flowers donation may be made towards funeral expenses.

**Carolyn Clark**  
**Nov. 2, 1947—Oct. 3, 2026**  
Carolyn Sue Clark, 78, of Flatwoods, passed away Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, surrounded by her family, at UK Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

Sue was born on Nov. 2, 1947, in West Russell, to the late Russell Vonzo and Sarah Elizabeth Ward Chapman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Janet Wells, three brothers, Vonzo Chapman, Charles Chapman and Richard Chapman, two sisters, Phyllis McIntyre and Evelyn Ison, one brother-in-law, Albert Ison, and two sisters, Alma Chapman and Elta Chapman.

She is survived by her devoted and loving husband, Roger Lee Clark, two sons, Denny Wells (Tina) of Ironton, Ohio and Bobby Wells (Cathy) of Flatwoods, two daughters, Linda Colm of Flatwoods, and Rhonda Guy (Bret) of Kitts Hill, Ohio, five grandchildren, Jeffrey Wells (Jessica), Josh Guy (Mariana), Samantha Wells (Chris), Rachel Rowe (Cody) and Mattie Colm (Cullen), eleven great grandchildren, Ember Wells, Winter Wells, Asher Wells, River Wells, Ariana Guy, Carlee Brewer, Cooper Brewer, Jordan Rowe, Lincoln Rowe, Cassidy Rowe and Maylin Colm, one sister, Grace Keese, one special sister-in-law, Sharon Chapman and a host of other family members and friends who will sadly miss her.

Sue was a faithful and dedicated employee of Ashland Furnace Co., where she worked for more than 40 years. Her remarkable length of service spoke to her loyalty, dependability, and strong work ethic.

Away from work, Sue found happiness in life’s simple pleasures. She loved working puzzles, reading a good book, playing games, and shopping especially when she could find a great deal.

When Sue’s family was asked to name her greatest accomplishment, there was no hesitation and no need to discuss their answer.

Together, they responded unanimously: “Her family.”

Though simple, those two words spoke volumes about the life Sue lived and the love she gave so freely. Her family was more than a source of pride; they were the very heart of her life. The love she poured into them, the memories they created together, and the family bonds she helped build will forever remain the truest measure of her life.

Sue leaves behind far more than memories. She leaves a family who knew they were deeply loved and who will continue carrying that love with them in all the years to come.

The following served as pallbearers: Denny Wells, Bobby Wells, Jeffrey Wells, Josh Guy, Jordan Rowe, Chris Brewer, Cody Rowe and Cullen Callihan.

Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 12, 2026 at Carman Funeral Home, with Steve Miller officiating. Burial followed at Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Russell.

**James Chandler**  
**Dec. 6, 1945—Oct. 7, 2026**  
James David Chandler, 80, of Wurtland, passed away, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, West Virginia.

James was born Dec. 6, 1945, in Austin, Texas, and was the son of the late Johnny S. and Edna Daugherty Chandler.

James attended the Old Steam Baptist Church in Wurtland, and was a United States Army Veteran.

He was a big history buff traveling throughout the states to historical landmarks. James was loved by everyone who knew him and had the kindest, biggest heart. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughter Shaylene Chandler and several brothers, sisters,

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years Carol Sue Dodd Chandler; four sons James (Michelle) Davenport of La Vernia, Texas, Joshua (Kristen)Chandler of Helena, Montana, Caleb (Annie) Chandler of Huffman, Texas, and Aaron Chandler of Huffman, Texas; a daughter Kelli (Michael) Miller of Hillsboro; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration of Life in Stockdale, Texas in the spring of 2027.

Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**Linda Hieneman**  
**Aug. 15, 1947–Oct. 10, 2026**

Linda Lou Hieneman, 79, of Greenup, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, with her loving husband and family by her side.

Linda was born Aug. 15, 1947, in Greenup, a daughter of the late Billy and Virgina McBrayer.

Linda was a 1965 graduate of the former Wurtland High School and later graduated from Beauty School as a beautician. She owned her own Hair Salon in Greenup called “Diane and Linda’s”.

She was a faithful member of Little Sandy Baptist Church in Greenup. Linda is going to be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother Billy Eugene McBrayer; two sisters Diane Martin and Regina Bradley.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Marvin Douglas Hieneman; a son Marvin Douglas (Kayla Price) Hieneman II; three sisters Carol Hockley of Argillite, Kathy (Bill) Snoddy of Wurtland, and Sherry (Lester) Archey of Greenup; a grandson Conor Blake Hieneman; a sister- in law Teresa McBrayer of Oxford, Michigan; a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, by Pastor Tim Wright. Burial will be in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast, Greenup County. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time on Thursday, at the funeral home.



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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*  
**2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)**

It is important to learn. Learning is not just something happens when we are young, however. It is not something that ends once we graduate high school or college. We should always be learning new things. This applies in particular to the Word of God.

As Christians, we should always be studying the Bible, learning new things about God's Word. Even if we have read the Bible through, there are always things to learn. We may have read a certain scripture many times, but one day we read it again and suddenly we pick up on a new meaning that we never thought of before.

We will never know everything about the Bible and God's Word. But the more we study and read, the closer our relationship is with Him. The more we learn of Him, the more we appreciate His love, mercy, and grace. Let's be diligent to study and learn more about Him each day!

- Pamela Hall

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