

Wayne Clay Marshall, 81

Wayne Clay Marshall, 81, died on October 16, 2025. He was born on August 25, 1944, to the late Forrest and Margaret Hawkins Marshall in Frankfort.

Wayne attended Franklin County High School, University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

Wayne did meaningful work at the Council for Developmental Disabilities of Louisville for 25 years. Equipped with an innate sense of justice and a vision of hope for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, he participated in and directed the removal of many Kentuckians from institutions and subsequently founded two non-profit organizations that supported and empowered people with developmental disabilities to live and work in a community setting.

Wayne was a member of Fourth Street Methodist Church in Old Louisville and later Trinity Episcopal Church in Danville. He was enthusiastic about the verse repeated in the Gospels, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last," and was creative in merging his talents with service to those that were disenfranchised. Notably, in the height of the AIDS health crisis in the mid-1990's, he cooked joyfully with his friends as they served monthly gourmet meals to the 30-40 people who were part of the Kentucky-Indiana People With AIDS Coalition (KIPWAC).

Wayne had many interests and talents. He was a member of the Louisville Woodworking Club and enjoyed carving and making 18th century furniture. Every year he looked forward to gaining ground on his golf swing and golf outings with his friends, especially with his three comrades who also headed Louisville United Way agencies, dubbed the "Gross Gang." He often took on the athletic challenge of running the three road races leading up to Derby. He enjoyed entertaining friends and family with refined recipes for which he combed through books and magazines. In retirement, he enjoyed meeting many in the Danville community serving as cheesemonger and wine retailer.

Wayne is survived by his daughters, Luci Marshall of Boston, MA, Ashly (Evan) Burch of Louisville, and Anne (Peter) Deville-Landfield of Lexington, and sons, Rafe Marshall of Danville, John Marshall of Louisville, Grant (Nicole) Marshall of Nicholasville, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a brother, Warren (Sue) Marshall of Frankfort. He was preceded in death by Marilyn Sauvage of Louisville, for whom he served as guardian.

There will be a graveside service at 2 pm on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Frankfort. Honorary pallbearer will be Rafe Marshall. Pallbearers will be Peter Landfield, Evan Burch, Elliot Deville, John Marshall, Justus Marshall, and Grant Marshall.

Mildred Stafford, 90

Mildred "Evona" Stafford, 90, of Boyle County, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2025 at her home. She was born in Casey County, Kentucky to the late Paul and Ada Cochran Vanoy. She is survived by her loving husband of 72 years, Everett Stafford. Evona was a master seamstress and she sewed the love of Jesus into every aspect of her life. Her cooking rivaled her sewing and it was probably her favorite way to love others. Tens of thousands of homemade meals, each one made with the same care. Whether it was from-scratch biscuits and chocolate gravy or her famous mashed potatoes and chicken n' dumplings... From chocolate pie to canned goods and too many casseroles to mention - all of it was made with love. She loved to sing. Her home was filled with the sound of her singing and whistling as she went about her work. She whistled while refusing everybody's offer to help clean up after supper. She sang while canning the fresh vegetables from the garden. She loved her garden. She loved picking weeds if you can believe that. She couldn't pass one up and she sang then too! And of course she loved singing in the choir. She served in the church her entire life and deeply cared for so many with her strong faith and gentle spirit. Many have described Evona as the sweetest and kindest person they've ever met. Well, who you met is who she was. Every moment of every day, Evona was that person. She only had one side and it was because of her love for Christ. No one who knew her ever had to doubt her love for them; certainly not her family. Evona loved deeply and she was a loving and faithful wife to Everett. She spoiled and served her husband unconditionally for 72 years. Today we celebrate Evona's life, and let us all remember to sew the love of Jesus into all aspects of our lives - Evona's legacy! Evona is survived by a son, Kirby Stafford (Melinda) of Danville; a daughter, Paulette Stamper (Jake) of Harrodsburg; one grandchild, Scott Stafford (Courtney) of Frankfort; and two great-grandchildren, Sophie and Millie Moon Stafford. She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Betty Jean Johnson. Funeral services were held 12:30pm Friday, October 24, 2025 at Hedgeville Baptist Church with Bro. Mike Wilson and Bro. Jonathan Grizzell officiating. Visitation from 10:30am-12:30pm. A private family burial will follow. www.preston-pruitt.com

Death Notices

John P. Gingerich, 20, died on Oct. 21, 2025.

Danville-Boyle Board of Adjustments reviews short-term rental, setback variance requests

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Advocate Messenger

DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville-Boyle County Board of Adjustments met for its regular session on Oct. 21 at Danville City Hall to consider two zoning-related applications, one involving the operation of a short-term rental property and the other a setback variance for an accessory structure.

The meeting, held in the City Commission Chambers and livestreamed on the City of Danville's YouTube Media Channel, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Steve Southerland. Following the invocation and roll call, board members approved the minutes from the Sept. 16 meeting before moving into public hearings.

The first case on the agenda involved a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by David and Kaylee Walterhouse, doing business as Casa at Centre LLC. The applicants sought permission to operate a

short-term rental on a 0.139-acre lot located at 140 St. Mildred's Court in Danville. The property lies within a Single-Family/Duplex (RM-2) zoning district.

The Walterhouses presented their proposal, noting their intent to manage the property responsibly and maintain open communication with nearby residents. Board members discussed details related to parking availability, occupancy limits, and noise control to ensure the property would comply with city regulations and avoid potential disturbances to neighbors.

Short-term rentals have become an increasingly common topic before the board, as more homeowners explore the use of platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo. The board reiterated that each case is evaluated individually based on zoning designation, property layout, and potential neighborhood impact.

The second item under consideration was a Variance request from

Christopher and Kandis Young, who sought to reduce the required 40-foot setback along the Lexington Road boundary of their 0.68-acre lot at 502 Dogwood Drive. The applicants requested a 20-foot reduction to allow for the placement of an accessory structure, such as a storage building or workshop. The property is zoned Single-Family (R1-A).

Planning and Zoning Director Hannah Gray, presented staff findings and site maps, explaining that while setback requirements are intended to preserve consistency and open space in residential neighborhoods, the board may grant variances when unique property constraints or topographical features make strict compliance impractical. The Youngs stated that their property's shape and existing landscaping limited available placement options for the accessory building.

After reviewing the site details and ensuring that the proposed variance

would not negatively affect adjacent properties or road visibility, board members expressed general support for the request.

No items of old or new business were brought before the board, and no public opposition was recorded for either application. Following board discussion and final comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Planning officials noted that decisions made by the Danville-Boyle County Board of Adjustments play an important role in maintaining a balance between property owners' rights and community standards. The board's reviews help ensure that development and renovation projects remain consistent with the city's long-term planning goals.

The next regular meeting of the Danville-Boyle County Board of Adjustments is scheduled for Nov. 18 at Danville City Hall and will also be livestreamed for public viewing.

Danville commission appoints Audrey Serres to fill late husband's seat

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville City Commission held a special-called meeting Teusday, Oct. 21, to fill the vacant commission seat left by the passing of Commissioner Rick Serres, who died Sept. 22.

During the meeting, commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 2025-10-21-01, appointing Audrey Serres to serve the remainder of her late husband's unexpired term.

Before taking up the resolution, Mayor James Atkins called for a moment of silence in honor of recent community losses.

City Clerk Ashley Phillips read the resolution into the record, noting that the appointment

continues Danville's long-standing tradition of allowing a family member to complete a commissioner's term in the event of their death. The practice, the resolution states, helps preserve the city's nonpartisan approach to local governance.

The resolution cited past precedents, including the appointments of Kevin Caudill following Commissioner Nancy Caudill's passing, and Paige Stevens following Commissioner Alex

Stevens' death. Both later sought and won elections in their own right.

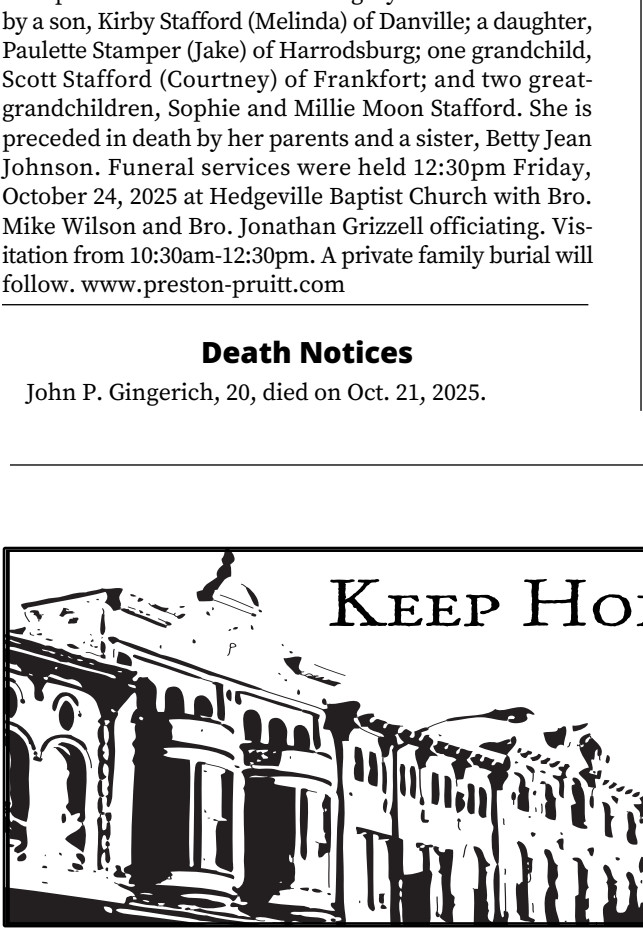
The commission noted that Audrey Serres agreed to serve to honor her husband's legacy and the citizens who elected him. Commissioners expressed confidence that she will bring dedication and integrity to the position.

"I move for approval of Resolution 2025-10-21-01," one commissioner stated, followed by a quick second and a unanimous roll call

vote. All four voting members—Commissioners Caudill, Peek, Hollon, and Mayor Atkins—voted in favor.

Serres is expected to take the oath of office at the next regular commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned shortly after the vote, closing a brief but meaningful session focused on honoring Rick Serres' years of service to Danville and ensuring his work continues through his wife's appointment.



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