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Geneva Flora Bennett



GLASGOW - Geneva Flora Bennett, 85, Glasgow, passed away Friday, February 21, 2025 at NHC Health Care Center. She was a daughter of the late Chester Edward Garrett and Leethar Edith Parrigan Garrett. She was a devoted member of East Fork Missionary Baptist Church until her health declined. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and a friend to everyone; she devoted her life to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and God.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Charles Dunham Bennett; three children, Vernon Bennett (Brenda), Darlene Wells (Jeff) and Darrell Bennett (Nancy Miller); three grandchildren, Anthony Bennett (Ashleigh), Melissa Jones (Bryan) and Jamie Griffiths (Austin); six great-grandchildren, Isaac Jones (Sydney), Noah Jones, Mason Bennett, Reagan Griffiths, Lilleigh Bennett and Garrett Griffiths; one sister, Shirley Dowell; several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her siblings, Louise Garmon, Janet Compton, Hazel Garrett and Wilbert Garrett.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home with burial in the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

Georgie T. Carroll

HORSE CAVE - Georgie T. Carroll, 81, Hart County, passed away Monday, February 17, 2025, at the Shanti-Niketan Hospice Home, Glasgow.

Funeral services were held 2:00 pm Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Winn Funeral Home, with burial in the Cosby Cemetery. Memorial contributions be given to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.winnfuneralhome.com

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Martha Jane Christy



GLASGOW - Martha Jane Christy, 80, Glasgow, passed away, Friday, February 21, 2025, at TJ Samson Community Hospital. She was born in Glasgow, on January 22, 1945, to the late Barnabus Mesker and the late Mary Francis (Holman) Mesker. She was a Surgical Tech at the Medical Center of Bowling Green for 43 years and was of the Baptist faith. She loved going to Barren County Speedway for many years and watching the dirt track races.

She is survived by her daughter, Kim Jewell (Jeff); grandchildren, Amber Jewell and Ashton Richardson (Hunter); sister, Joyce Wagoner (Norris); along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Kenneth Leon Christy and brother, Joe Holman.

Donations can be made to BRAWA and Shanti Niketan Hospice Home.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at A.F. Crow and Son Funeral Home with burial in the Shiloh Cemetery;

Margaret Louise Perkins



GLASGOW- Margaret Louise Perkins, 81, Glasgow, passed away Friday, February 21, 2025 at Barren County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was the daughter of the late Raymond Shives and Katie Lacy and the stepdaughter of the late Johnny Lacy. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and a friend to everyone.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Manning (Chris) and her son Bart Hammer (Heather); three grandchildren, Jacob Manning (Mackenzie), Tyler Hammer (Tessa), and Hadleigh Moore (Josiah); and three great-grandchildren, Nolan, Collins, and Grady. Although she was an only child, she was very close with her sister-in-law, Nancy Garrett.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul Hammer; her last husband, Larry Perkins, and her granddaughter, Chelsea Manning.

She was a loyal employee at South Central Rural Telephone and retired from there in 2007. She was also an avid collector of antiques her whole life and enjoyed taking care of her plants and flowers.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at Happy Valley Memorial Garden.

Hatcher and Saddler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Stanley Harold Houchens

GLASGOW - Stanley Harold Houchens, 76, Glasgow, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2025 at his residence.

Funeral services were held 11:00 am Monday, February 24, 2025 at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home with burial in the Antioch Church Cemetery.

Rondal Allen Bailey “Droopy”

GLASGOW - Rondal Allen Bailey “DROOPY”, 78, Glasgow, died Wednesday, February 19, 2025 in Plainwell, Michigan.

Funeral services were held 12:00 noon Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home. Cremation followed.



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Taxpayer dollars are being used to fund ideologically misguided, ineffective, and unnecessary projects thanks to the blundering bureaucracy, while Americans struggle to put food on their table. This is not what our government was designed to do. The U.S. government should not be doling out cash to foreign organizations, some of which actively oppose the United States, with no oversight. It is time for real change. America should not continue to be the world’s piggy bank. It is time to end the waste of the foreign aid bureaucracy.

Waste Report Wrap Up

Every Wednesday, I highlight an area of government waste uncovered by my team and me. Recently, I shined a light on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) which spent \$1.2 million to study online dating habits.

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There is currently a bill, HB368, that seeks to remove legal notices from newspapers and place them on government websites. Websites that are run by the government themselves. What could go possibly go wrong with that?

When a legal ad is placed in a newspaper, it is placed in the local newspaper, dated and cannot be changed after the fact. In addition, it is placed on a website managed by the Kentucky Press Association where all legal notices in Kentucky can be found easily – kypublicnotices.com.

HB368 seeks to have entities including county and city governments place public notices on their own websites, yet many have only one employee, if any, and can’t even keep their current websites updated. I found one city website in my area that hadn’t been updated with meetings or ordinances since 2020. Two others had very little information, none of the council members were current and the monthly meeting time listed was listed wrong.

Officials have said they would create their own statewide website for all notices. I would argue that they are going to spend a lot more money creating a website we have already created and maintained successfully. Right now, paid legal notices are currently a very small part of county and city budgets – only 0.16%.

So why change? Is this what is really best for the community?

In counties of 80,000 or more a bill was passed in Kentucky to change the rules of public notices due to the cost of the larger newspapers. Yet, many of those counties, including Boone, Campbell, Fayette, Kenton, Madison and Warren, have decided that newspapers are still the best way to get their notices out and have continued to place them in newspapers despite the change.

Regardless of the county size, public notices should be posted by a third party, and with a newspaper in almost every county (and statewide website already in place) it just makes good, common sense.

Besides the concerns I’ve already addressed, while legal notices are not the only revenue that keep newspapers going – it is a part of it, and some smaller, rural counties will probably lose their local newspaper if this bill is passed. A community without a local newspaper is a community without a heartbeat, and countless studies have shown in news desserts across this country that there will be negative, long-term effects for the community.

No, it is not the job of the legislature to keep newspapers running but why are they so against doing something that maintains transparency and at the same time, would hurt some of the oldest local businesses in this state?

I’m not blind to the criticism of the media and think that cable news networks have hurt our industry as a whole. I was trained that a journalist is to cover the facts and to try and keep any biases out. I think your local newspapers do a pretty darn good job at still doing that. We have opinion/editorial pages that are open for opinions to be shared and topics to be discussed but they are clearly labeled and kept separate from the news content.

Your local newspaper employees are not pushing an agenda. We are actively involved and serving in our communities. We live, work, play and volunteer right alongside our community members. We take our role very seriously, and that includes publishing your public notices.

Any bill that seeks to change how public notices are handled, or diminishes public meetings or public records, is going to be harmful to the community, and your local newspaper, in the long run. I urge you to stand up with your local newspaper and help us keep these three in place.