

# OBITUARIES



**ROSETTA BENGÉ**  
Rosetta Bengé, 80, of Harrodsburg, widow of Louis Bengé, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Born May 21, 1945, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Marvin Russell and the late Edna (Devine) Bradley.

She was a retired seamstress for Palm Beach Clothing Company, a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church and a member of the Benton Baptist Church.

Survivors include several cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with Lynn Releford and Tim Gray officiating. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Willing Workers Sunday School Class c/o Fellowship Baptist Church, 481 Cornishville St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**WES HUFFMAN**  
Horace Wesley “Wes” Huffman Jr., 71, husband of Joan (Metcalfe) Huffman, of Harrodsburg, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Born Oct. 7, 1953, in Danville, he was the son of Horace Wesley Huffman Sr. and the late Ruth (Lay) Huffman.

He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church and a retired skilled technician with AT&T, where his dedication and work ethic were well known and respected.

Wes embraced life with a love for the outdoors and adventure. Whether he was out on Lake Cumberland boating, enjoying motor sports of any kind, or trail riding with friends, Wes was always happiest when surrounded by the people and things he loved. Above all else, he cherished being “Bapaw” to his grandson Sawyer, and his family. These were roles that brought him immense pride and joy. Wes was a devoted family man, a hard worker, and a friend to so many.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Joan, and father, Horace, include: one daughter, Leslie Anne (Nathan) Mayes; one grandchild, Sawyer Lee Mayes; one sister, Lona (Wesley) West; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth (Lay) Huffman.

The funeral services were held Monday Sept. 15, 11 a.m., at the St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Edwin Netlas officiating.

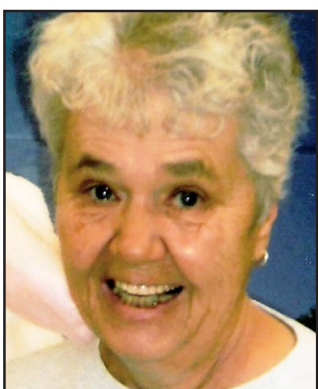
Pallbearers were Nathan Mayes, Nathan Spigle, Gentry Spigle, Lance Blanford, Vince Metcalfe and Stewart Rust.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1125 Danville Road, Harrodsburg KY 40330.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).

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**HOPE HAACK**  
Hope Barbara Haack, 81, of Burgin, wife of Dave Haack, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, at her home.

Born Jan. 27, 1944, in Derby, Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late Steven and Helen (Hylwa) Sokol.

She was a graduate from the Derby High School and retired as a surgical technician for the Central DuPage Hospital in Wheaton, Illinois, volunteered with Heritage Hospice and was a member of the Harrodsburg Community Church.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include: one daughter, Pam Hurlbrink of Woodbridge, Virginia; two sons, Alex Princenor of Parksville and Ron Pricener of St. Augustine, Florida; one brother, Steven Sokol Jr. of Oxford, Connecticut; three stepchildren, Tracy Hale of Granger, Indiana, Kathy Haack of Anna, Illinois, and Randy Haack of Millcreek, Illinois; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

There are no formal services at this time.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**MARY ROSS**  
Mary Veda Ross, 72, of Harrodsburg, widow of Terry Lee Ross, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at her home.

Born Feb. 13, 1953, in McKinney, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Thomas and Veda Frances (Vickory) Lewis.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors include: two daughters, Holly (Blake) Anderson and Tabitha Jarrell, both of Harrodsburg; two sons, Shane Griffin and Kevin Griffin, both of Harrodsburg; one sister, Ada (Robert) Hafley of Indianapolis, Indian; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, James Lewis, Paul Lewis and Kenny Lewis; and six sisters, Edith Dean, Pat Patterson, Thelma Lewis Votaw, Margaret Holt, Betty Jean Dye and Dorothy Ann Dye.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19, at Sims Funeral Services with by Rusty Fitzpatrick officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation 11 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Blake Anderson, Stephen Hodge, Steven Sagracy, Brandon Griffin, Brandon Price and Joe Jarrell.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.simsfuneralservices.com](http://www.simsfuneralservices.com).



**DONNA RUSSELL**  
Donna Lee Russell, 68, of Harrodsburg, wife of Donald Russell, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at the Harrodsburg Health & Rehab.

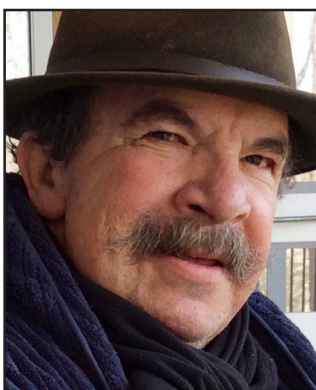
Born July 4, 1957, she was the daughter of the late Sarah Lee (Yocum) Phillips.

She was a retired transcriptionist for James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Ellers Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include cousins, Lona Reynolds and Vicky (Paul Wayne) Peavler.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Spring Hill Cemetery with Rick Bolton officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**JACK STEVENSON**  
Jack Cameron Stevenson, 80, husband of Sidney Smith Baker, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, in Harrodsburg.

Born May 7, 1945, in Long Beach, Calif., he was the son of the late William and Lona Turner Stevenson.

He was a US Navy Veteran, was a graduate of University of North Texas with degrees in business and psychology, was a safety inspector on oil rigs in the Mediterranean, the Gulf of Mexico, Brazil and other locations, retired from Quaker Oats as health and safety inspector, was a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, was a former Winchester Volunteer Fireman and was of the Episcopal Faith.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Ian (Stephanie) Stevenson of Annapolis, Md.; one step son, William (Nancy) Baker of Berea; one step daughter, Jessie (Abdul) Baker of Richmond; three grandchildren, two step grandchildren and special friend, Janet Stevenson.

He was preceded in death by one son, Miles Stevenson and one half brother, Charles Sherrard.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services in charge of arrangements.



**GLENN STEWART**  
Stanley “Glenn” Stewart, 72, of Harrodsburg, husband of Sharon (Crawley) Stewart, of Harrodsburg died Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, at home.

Born July 28, 1953, in Frankfort, he was the son of Reva Mae (Harley) Stewart and the late William “Boo” Stanley.

He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and was an excavator operator for many years.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and mother, include: six daughters, Ginger (Steve) Prewitt, Stephanie (Chad) Boyd, Glenda (Michael) Huffman, Alli Stewart and Leia Sallee; one brother, Steve (Patti) Stewart; two sisters, Melinda Rose Stewart and Melissa Mae (Mike) Roby; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Elizabeth Mae and Jennifer Lynn Bryan.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, September 18, at 1 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church, with Stephen Brogli and John McDaniel officiating. Burial is in Bethel Baptist Church cemetery.

Visitation 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Pallbearers are Jack Hankla, Phillip Lozier, Gary Walton, Travis Sparrow, Brian Stewart and Leigh Karr. Honorary pallbearers are Ricky Yonts, Charles Scott Pinkston, Chris Rawlings, David Crawley and grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Bethel Baptist Church, 5581 Bohon Rd, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com).



**JAMES WHEELER**  
James Lester Wheeler, 93, of Harrodsburg, widower of Lois Jane Catlett Wheeler, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, at the Willows of Harrodsburg.

Born Nov. 14, 1931, in Mercer County, he was the son of the late Dwight and Vergie (Rogers) Wheeler.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and a lifelong farmer, a member of the Bethel #1 Cumberland Presbyterian Church and recently attended the Harrodsburg Christian Church, served his church as an elder for 60 years, was a 31-year member of the Gideon’s and served on the Conservation Board for some 32 years.

Survivors include: two daughters, Kim (Bob) Davis of Harrodsburg; Jayne (Steve) Wheeler of Independence; one son, Steve (Tracy) Wheeler of Mason, Ohio; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister-in-law, George and Betty Wheeler.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 15, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel. Burial with Micki McHugh officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Colby Davis, Will Davis, Sheldon Wheeler, Jared Wheeler, Max Smith and Nicholas Moore.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harrodsburg Christian Church, 305 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

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## NOTICE

The Mercer County Fire Protection District is requesting bids for two (2) custom fire apparatuses.

Specifications are available at Mercer County Fire Protection, 2805 Louisville Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330, or by contacting Deputy Chief Christopher Dean 859-325-0663. All bids shall be received by noon, October 10, 2025.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**KRS.424.130 (b)**

MAP AMENDMENT – ZONE CHANGE

A Public Hearing will be held **Friday, October 3rd, 2025**, at **9:00AM** upstairs in the City Hall Meeting Room at 109 Short Street during the regular meeting of the Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission.

Zone Change **25-04** – 3.96 acres from B-3 to R-2 located at approximately 405 Henrico Rd, in Harrodsburg, KY. Submitted by Michael & Carol Conover, and Wallick.

Zone Change **25-05** – 2.422 acres from R-2 to B-2 located at 544 N College St, in Harrodsburg, KY. Submitted by EMJA, LLC.

Inquiries, comments or questions can be made in person:

Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission  
109 Short Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330  
859-734-6066

Bobby Upchurch, Chairman

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