

OBITUARIES

Paul Wallace O'Daniel, 93

Paul Wallace O'Daniel, 93, of Columbus, OH, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on April 23, 2025. Paul, always and forever known as Wally, was born in Lebanon, Kentucky, on June 28, 1931. After graduating from St. Augustine Catholic High School, he served in the 623rd Unit of the Kentucky National Guard and served in Korea as part of the US Army when that unit was deployed from 1951 to 1952. After completing his service, he returned to Kentucky, where he was introduced to the love of his life, Emma L. Osbourne, whom he married on April 11, 1955. He attended the University of Kentucky on the GI Bill, graduating in 1957 with a degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation Wally and Emma moved to Columbus, Ohio where Wally accepted a



position with North American Aviation (later North American Rockwell). As an engineer, he designed and developed parts for the aviation industry, working with test pilots and contributing to the development of jet engines and parts which were used in the Mercury and Apollo space missions. After leaving North American, he joined Rimrock Corporation, a leader in the die casting and foundry industries, retiring in 1996. Wally and Emma bought

their first home and moved to Gahanna, Ohio in 1959, where they raised a family of two daughters and a son. They were founding members of St. Matthew Catholic Church. He helped organized the first Boy Scout Troop 403 and was co-scoutmaster with Keith R. Greene in the 1960s. He was an avid Flying Scot sailor at Hoover Yacht Club (now Hoover Sailing Club), Fleet 37 from early 1980's for 20 years. Vegetable gardening and dahlias were some of his hobbies. His 1980 yellow GMC pickup truck, which he drove all over Gahanna for nearly forty years was seen across town moving friends and their children to new homes and helping to deliver various appliances and furniture. After retirement, Wally was Mr. Fix it for many of their friends and neighbors. Wally was preceded in

death by his parents Francis J. and Mary Rose Cooper O'Daniel, son Paul N. O'Daniel, son-in-law Philip M. Cullen, siblings, John Lawrence O'Daniel, Cloteal Funk, Doris Buckman, Thomas Howard O'Daniel, Louise Smith, Rosella Burns and Harriett O'Daniel. Left to cherish his memory, his beloved wife Emma, children, Maureen C O'Daniel, Timothy F. O'Daniel and Kate O. Annis (Brian); Grandsons: Christopher R. O'Daniel (Darcy), Charles W. Annis, Daniel G. Annis and a great granddaughter, Lillith O'Daniel. Also survived by brother John C. O'Daniel, Sister-in-law Raviwan (Gem) O'Daniel, and brother-in-law Jack Burns (Jan), over 70 nieces and nephews and close family friend Kimberly Greene. He will be missed by numerous friends over the

years. Donations in his memory can be made to Oakstone Academy a unique and wonderful school that works with autistic children or to The Villas of St. Therese where he made his home since 2019. Donations can be made on the website at www.oakstoneacademy.org or mailed to Oakstone Academy, 900 Club Drive, Westerville, OH 43081. Please put His name in the memo line and donations will be directed to the Middle and High Schools that made such a difference in his grandson's life. Donations to the Villas of St. Therese can be made at their website at <https://www.carmelitese-niorliving.org/donation-opportunities-columbus-oh/>. Select The Villa's at St. Therese button to donate. If you prefer you can mail a check to The Villas of St.

Therese, Attn: Sister Anne, 5253 East Broad St, Columbus, OH 43213. Please put Dad's name in the memo line and funds will be directed towards building upkeep. A funeral mass and celebration of Wally's wonderful life will be on Saturday, May 31st at 11:00 AM at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, 807 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230. A luncheon will follow the services in the parish hall. The family wishes to express their gratitude to the friends and loved ones for the many kindnesses they have shown us during this difficult time. Your expressions of sympathy and love during these past few days have comforted and sustained us in ways that are hard to measure, but so greatly appreciated. "Illegitimi non carborundum"

William 'Billy' Davis Pittman, 48

William "Billy" Davis Pittman of Russell Springs, the son of the late Calvin Bradford Pittman and Patricia Ann Beard Pittman, was born on May 22, 1976, in Lebanon, KY, and departed this life on April 14, 2025, at Norton

Hospital in Louisville after an extended illness. He was 48 years of age. He was a former nursing assistant and loved caring for people. He enjoyed driving, exploring, and gardening, and was the funniest guy to be

around. He took great pride in helping raise the children of his partner. He is survived by his partner of 6 years, Dustin Carroll of Russell Springs, and his two children: Haley Carroll and Dakota Carroll. Several aunts and

uncles: Bruce Pittman (Mindy) of Loretto, Tammy Beard, Mary Ann Lyvers (Danny Ray), Alice Beard, and Robert Beard (Angie). Nephews: Dakota Pittman and Dalton Sibley, as well as a host of cousins, other relatives, and many friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Beth Pittman. There will be a funeral service to honor the life of William "Billy" Davis Pittman on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the L.R. Petty Funeral Home

Chapel in Campbellsville with cremation to follow. Burial will be in the Old Liberty Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be Friday, April 18, 2025, from 12 - 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

University of Louisville settles case with professor for almost \$1.6M

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville officials have agreed to pay almost \$1.6 million in damages and attorneys' fees to settle the lawsuit Josephson v. Ganzel brought by Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing a respected psychiatrist whom the university demoted, harassed, and ultimately fired for speaking out on the harms of "transitioning" children.

In September of last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled that Josephson's case should proceed to trial, declaring public university officials can be held personally accountable for censoring professors or retaliating against them as the University of Louisville did in Josephson's case.

"After several years, free speech and common sense have scored a major victory on college campuses," said ADF Senior Counsel Travis Barham. "As early as 2014, Dr. Josephson saw the

truth behind dangerous procedures that activists were pushing on children struggling with their sex. He risked his livelihood and reputation to speak the truth boldly, and the university punished him for expressing his opinion—ultimately by dismissing him. But public universities have no business punishing professors simply because they hold different views. Dr. Josephson's case illustrates why—because the latest and best science confirms what he stated all along. Hopefully, other public universities will learn from this that if they violate the First Amendment, they can be held accountable, and it can be very expensive."

"I'm glad to finally receive vindication for voicing what I know is true," said Josephson. "Children deserve

better than life-altering procedures that mutilate their bodies and destroy their ability to lead fulfilling lives. In spite of the circumstances I suffered through with my university, I'm overwhelmed to see that my case helped lead the way for other medical practitioners to see the universal truth that altering biological sex is impossibly dangerous while acceptance of one's sex leads to flourishing."

The university hired Josephson to head up the then-struggling Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychology, which he turned around into a program that received a national reputation for its work. He received high praise from both the university and outside psychiatric associations for his work. Josephson was also

sought out for advice on how to improve and lead other child and adolescent psychiatry divisions.

But when Josephson, during a Heritage Foundation panel discussion, spoke in his personal capacity against subjecting children to harmful drugs and surgery in radical, misguided attempts to treat gender dysphoria, university officials—responding to demands from activists at the

university's LGBT Center—demoted him to the role of a junior faculty member and stripped him of his teaching duties. University officials then conspired to get him fired. These efforts included keeping an "Allan tracking document," solicited complaints from alumni who were coached on what to say, and discussing the need to generate "strong documentation" to avoid his

reappointment. In February 2019, the university announced that it would not renew his contract, terminating his employment at the university after nearly 15 years of distinguished service.

In light of the settlement and the agreement on attorneys' fees, ADF attorneys filed a stipulated dismissal of the remaining claims in the case on Monday.

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Efforts to improve licensing services in recent years include expanded online and mail-in renewal options, mobile pop-up licensing events in rural counties, and the launch of a pilot program with the Kentucky State Police to streamline testing. The General Assembly also appropriated funding for new regional offices and passed legislation to allow third-party providers, such as AAA, to assist with license renewals starting later this year. Before the REAL ID legislation took effect in 2019, Kentucky was the only state that issued licenses on a county-by-county basis, rather than through a state Department of Motor Vehicles. Higdon has cited this unique challenge of moving to a regional model as a key reason he is requesting a delay on behalf of Kentucky residents.

Kentucky's statewide REAL ID adoption rate remains less than 40 percent. Advocates for a delay argue that immediate enforcement would disproportionately impact seniors, rural residents, and working families who may still struggle to secure a compliant ID in time.

Kentucky is not alone in low compliance rates. According to recent data analysis from CBS News, 17 states are less than 50 percent compliant with the REAL ID Act. Thirty states are less than 70 percent compliant.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on January 21, 2025, scheduling a hearing to be held on May 13, 2025, at 9 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for Case No. 2024-00326. This is an examination of the Electronic 2024 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company.
This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.
Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.
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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL
The Marion County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5 through May 19, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.
This is the January 1, 2025, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due in the fall of 2025.
The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the David R. Hourigan Government Building and may be inspected between the hours 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9 A.M. until 11 A.M. by appointment only.
Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.
Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.
The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property, and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.
The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period.
A taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Board.
Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.
The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.
(1) He or she must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
(2) A written protest must be filed directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
(3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
(4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Claims Board.
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