

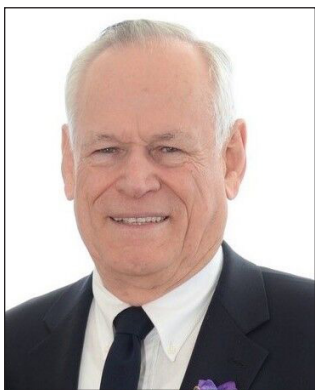
OBITUARIES

Joseph C. ‘JC’ Knott

Joseph C. “JC” Knott, 89, formerly of Owensboro, passed away on Oct. 28, 2025, in Dardenne Prairie, MO with family by his side. He was born in Owensboro, KY on Sept. 21, 1936, to the late Michael R. and Rosalie (Abell) Knott.

JC was a farmer for many years and lived in Sorgho, KY. He later worked for Ragu as a forklift operator, retiring in 2003. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church. JC enjoyed Christmas and was known for decorating his house with Christmas lights every year. He also enjoyed gardening, grilling and entertaining at home, doing home improvement projects for himself and his kids, trips to Hawaii and Ireland, and visiting with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, JC is preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Barbara Lee Knott; his daughter,



Kathleen Knott, and his brothers, Charles, Paul, and Michael Knott, and his sisters, Imogene “Emma” Blakley, Lucille Hayden, Helen Woodward, Jane Kondrad, Dorothy Calhoun, Carolyn Knott, and Ruth Cecil.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Michael (Carla) Knott, James (Layne) Knott, and Peggy (Perrin) Curran; his grandchildren, Owen Curran, Ethan Curran, Riley Curran, Evan Knott,

Ava Knott, and Lily Knott, and his brother-in-law, Joe Blakely; and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at St Stephen Cathedral, with Father John Thomas officiating. The family will receive visitors on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Haley McGinnis Funeral Home and Crematory.

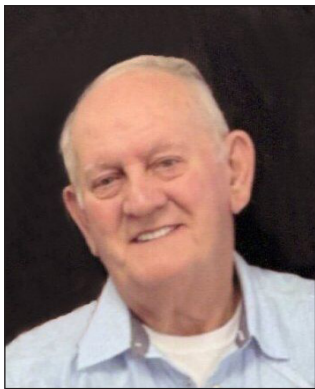
Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Daniel Patino Shelter; 501 Walnut Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301. Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory is honored and privileged to be entrusted with Mr. Joseph C. “JC” Knott’s care. Please leave condolence messages for the family of Mr. Knott and sign their virtual guestbook at www.haleymcginnis.com.

James Henderson Smith Sr.

James Henderson Smith, Sr. 82, of Owensboro, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025 at his son’s home in Hawesville, Kentucky. He was born Sept. 6, 1943 in Daviess County to the late Jessie Smith and Mary Carr Smith. James was a member of the Owensboro Rifle Range Gun Club. He loved target shooting, playing golf and billiards, and fishing. But most of all, he loved spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings.

He is survived by three



sons, James Smith Jr. (Nancy), Eric Smith (Mary Ann), and Edwin “Deon” Smith; four grandchildren,

Eric Smith Jr. (Ashton), Amanda Burns (Forrest), Trey Smith (Chelsea), and Brittany Ashton (Thomas); 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Terry Smith; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, 2025 at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Online messages of condolence may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Larry Thomas Troutman

Larry Thomas Troutman, known to many as Larry Tom, 66, of Owensboro, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 surrounded by family in a room full of love. Born and raised in Daviess County, Larry lived a life defined by hard work, generosity, and devotion to his children and grandchildren. A man who could fix just about anything with a motor. If he didn’t know how, he’d teach himself how by reading books until he figured it out. Larry had a deep love for cars, or anything that would go fast, music, playing the guitar, shooting pool, being outside working in the yard, or when able, attending his grandchildren’s sporting events.

More than anything, he cherished his time with his children and grandchildren. They were his greatest joy, and he loved them with all of his heart and soul. Larry had a heart of gold and never hesitated to give to others even if it meant him going without.

Larry was a humble man who never liked being the



center of attention. You had to catch him in photos when he wasn’t looking. In the end, all he wanted was to be surrounded by love and family. He understood that family is what truly matters most in the world. His family finds comfort knowing he passed, knowing how important and loved he was.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Aull; father, Austin Ray Troutman; stepdad, Joseph Carl Aull; paternal grandparents, Charlie and Marietta Troutman; and maternal grandparents, Edgar and Florence Sharp.

He is survived by his children, Matthew (Alice) Troutman and Paige (Otis)

Sowders; grandchildren, Peyton, Paisley, Axston, Christian, Brooklyn, Donnie, Michael, Casey, and Booter; siblings, Linda (Calvin) Howe, Jeannie Turner, and Michael Troutman; his lifelong friend who he called a brother, Kevin Bickett; and step-siblings, Jeff Aull, Lisa Aull Ford, Kay (Rodney) Smeathers, and Wayne (Melissa) Aull. Though not married, Larry shared a special friendship and respect with the mother of his children, Sharon Alsop.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will follow in Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Visitation is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Hospice of Western Kentucky, 3419 Wathens Crossing, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Online messages of condolence may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Ronnie Dwayne Shemwell Jr.

GREENVILLE — Ronnie Dwayne Shemwell Jr., 52, of Greenville, was born Dec. 8, 1972 in Greenville and died on Wednesday Nov. 5, 2025.

He is survived by his children, Addison Shemwell, and Erin Shemwell; parents, Ronnie and Debra Shemwell, and Linda Shemwell; siblings, LaDonna (George) Gray, Christy (Donnie) Dukes, Rachle Martinez,

Lonnie (Sarah) Shemwell, Connie (Keith) Leggs, Nandria (Troy) Hampton, Logan Shemwell, Esther Shemwell, Tabatha (Cheike) Loubed, Janae Shemwell, Autumn (Kody) Whitehouse; several nieces and nephews whom he adored; and his dogs, Meka and Dudley.

Funeral services will be Monday, Nov. 10, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Powderly

Holiness Church in Powderly with Bro. George Gray officiating. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025 from 5 to 8 p.m. and after 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, 2025. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emma Louise Walker

GREENVILLE — Emma Louise Walker, 86, of Greenville, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 at 7:21 p.m. at Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation in Greenville. Ms. Walker was born in Greenville on Aug. 27, 1939 to the late Jim and Emma Lou Taylor. She was a homemaker and a member of Lone Star General Baptist Church.

She is survived by

her daughters, Carolyn (Jimmy) Rolley, and Connie (Dwayne) Lax; four grandchildren, Holly (Jason) Dillihay, Lee (Sally) Jordan, Craig (DeeGee) Lax, and Jennie (Ben) Duvall; great-grandchildren, Colin Doss, Winnie Jordan, Albert Jordan, Bennie Duvall, and Everett Duvall.

Funeral services will be Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025 at 2 p.m. at Tucker Funeral

Home in Central City with Bro. Tony Shanks officiating, assisted by Bro. Arno Kranz. Burial will be in Lone Star Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday after 11 a.m. at the funeral home until time of services. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Lone Star Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Daniel Rickard, Treasurer, 1474 Millport Road,



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POLICE REPORTS

The following list is compiled from reports from area law enforcement agencies:

Owensboro Police Department

- Dominic J. Brown, 19, of the 2300 block of Homestead Point was charged Wednesday with driving under the influence.
- Andrew Rafferty, 19, of the 1400 block of Frederica Street was charged Wednesday with trafficking in marijuana (greater than 5 pounds, enhanced) and possession of drug paraphernalia (enhanced).
- Mason H. Kazlauskas, 26, of the 2100 block of Griffith Place West was charged Wednesday with distribution of material depicting a sexual performance by a minor (victim over age 12), possession of material depicting a sexual performance by a minor (victim under age 12) and possession of material depicting a sexual performance by a minor (victim over age 12).
- Money from gambling machines worth \$8,000 was reported stolen Wednesday from a convenience store in the 300

block of East Fourth Street.

- Tre A. Dixon, 24, of the 3700 block of Haywood Court was charged Wednesday with first-degree assault and tampering with physical evidence.

Daviess County Sheriff’s Office

- Christian A. Rojas, 22, of the 400 block of Reid Road was charged Wednesday with third-degree assault (police or probation officer).
- William J. Russelburg, 50, of the 600 block of Daniels Lane was charged Thursday with driving under the influence.
- Kandice N. Wilson, 33, of the 3000 block of Yosemite Drive was charged Wednesday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone).

Kentucky State Police

- Lucas A. Bowlds, 21, of the 400 block of Reid Road was charged Wednesday with third-degree rape.

FUNERALS

Baird, Alan, 68, died Tuesday. Service: 12 p.m. Saturday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation: 10 a.m. until time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Barrows-Smith, Levi, died Saturday, Oct. 15. Service: 4 p.m. Friday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, where visitation will begin at 2 p.m.

Dooley, Bobby, 66, died Tuesday. Service: 2 p.m. Saturday at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial: Pellville Cemetery at a later date. Visitation: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral

home.

Howard, Angela, 46, died Saturday. Service: 4 p.m. Sunday at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation: 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Higdon, Rachel, 83, died Thursday. Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at Immaculate Catholic Church, with visitation at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Visitation is also from 2:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. with prayers at 6 p.m. on Friday Nov. 7 at Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory.

Lewis, Timothy, 52, died Sunday, Oct. 5. Service: 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 at Macedonia Baptist Church in Falls of Rough, KY. Visitation: 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Oller, Phillip, 71, died Sunday. Service: 11 a.m. Friday at Tucker Beechmont Funeral Home. Burial: Forest Grove Cemetery.

Winkler, Judy, 72, died Sunday. Service: Noon Friday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial: Mt. Zion Cemetery in Philpot. Visitation: 11 a.m. until time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Agenda

Daviess Fiscal Court

During its meeting Thursday, Daviess County Fiscal Court took the following actions:

- Approved minutes of October 23, 2025, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Approved all claims for all departments
- Approved audit engagement letter with the State Auditor of Public Accounts for Fiscal Year 2025
- Approved contract with Axiom Architecture for Robert M. Kirtley Judicial Annex roof replacement design services
- Approved contract with Axiom Architecture for Schertzinger Facility renovation design services
- Approved security services agreements through the Daviess County Sheriff’s Office: 10-2025 effective Sept. 4, 2025 11-2025 effective Oct. 23, 2025

- 12-2025 effective Sept. 26, 2025 13-2025 effective Nov. 4, 2025
- Approved renewing the following bids: Bid No. 2425-45.1 — Mosquito control services (annual) Bid No. 2425-46.1 — Property maintenance services (annual) Bid No. 2425-48.1 — Roadside litter collection services (annual) Bid No. 2425-51.1 — Fleet fuel system (annual)
- Approved awarding RFQ No. 2526-28: Clerk record book preservation (Clerk)
- Approved awarding RFQ No. 2526-29: Three (3) signage bases (Parks)
- Approved awarding RFQ No. 2526-30: Three (3) park entrance signs (Parks)
- Approved change order 01 for Bid No. 2425-92: Transfer station office building project (Transfer Station)

State alerting residents to new text scam

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A new texting scam targeting Kentucky residents has been identified by state officials.

The text appears to offer \$250 to Kentucky residents who complete a survey, an alert from stop-scams@ky.gov said. The sender does not identify themselves and the link is attempting to collect personal information from the recipient.

Officials advise residents to not click on the link or respond. Instead, they advise recipients to delete the text and report it as junk from your mobile device if you receive it.

In today’s digital world, a survey pop-up or message claiming “complete this quick questionnaire and get paid!” might seem harmless or even appealing. When you’re promised payment for answering a few questions, the survey may be doing more than just asking your opinion.

It could be:

- Collecting personally identifiable information — name, date of birth, address, Social Security number, banking information — under the appearance of validating or send-

ing your “reward.”

- Getting you to click links that install malware or direct you to phishing websites.
- Using your data for identity theft or spam marketing.

Because legitimate businesses don’t typically pay large amounts for generic survey participation, the moment you see promises like “get paid \$50 just for answering 5 questions,” consider it a serious red flag.

Other red flags to watch for:

- The survey claims to be from a well-known brand or chain, but the questions or rewards don’t match what you know about that brand. For example: a grocery store asking about jewelry or clothing.
- It’s unclear who is running the survey and why. Real surveys will clearly state the brand, purpose and how the responses will be used.
- The survey contains typos, bad grammar, and incorrect or misused company logos. Scammers often copy branding which leads to errors.
- The survey link looks like it belongs to a brand, but when you hover or check, it actually leads somewhere else: different

domain name variations or odd URLs.

- The survey urges you to act quickly before you have time to think.

Officials advise that if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don’t click on links from unknown senders. Never give out personal information on a website you have never used before.

For more resources, go to StopScams.ky.gov.

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