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**Alma Jean Daffron**



GLASGOW - Alma Jean Daffron, 89, Glasgow, passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at T.J. Samson Community Hospital. She was born June 14, 1936, to the late Richard Earl Broady and Allie Bell Bunch Broady.

She was a woman who embraced life with warmth and joy, finding her greatest happiness in the people she loved. She was a devoted mother and grandmother whose kitchen was always full and whose door was always open. Alma enjoyed cooking for family and friends, trying her luck at bingo and the lottery, and spending time gardening and being outdoors. She truly loved people and lived life to the fullest, leaving behind cherished memories that will continue to comfort those who knew her.

She is survived by three children, Gary Daffron, Larry "Ed" Daffron and Rita Daffron; four grandchildren, Stacy Tinnat (Mike), Melissa Crumpton (Danny), Tabitha Vincent (Wes) and Bailey Houchens (Thomas); nine great grandchildren, Jenny, Annie, Maddison, Camryn, Tanner, Santana, Mandy, Nathaniel and Daniel; six great-great grandchildren, Wilhelmina, Sophia, Brentley, Xarium, Sawyer and Lavoney; son in law, Randall Bragg; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James Bradley "Bob" Daffron; one daughter, Wilma Jean Bragg; one son, James Lee Daffron; two brothers, Oren Broady and CL Broady; and two sisters, Magaline Barrett and Velma Bell Smith.

Funeral services were held 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 1, 2026, at A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home, with burial in the Peers Cemetery.

**Lorene Jewell**



GLASGOW - Lorene Jewell, a devoted homemaker and cherished member of her family, passed away on February 23, 2026, at the age of 97 in Shelbyville. Born on October 22, 1928, in Edmonson County, she was the beloved daughter

of the late Clifford Minyard and late Flossie Stice Minyard.

Throughout her life, she dedicated herself to her home and family, embodying the spirit of love and warmth that defines a true matriarch. She was deeply involved in her community as a faithful member of Peters Creek Baptist Church, where she found not only spiritual fulfillment, but also lifelong friendships.

She was known for her exceptional cooking and sewing skills, often delighting family and friends with her delicious meals and handcrafted creations. However, her greatest joy came from spending quality time with her loved ones. Her legacy of love and compassion will be carried forward by her family, which includes her three sons, Kelly Jewell (Kathy), Jeff Jewell, and Bob Jewell (Nancy); grandchildren, Jordan Jewell (Miranda), Jenna Jewell (Julie), Angie Edmunds (Brad), and Amber Newton (BoBo); great-grandchildren, Rafe Jewell, Ross Jewell, Zeke Jewell, Zack McDonald, Alex McDonald, Noah Newton, Nathan Newton, Emory Newton, Eva Newton, and Franko Newton; sisters, Della Jessie, Bernice Johnson and Marie Jones; brother, Roger Minyard; special cousins, Marjorie Towne and Sonny Towne, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leon "Buck" Jewell, and siblings Billy Minyard, Melvin Minyard, Roy Minyard, Lula Bell Doyel, and Louise Allen.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Saturday February 28, 2026 at A.F. Crow and Son Funeral Home with burial in the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

**Martha Sue Young Boyd**

GLASGOW - Martha Sue Young Boyd, 93, Glasgow, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at the T. J. Samson Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home with burial at the Brookside Cemetery in Campbellsville, Kentucky.

**Elizabeth Nell Norman**



GLASGOW - Elizabeth Nell Norman, 90, Glasgow, passed away Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the NHC Healthcare Center. A native of Barren County, she was the daughter of the late John and Lucy Peden Chapman.

The widow of the late Keith Wayne Norman, her children characterize her as the best wife and mother ever. She was a grandmother to many but "Grunchy" to a few. She was a 1954 graduate of Park City High School and in 1956, was fortunate to be able to see Elvis in person. She was an avid fan of UK basketball and Formula One racing as well as a dedicated viewer of American Idol and The Voice. She was a proud homemaker who adored her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the oldest member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by four children, Kim Bartley (Eddie), Cindy Hampton, Eddie Norman, and Kevin Norman, all of Glasgow; a daughter-in-law, Susie Forbis Norman, Auburn; her caregiver, Judy Green; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two children, Janet Lynn Norman and Wayne Norman; a former son-in-law, Roger Hampton; and her only sister, Lorraine Smith.

Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home with burial in Happy Valley Memorial Gardens.

**In & Out**

**VA ASSISTANCE**

A representative will be at the Lera B Mitchell Clubhouse, 1214 South Green Street, Glasgow, every Tuesday, 8:00 am to 12 pm, to help Veterans file VA benefits and answer any questions you may have.

**DANCE AT MOUNT HERMON**

Mount Hermon Community Center to host March 7 dance featuring Junction South The Mount Hermon Community Center will host a community dance Saturday, March 7, featuring live music by Junction South. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Organizers say the event is family-friendly and open to the public. The dance will be held at the Mount Hermon Community Center, located at 7421 Stringtown Flippin Road, Tompkinsville. For more information, call 270-427-8400. Community members are encouraged to attend for an evening of live music, fellowship and fun.

**Fiscal Court to Hold Hearing on Discontinuance of County Road**

The Barren County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing next month to consider the discontinuance of a county road in Cave City.

The hearing will involve CR 1407, known as State Quarry Road, located off Louisville Road across the railroad tracks. The road is approximately 0.39 miles in length.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 9 a.m. during the regular meeting of the Barren County Fiscal Court.

Residents wishing to comment on the proposed discontinuance are encouraged to contact the office of Barren County Judge/Executive Jamie Bewley Byrd prior to the hearing so accommodations can be made. Written comments may be submitted to the Judge/Executive's Office at 117 North Public Square, Suite 3A, Glasgow, Kentucky 42141, or by email to finance@barrencountyky.gov.

The Fiscal Court will consider public input before making a decision on the matter.

**FRIENDSHIP,**

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ability to speak openly without fear that the building you work in might be reduced to rubble by your own government.

That is not small.

We are not perfect. No nation is. But the difference between flawed democracy and violent authoritarianism is not theoretical. It is measured in lives.

I am proud to be an American. I am grateful for a system where citizens can challenge leadership, demand better, vote differently and speak freely. And yes, I am thankful to live in a country that does not look the other way at evil.

Meeting David reminded me that freedom is not guaranteed everywhere. It is fragile in many parts of the world. For some, it is something they had to flee to find.

Perspective changes things.

God bless America.

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**DISPUTE,**

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According to Osborne, legislators have spent months requesting information tied to state spending obligations, particularly involving the Kentucky Employee Health Plan. He said the lack of detailed actuarial data and long-term projections has made it difficult to responsibly finalize appropriations for state agencies and programs.

The subpoenas were issued by the co-chairs of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee. They are directed to the state budget director, as well as the secretary and deputy secretary of the Personnel Cabinet.

Lawmakers are seeking actuarial reports, internal studies, recommendations, and related communications concerning the Kentucky Employee Health Plan for plan years 2023 through 2028. The request also includes documentation regarding benefits, enrollment policies, premium rates, claims trends, enrollment projections, and consultant communications connected to the 2026–2028 plan years.

Legislative leaders maintain the information is necessary to ensure long-term financial stability and transparency as they continue working through the biennial budget process.

The administration has not yet publicly responded to the subpoenas.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Cutleaf Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*), Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Marehail (*Conyza canadensis*), Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) Japanese knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at [transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages](http://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages)

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