

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

GENE ISHMAEL



Gene Ishmael, 89 of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

He was born on May 21, 1936, in Tilton, Kentucky, a son of the late Pat Casey Ishmael and Lorene Barnes Ishmael.

Gene was a farmer and he enjoyed working on his farm, fishing, square dancing, building and tinkering with things.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Mark Alan Ishmael and two brothers, Charles Ishmael and James Franklin "Bobby" Ishmael.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Jo Ann Turner Ishmael, whom he married on November 14, 1959, one son, Andrew Ishmael (Paula) of Flemingsburg, one daughter, Penny Ishmael (Boone Jewell) of Flemingsburg,

one brother, Pat Casey Ishmael, Jr. (Wyonna) of Mt. Olivet, Kentucky, two sisters, Maye Applegate of Tollesboro, Kentucky and Ruth Ishmael of Flemingsburg, four grandchildren, Daydra Slone (Phillip), Whitney Cox (Michael Daughtry), Ashley Ishmael and Becky Powers (Fletcher), several great-grandchildren which includes special great-granddaughter, Paisley Ramey and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the chapel of the Price Brothers Funeral Home in Elizaville with Jerry Hicks officiating.

Burial will follow in the Longview Cemetery at Bethel.

Visitation at the Price Brothers Funeral Home is after 12:00 Noon on Tuesday.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Kissick, Randy Ishmael, Anita Mae Masters, Molly Hardy, Jerry Neff and Linda Garrison. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Stacy, Eddie Ishmael and John Roysie.

The Price Brothers Funeral Home in Elizaville is caring for all arrangements for Gene Ishmael.

SANDRA CHARLENE WARD SPURLOCK



Sandra Charlene Ward Spurlock, a cherished mother, grandmother, and sister, left this world on February 3, 2026, at the Hospice of Hope Care Center in Maysville, Kentucky. She was born on May 24, 1940, in Wichita, Kansas, and her vibrant spirit touched everyone she encountered throughout her journey on this earth.

Sandra was an extraordinary woman with a love for life that radiated brightly. Those who knew her will remember her as a personable soul with an infectious smile and a heart full of warmth. She had a myriad of interests; she found joy in watching television and exploring the vast realms of her computer. An avid shopper, Sandra took great pleasure in hunting for treasures at yard sales, always excited to find that perfect item that would bring her joy or

serve as a thoughtful gift for a loved one.

But above all, it was the time spent with her family that brought Sandra the most happiness. She dedicated herself to her loved ones, creating memories that will endure through the generations she nurtured. Her legacy of love lives on through her son, Wayne Scheffler (Kim) of Augusta, Kentucky, and her daughter, Kristin Hunt (Donnie) of Hillsboro, Kentucky. She was a proud grandmother to four grandchildren and a remarkable great-grandmother to 4 great-grandchildren, all of whom were blessed by her unwavering affection and boundless support. She also has one sister Carolyn.

Sandra reunites with her beloved husband Ray Spurlock, and her parents, Leander Ward and Juanita Moore Ward, who will welcome her into their arms once again.

No services will be conducted.

All arrangements for Sandra Charlene Ward Spurlock and family are under the care and direction of the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home, 405 South Main Cross Street, Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041.



Fleming County Lady Panther Ava Watson was recognized on Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, for achieving 1500 points and her 500th career rebound. Congratulations, Ava!
(photo courtesy of Fleming County High School Athletics Facebook page)

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proximately 6 months to complete, once construction gets underway. He said once the resolution is returned to the state, he will learn more about any additional costs as well as a bid date.

"People are gnashing at the teeth to bid on it," he told council members.

Fleming County Chamber of Commerce Director Crystal Ruark gave an update to council members on upcoming Chamber activities. She said the Chamber gained 9 new members. This year's first Business Over Breakfast will take place on February 19 at Double S Entertainment. She also said that

while Connections Over Coffee takes place on the 3rd Friday of the month, the Chamber has two upcoming events in partnership with other Chambers of Commerce in the region. On April 6, the chamber will co-host Connections Over Coffee at Jolted Cup Coffee Company in Rowan County, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., in partnership with the Morehead/Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. And later in April, the Chamber will partner with the Maysville Chamber to host another Connections Over Coffee at Hemingway's Coffee and Bourbon in Maysville.

Ruark also said the Chamber will be co-hosting an open house tour and meal with Economy

Ball Mill, located in Ky. 57 in Tollesboro on May 1.

She also announced that there would be a community meeting on February 26 at the Extension Office with Explore Fleming County to discuss the upcoming America's 250th birthday celebration. She said the meeting will be an opportunity for various community groups to discuss their own plans for the anniversary. If you want to attend, you need to RSVP by Feb. 23.

City Water and Gas Supervisor Colby McCloud reported that the Kentucky Public Service Commission completed an audit of his department and found several deficiencies. He said the full audit findings would

be available in another week, but the biggest part involved updating all of the manuals.

As part of this audit, council members voted that evening to approve a municipal order to update the City Water and Gas's drug and alcohol testing policy. McCloud said they used a draft from the Kentucky League of cities which made no actual changes to the existing set of policies but which added 90 pages to the policy.

City Clerk Katie Adams reported that the city's 2024 audit is over 50 percent complete, after which the auditor will start on the 2025 audit. She said that when that is completed, the city will be back on schedule.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AMY SAUNDERS FLEMING COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK ADVERTISED FEBRUARY 4, 2026		
DECEDENT	SETTLEMENT	FIDUCIARY
Nancy J. Conn	Final	Elaine Mekelburg
Maxine H. Stacy	Final	Andrew Stacy
		Amy M. Saunders, Fleming Co. Circuit Clerk

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00127
ELECTRONICALLY FILED

WEAVER TAX LINK, LLC
VS.

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

EDDIE DEAN ROMANS, et al.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered on the 10th day of December, 2025, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
FAMILY COURT ROOM
FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AT 10:00 A.M.

to sell the real estate and mobile home located at 3854 Orchard Road, Hillsboro, Fleming County, Kentucky 41049. This property is described in a Deed of record at Deed Book 189, Page 771, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for 3.01 acres. Parcel Mapping number: 063-00-00-001.01.

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$5,212.52, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 12% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2025 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of sale.

DARRELL K. RUARK
MASTER COMMISSIONER
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00159
ELECTRONICALLY FILED

COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC.
VS.

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

ALINE CONLEY AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALINE CONLEY

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered on the 25th day of November, 2025, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
FAMILY COURT ROOM
FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AT 10:00 A.M.

to sell the real estate and 2002 Fleetwood 28x56 mobile home that is permanently affixed to the property, located at 244 Crawford Street, Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky 41041. This property is described in a Deed of record at Deed Book 282, Page 457, and Deed Book 282, Page 460, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for .17 acres. Parcel Mapping number: 039-70-16-019.00.

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$28,586.34, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 11.75% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2026 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

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