

Obituaries



Kenneth Ray Fields
Mar 23, 1959 — Aug 29, 2026
Wooton, Kentucky
Kenneth Ray Fields, of Wooton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2026, in Hazard at The Wells Hospice Center. He was born on March 23, 1959, in Hazard, Kentucky. He worked for over 30 years for Begley Lumber and enjoyed, fishing, spending time with family, riding four wheelers and playing with his loyal companions; Diamond and Freya.

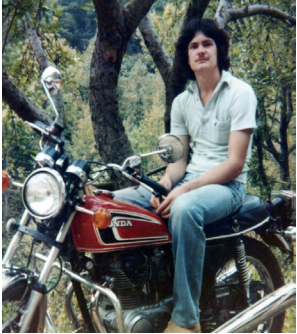
Kenneth will be remembered with love by his family and all who knew him. He is survived by his sons, Kenny Fields and Skyanna, and Jason Fields and Crystal; and by his daughters, Kandace Fields, Makayla Huff and Steven, and Courtney Maggard. He is also survived by his sisters, Ada “Sue” Fields and Marsha Fields and brother: Leonard Fields and Marlene. He leaves behind cherished grandchildren, Jarron Fields, Justin Fields, and Kyson Fields, and a grandchild on the way. The love of family was an important part of Kenneth’s life, and those who carry his memory forward will continue to hold him close in their hearts. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents: Leonard and Alene Lewis Fields. Their memories remained a lasting part of his family’s story, and he is now reunited with those who went before him. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home, 155 Hickory Street, Hyden, Kentucky 41749. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., also at Walker Funeral Home in Hyden. As his family and friends gather to honor his life, may they find comfort in

their memories of Kenneth Ray Fields and in the lasting bond of love he shared with those around him. VISITATION: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 FROM 6PM TO 9PM AT THE DWAYNE WALKER FUNERAL HOME FUNERAL: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 AT 2PM AT THE DWAYNE WALKER FUNERAL HOME OFFICIATING CLERGY: REV. TOMMY FIELDS INTERMENT: LEWIS FAMILY CEMETERY - SMILAX, KENTUCKY PALLBEARERS: KENNY FIELDS, JASON FIELDS, TYLER FARMER, CAMERON JONES, JORDAN COUCH, SCOTT SUTTON



Josephine “Jo” Fern Acre Hudson
May 3, 1962 — Aug 30, 2026
Hyden
Josephine “Jo” Fern Acre Hudson, passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at the Well’s Hospice Center in Hazard. She was 64 years old. She was born on May 3, 1962, in Lapeer, Michigan. Jo had been a resident of Leslie County, Kentucky since 2014. She was a former employee for the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East in Hyden, Kentucky. Jo enjoyed fishing, listening to music, pocket billiards and especially loved spending time with her family. Jo will be remembered with love by her family and all who held her close. She is survived by her treasured daughter, Morgan Faber (Marcus), and her treasured son, Curtis Lee Hudson. She also leaves behind her sisters, Donna Korula (Tom) and Lura Encinias (John). Her family circle continues through her granddaughter Leah Huizenga (Brandon), and her great-grandson

Max. Also a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Keith Acre; her mother, Susan Joyce Muncy Bunch; her step-father, Jim Bunch; her husband, John Hudson; her sister, Carolyn Freese; her brother, Keith Acre, Jr. and her great-granddaughter, Holland. Also a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives & friends survive. Family and friends will gather for visitation on Thursday, September 3, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dwayne Walker Funeral Home 155 Hickory Street, Hyden, Kentucky 41749. A memorial service will follow from 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Jo’s memory lives on in the love of her children, grandchildren, sisters, and extended family. May her life be remembered with gratitude, and may those who knew and loved her find comfort in her lasting place in their hearts.



Mitchell Keith Farler
Sep 28, 1960 — Aug 28, 2026
Smilax
Mitchell Keith Farler, 65, of Kentucky, passed away on August 28, 2026, at UK Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Born on September 28, 1960, in Smilax, Kentucky, Mitchell was a man remembered for his friendly and kind nature and for the deep love he had for his family. He enjoyed gardening and fishing, and he especially loved spending time in the mountains digging ginseng. More than anything, he cherished time spent with those he loved, and his family remained at the center of his life. He is survived by his mother, Iona Cornett Farler. He also leaves behind his sons, Lance Farler and Amanda, Anthony Farler, and Rocky Keith Farler; his daughters, Shanna Garcia and his special daughter, Nataliee. He is also survived by his brothers, Lonnie Farler and Mary, Robin Farler and Christine, and Freddy Farler and Tonya. Among those who will continue to treasure his memory are his first cousin and special friend, David Howard, as well as his grandchildren, B.J., Leah, Shayley, Marissa, Braeden, K.J., Mason, and Ava Joy. Mitchell was preceded in death by his father, Tommy Farler; his wife, Joy Lewis; his brother, Benny; his grandson, Tristan; and his friend, Ruk Turner. Those who knew Mitchell will remember a man who found happiness in simple pleasures, who valued the outdoors, and

who brought warmth to the lives of the people around him. His memory will live on in the love of his family and friends and in the many moments they shared together. Per the family’s request, all services for Mr. Mitchell Keith Farler are private.



Donnie Ray Roberts
Jan 3, 1961 — Aug 18, 2026
Hyden
Donnie Ray Roberts born on January 3, 1961 in Hyden, Kentucky. Donnie passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at the Well’s Hospice Center in Hazard Kentucky. He was 65 years old. Donnie had been a life long resident of Leslie County. By occupation he had worked in the oil pipeline business. He was a member of the Hyden Church or God in Hyden, Kentucky. Donnie enjoyed fishing, 4-wheeling, listening to music and love spending time with his family and his best friend Sam Deaton. Donnie is preceded in death by his father, John “B-Bob” Roberts and wife, Mary. He leaves the following relatives surviving: cherished mother, Vivian Roberts, Hyden, KY., treasured

sons, Josh Roberts & Amanda, Lexington, KY, and Riley Roberts, Hyden, KY, treasured daughters, Aliesha Roberts, Nancy, KY. and Hannah Roberts, Hyden, KY, brothers, Ronnie Roberts & Janie Gay, Sizerock, KY. and David Brock & Melissa, IN. sister, Carolyn Brock & David, Helton, KY., beloved grandchildren, Tyler, Chris, Cadon,

Aleeah, Jacob, Bentley, Schuyler, Kenzie, Hope, beloved great-grandchildren, Blaire, Lainey, nephew, Hunter and best friend, Sam Deaton. Also a host of other relatives & friends survive. Graveside Service Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at the Owl’s Nest Cemetery, Hyden, KY Minister: Rev. Justin Collett

Fall quota hunt application period open through Sept. 30 from front

Hunting and Trapping Guide (printed copies of the guide are available at license vendors throughout the state) and the online-only Kentucky Hunting Guide for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl. For more information, contact the department’s Information Center at info.center@ky.gov, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding state holidays.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE ¹

Pursuant to Application Number 866-0363 Major Revision #28

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that ICG Hazard LLC, 250 West Main Street Suite 2000, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.52 miles southwest of Cinda in Leslie County. The major revision will not add any acreage to the permit area.

The proposed major revision is approximately 2.01 miles east from Lower Bad Creek Road's junction with KY 2009 and 0.1 mile south of Lower Bad Creek.

The proposed major revision is located on the Cutshin U.S.G.S. 7 ½ minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Kentucky River Properties, LLC.

The major revision proposes to change a portion of the hayland/pasture PMLU to recreational PMLU.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 E Cumberland Avenue Middlesboro, KY 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

¹ This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

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