

Deaths And Funerals

Margaret Yates

Margaret Elizabeth Yates, 68, of Henderson, Kentucky died on Thursday, July 16.

Margaret enjoyed



tending her garden and spending time at Ellis Park. He loved her family.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, William Junior Yates; her mother, Margie Watson; her father, Henry Hunter; and her sister, Kathy Hedgepath.

She is survived by her children, Billy Wayne Adams, Brian Adams, Jon Grisham, Joey Yates, Rodney Yates, and Kennedy Yates; two sister, Darlene Hines and Pam Williams; 13 grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield is scheduled today (Wednesday, July 22) from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Thursday, 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

Burial will be in Old Bethel Cemetery in Union County.

Lois Hester

Lois Ruth Hester, 84, of Paducah, Kentucky, formerly of Sturgis, died on Tuesday, July 14 at the Parkview Nursing and Rehab in Paducah.

She was born October 10, 1941 to the late Robert and Lucille Nunn McCaw in Sturgis. She was a long-time member of the Milburn Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Paducah.

She was active in her community, enjoyed having family and friends at her home, and watching children and grandchildren play sports. She enjoyed camping and was a member of National Campers and Hikers Association.

In addition to her parents, she was pre-

County Students Named To President's List

The academic honorees President's List for the Spring 2026 semester has been announced by Dr. Joseph Hopkins, Campbellsville University's President.

Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university that offers over 100 programs including doctoral, master, bachelor, associate and certificate programs. The website for complete information is www.campbellsville.edu.

Union County students recognized for their academic achievements by the university are Patricia Cheatham, a liberal arts and sciences major, from Waverly and Taylor Ryan, an interdisciplinary early childhood education major from Waverly.

ceded in death by her first husband, Clyde Monroe Travis; second husband, Billy Morris Hester; sisters, Barbara Potter, Mary Lou Stine, Carmen Louise McCaw, and Glenda McCaw; brothers, Jack McCaw, Billy Joe McCaw, Robert McCaw, and Richard McCaw; a stepson, Morris Hester; and two grandsons.

She is survived by two sons, Culley Travis of Salt Lake City, Utah and Bart Travis of Kevil, Kentucky; a sister, Helen Gray of Sturgis; a stepdaughter, Kathy Walker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three stepsons, Jess Hester of Edmond, Oklahoma, Danny Hester of Paducah, and Mark Hester of Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Thursday, July 23, 1:00 P.M., at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Bro. Keith Tilford officiating.

Visitation is 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. today (Wednesday, July 22) and 11:00 A.M. to service time tomorrow at the funeral home.

Burial is in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Annie David

Patricia Anne "Annie" Bartolotto Davis, died on Wednesday, July 17.

She was born November 30, 1953 to Alphonse and Norma Jean



Bartholotto. She was a beloved mother, wife, daughter, and sister.

She was born in Evansville, Indiana and raised in Sturgis. She was a graduate of Union County High School.

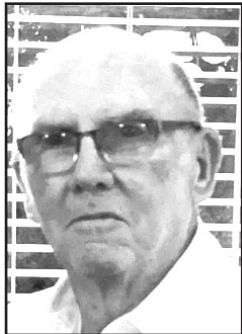
Annie loved to travel, going to the beach, and the outdoors. She enjoyed feeding wild deer and turkeys.

Over the years, she owned and operated a fitness center in Sturgis, sold antiques, served as the assistant manager of Service Merchandise in Tennessee, was the office manager for a medical practice, and was a manager at Home Depot.

In addition to her parents, Annie was pre-

Thomas Clements

Thomas R. (Tommy) Clements, 93, of Morganfield, went to his heavenly home, Saturday, July 18, 2026. He was born May 28, 1933, to



Logan R. Clements and Viola Wathen Clements. Thomas was a graduate of St Vincent Academy Class of 1952.

He managed the Standard Oil / Chevron Service Station for thirty years. Thomas then worked for seventeen years at the City of Morganfield Water Treatment Plant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Gordon Clements, Francis Kavanaugh, Katie Toombs, Phyllis Bredencamp, and Betty Ellis; two half-sisters, and four half-brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Margaret Ellis Clements; children, Joyce Willingham (Henry), Patricia Wilson (Mike), Dorothy Reed (Robbie), Stephen Clements (Camilla), and Scott Clements (Shannon)

Grandchildren, Kendra Miller (Lance), Logan Madison, Lance Wilson (Natalie), Grant Wilson, Tyler Reed (Donna), Travis Reed (Leslie), Ryan Clements (Gabby), Haylee Kanipe, Lexi Clements, and Lane Clements

Great-grandchildren, Emmitt Miller, CeCe Miller, Ellie Wilson, Colin Wilson, Benjamin Wilson, Blair Reed, Margaux Reed, Cashton Reed, Sadie Reed, Ellie Clausen, and Elias Clauseen; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield with service at 12:00.

Burial will be at St Ann Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and therapists who have cared for him and the entire staff at Breckinridge Place. Contributions may be made in honor of Tommy to St. Ann Catholic Church of Morganfield.

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ceded in death by her grandparents; a brother, Anthony "Tony" Bartolotto; and a half-brother, Allen Lee Bartolotto.

She is survived by her brother, Scott Quinn; half-brother, Alphonse "Enu" Bartolotto, III and wife, Lisa; her stepdaughter, Erica Touchet and husband, Brandon; her children, Trent Sayles and wife, Tracy and Katelynn David; nieces and nephews.

She was married to her husband, Eric David for 30 years.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 21 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Bennie Rust

Bennie K. Rust, 71, of Morganfield died on Tuesday, July 14 at Deaconess Henderson Hospital in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born in Madisonville, Kentucky on December 11, 1954 to the late William Kenneth Rust and Eula Moore Rust.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by two sisters, Lois Fulkerson and Patricia Fulkerson.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Jane Rust of Morganfield; a son, Bennie Rust, Jr. of Morganfield; a grandson; three sisters, Kita Rhodes of Uniontown, Vickie Odom of Morganfield, and Rosie Langley of Gilbertsville, Kentucky; two brothers, Frankie Rust of Uniontown and Richie Rust of Clay, Kentucky; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, July 16 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with the Rev. Jerry Chesser officiating.

Burial was in Uniontown City Cemetery.

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Hildegarde Wesley

Hildegarde Taylor Wesley went home to her eternal home peacefully on July 16, 2026.

She was born in Hardinsburg, KY May 5, 1934 to the late Alfred and Hildegarde Taylor.

She is preceded in death by her husband J. Quentin Wesley. They were married for 68 years. Also preceding her are brothers, Bob Taylor, Bud Taylor and sister, Nancy Kelly.



She graduated from Breckinridge County High School in 1951. Hildegarde worked at her family's pharmacy. Then on to UK, where she met a law student from rural western Kentucky. Quentin and Hildegarde married in 1955. The Air Force took the newlyweds to Wright Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio. The first of their children, Jeffrey was born there. The young couple moved to Sturgis near his family in his hometown community.

Quentin set up his law practice in Morganfield. Hildegarde instantly gained many new family members and loyal friends in Union County. As the law practice grew, so did her family. John, Kassie, and Sara completed the family.

Words cannot capture the essence of her life. She was shy and reserved. She was fiercely independent. She was very active and caring member in her community. She was in the women's club, served regularly at the polls on Election Day, volunteered her time and talent to the Union County 4H Club, children's school activities, and church events. She played golf and hosted bridge parties for her friends and family. Hildegarde was an exceptional homemaker and artist. Creative and talented; she handmade her children's clothes. She was an active and dedicated member of the First Baptist Church in Morganfield and raised her children in love and faith.

She managed the office of Wesley Law Firm for years. She was a permanent fixture at the front desk and greeted everyone with a quick smile. And she ran a very tight ship.

She and Quentin enjoyed traveling together. Destinations included China and Russia. A favorite trip was a cross-country drive to see the wonders of this country; returning always to realize the blessings of Union County.

She is survived by 4 children, Jeffrey Taylor Wesley of Morganfield, John Quentin Wesley and wife, Karen of St. Petersburg, Florida, Katherine Virginia "Kassie" DePaiva and husband, James of New York, Sara Lincoln Mills and husband, Brad of Louisville, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Lindsay Woomer and husband, Keith, Rachel Mills, Kallie Loebel and husband Jordan, JQ DePaiva and Dreama DePaiva; three great-grandsons, Ollie Loebel, Wes Loebel and Quinn Woomer; and a great-granddaughter, Charlotte Woomer.

Hildegarde dedicated her life to being a great wife and mother. She was the last surviving aunt of her generation from both sides of her family. She adored all of her nieces and nephews. Hildegarde's legacy will continue to touch her family and this community for years to come. We are grateful to God for the gift of her life.

Honorary pallbearers include Mary Kay Heppler, Lucy O'Nan Johnson, Kathie Russellburg, Jamie Farr, Renee O'Donaghue, Kristi O'Nan, and Salena Drury.

Services in her honor will be at a later date.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Union County Public Library District, established under KRS 173.710, provides library services to citizens in Union County, Kentucky. In accordance with Chapters 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial records for the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 may be viewed online at kydlgweb.ky.gov or at the Union County Public Library, 126 S. Morgan, Morganfield, Kentucky, during administrative office hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Inquiries should be made to the library director.

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