

Deaths And Funerals

Bobby Holdman
Bobby Wayne Holdman, 86, of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, formerly of Sturgis, died on Wednesday, September 23 at his home.

He was born November 23, 1939 to the late Emmett and Charley Holdman in Union County.

Bobby graduated from Sturgis High School and the University of Kentucky. He worked for B. F. Godrich Chemical Company in Calvert City, Kentucky for 35 years. After retirement, he was the owner of :Woodn-Wave water sports and bicycles in Grand Rivers, Kentucky.

He enjoyed wood-working and sailing at Kentucky Lake.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Steven Russell Holdman; a brother, Jesse Ray Holdman; and a sister, Hilda Marie Holdman.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Peggy Sue Hart Holdman of Gilbertsville; a son, Gregory Wayne Holdman of Hickory, Kentucky; a daughter, Rebecca Lynn Bennett and husband, Jerry of Hickory; and a granddaughter.

Graveside service will be held Friday, October 2, 11:00 A.M., at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis. The

Rev. Jeff McMain will officiate.

Joseph Bickett
Joseph H. Bickett, 83, of Uniontown died on Wednesday, September 23 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born April 2,



1942 to the late Lucian and Lucille Bickett in Union County.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of VFW Post 5488. Joe retired as Uniontown Police Chief after 30 years of service. He loved spending time with family and friends, enjoyed camping and was an avid hunter out outdoorsman.

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

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Diana Bickett of Union County; three daughters, Doris Jean Jack of Illinois, Belinda K. Kelly and husband, Herbert and Cassandra “Sandy” Pike and husband, Jeffrey, all of Uniontown;

two sons, Joseph H. Bickett, Jr. and wife, Jessica and Kevin Ferguson and wife, Lisa, all of Union County; 20 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

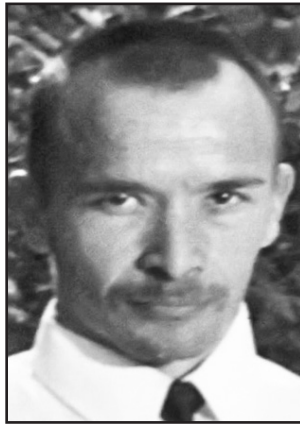
Funeral service was Saturday, September 26 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with the Rev. Eric Crowley officiating.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown.

Memorial contributions can be made to 822 Side Dishes, Attn: Trudy Howard, P.O. Box 1434, Uniontown, KY 42461.

Jerriett Darnell
Jerriett L. Darnell, 52, of Morganfield died on Monday, September 21 at his home.

He was born May



23, 1974 in Harrisburg, Illinois to Henrietta Vaughn and Teddy Darnell.

He was a race car enthusiast and enjoyed working on cars. He loved spending time

with his family.
He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents.

He is survived by two sisters, Mary Perry (John Watkins) of Robards, Kentucky and Mandy (Jason) Wright of Evansville, Indiana; and four nephews.

Graveside services and burial will be held on Thursday, October 1, 1:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield. Bro. Jimmy Terrell will officiate.

Richard Brantley
Richard “Ric” Brantley, 57, of Lawton, Oklahoma died on Tuesday, September 8 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He was born on De-



cember 14, 1968 in Anchorage, Alaska to Gary Wayne and Rosa Hasler Brantley.

He graduated from Lawton High School in Lawton. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Richard studied criminal justice at Cameron University and worked an as overseas environmental contractor for ITT Industries, CSA, Ltd., and SAIC. He was also a property manager for Sherwood Villate in Lawton.

Richard enjoyed playing paintball, hunting, fishing, riding his motorcycle, and playing video games.

He is survived by his wife, Amelia “Amy” Brantley; a brother, Armin (Deborah) Brantley of Lawton; an aunt and uncle; and numerous cousins, family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles.

Graveside service and burial will be Tuesday, October 6 at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield. Bro. Michael Cowan will officiate.

James Powell
James H. “Sonny” Powell, 84 of Boxville died on Saturday, September 19 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born April



27, 1942 in Morganfield to Jess and Blanche Wilson Powell.

He was a member of UMWA and retired from Peabody Coal Company, Camp 1. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Fay Powell; four sisters, Ruth Martin, Wilma Crowley, June Sparks, and Georgia Hopper; and a brother, W. T. Powell.

He is survived by two daughters, LaDonna Powell (Glenn Cummings) of Dixon, Kentucky and Tina Bradford (Ronnie) of Morganfield; a son, Brent Powell (Jessica) of Greenville, South Carolina; a sister, Sami K. Powell of Arizona; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Friday, Septem-

ber 25 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Bro. Dwayne Wilson officiating.

Burial was in Pride-Bordley Cemetery.

Did You Know?

People have been increasingly spending a considerable amount of time on devices.

ZipDo Education reports indicate the average person spends about seven hours per day looking at screens.

Adults in the United States may be using their screens even more, averaging between seven and 8.5 hours daily across all devices.

A Reviews.org report titled “Screen Time and Internet Usage 2025” says that screen exposure is even higher when factoring in both work and entertainment.

When adding those variables, Americans may be spending in excess of 12 hours per day on screens.

Digiexe, an SEO firm based in India, says young adults (Gen Z) spend the greatest number of hours on screens, averaging around nine hours per day.

Enjoying Life With Lots Of Smarts

By Becky Greenwell
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There are all kinds of smarts in this world. Especially in our family’s world.

Here we have some brain smarts. The men in the family have plenty of brain smarts. They are super intelligent when it comes to technology. All three of our boys live in the computer world. One is an expert in software; one can take a computer apart, put it back together, and know the hardware parts of it; and the other is a Senior Program Developer. He develops programs for huge companies, writes websites, and phone apps.

They got their smarts from their dad who also knows computers inside and out. They all were a little self-taught with a lot of higher education to get them to their destinations.

The grandchildren have gleaned some of this computer technology along the way. They have computers, laptops, iPads, iPhones, and TV remote controls they can operate without batting an eye.

Me? I’m not so smart. My daughter has gotten a little technological savvy because she has kids. She had to since they were growing up in the world of high tech. When my children were young, they didn’t have all the gadgets, but when they got them, they grew with them.

I am still stuck in the olden days, but I do have enough smarts to know who to call when I get in a bind.

With all the brain smarts overflowing in our household we also must have a little of the other smarts to keep from being boring. We have lots of that too. Sometimes I think we have an overabundance of smart alecks and sassy britches.

I can’t say it was just when children are small that they are smart alecks. Case in point was when one of our boys was about 10 years old, we went to a parent-teacher conference. The teacher told us she made a comment and our son came back in a snap with a smart aleck remark. She said she couldn’t correct him because it was funny, a perfect one-liner, and she saw his dad in him whenever he spoke that line. Like father, like son she said.

The smart aleck remarks or comebacks have continued through the years and have been passed on to another generation.

The grandchildren’s sense of hu-

mor can break up a trying moment, change a frown to a smile, and put lots of things into perspective. That’s a good thing.

The times they become sassy britches though is not a smart aleck, sense of humor kind of smarts.

One evening after his mother told him to put his game away and get ready to take his bath, I caught the five-year-old walking down the hallway shaking his behind, rolling his eyes, and mocking her words under his breath.

I asked him what he thought he was doing and where did he learn such behavior. That got me an over the shoulder look that could kill. Now that was sassy britches.

I haven’t seen any more sassy britches lately. I think it got nipped in the bud quickly.

When their sense of humor comes out, I really enjoy them. During that period, we stopped by their house for a visit. We asked about the new school year. Our granddaughter loves it. She loves her teacher. She loves her classes. She loves her friends. She loves her books. She loves her classroom. Gee, what is there left not to love?

Now the sassy britches one wasn’t quite as happy. He didn’t like school at all because it takes too long to be lunchtime. Nothing else is fun either. Maybe when he gets to second grade instead of kindergarten, he will have changed his mind.

Later in the afternoon the two of them decided to play beauty shop with temporary hair color spray. My granddaughter colored every section of his hair a different color. There were red, blue, yellow, green, and orange colors. He came out and wanted his mom to take a picture of the back of his head because he couldn’t see it. It was awesome, he decided.

My husband commented to him about his hair, “Trevor, you have a cool hairdo. It looks just like mine.”

Smart Aleck Trevor just looked at him and matter-of-factly stated, “No it doesn’t. You have a hole in your hair!”

Well, that comeback was the truth as his shiny head was showing through.

Lots of different smarts make the world go around. At least they are keeping our world living, laughing, and loving.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, the City of Sturgis will be hosting an open meeting on:

Date: Monday, October 12, 2026
Time: 5:00 P.M., CST/6:00 P.M. EST
Location: Sturgis Senior Center
Address: 1002 Monroe St, Sturgis, KY 42459

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed improvements to the Horning Park Ballfields under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

The public is invited to review the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project and to voice their opinions. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project may also submit written comments to:

City of Sturgis
PO Box 98
Sturgis, KY 42459-0098
City of Sturgis

Written comments must be received by October 13, 2026.

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