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# Obituaries

## Leon Puckett

GLENDAL - Leon Puckett, 90, Glendale passed away Thursday night at his home in his family's care. He was a retired employee of Brown & Williamson. He was the son of the late Arthur & Mary Wilson Puckett. He was a member of the Rocky Hill Church.



He was preceded in death by his wife Minnie and two brothers Lawrence & Lewallen Puckett.

Leon is survived by two sons Jimmie Puckett, his wife Rita and M. Richard Puckett, his wife Linda; three grandchildren, Tiffany Puckett, Jeremy Puckett & his wife Becky and Dana Puckett; eight great-grandchildren, Tinley, Blaine, Kaegan, Taylor, Trinity, Addison, Colton & Kendal; One brother Randall Puckett; and three sisters Brenda Bruton, Pauline Constant & Shirley Foster.

The funeral service for Leon Puckett was held Tuesday, June 27 in the chapel of Sego Funeral Home with burial in the Center Point Cemetery. The family requests that donations be given to the Center Point Cemetery Fund.

## Peter Roy Brennan

Peter Roy Brennan, 78 passed away Wednesday, June 21 at Signature Healthcare of Monroe.

A graveside service was held Friday, June 23 at the Munfordville Municipal Cemetery.

Sego Funeral Home was in charge of the service.

## Jimmie Rountree

HORSE CAVE - Jimmie Rountree, 65, Northtown, passed away Friday, June 23, 2023 at his home. He was a native of Hart County and a member of Northtown United Baptist Church. He was saved at Northtown United Baptist Church when he was nine years old. The Lord called him to preach and he went on to help many people as an Old Time Baptist Preacher. He worked on oil rigs, the railroad, farmed and logged much of his life.



He is preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Birdie Rountree; his son, Joshua Rountree; grandson, Layton Jewell and one sister, Elinor Ann Maulden.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Darlene Rountree; two daughters, Jammie Judd (John) and Jeana Jewell; a bonus daughter, Kellie Rock (J.T.); ten grandchildren, Jessa Richard (Eric), Ethan Dile (Leah), Jaylyn Cottrell (Calib), Krislyn Tweedy (Aaron), Trinitie, Elijah, Laura, Kaleb, Aaron, Jonah, and Olivia; a grandson he raised as his own, Kaleb Joshua; three great grandchildren and two more on the way; two brothers, Melvin

Rountree (Kathy) and Mark Rountree and one sister, Vada Maulden (George).

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at Northtown United Baptist Church with burial in the Northtown United Baptist Church Cemetery. Winn Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.winnfuneralhome.com](http://www.winnfuneralhome.com)

## Thomas Lynn "Tom" Tom" Shoemaker

BONNIEVILLE - Thomas Lynn "Tom Tom" Shoemake, Jr., 36 of Bonnieville passed away Thursday at the Bowling Green Medical Center.



He worked at the Medical Center as a lead cook. He was born in Bowling Green on September 9, 1986.

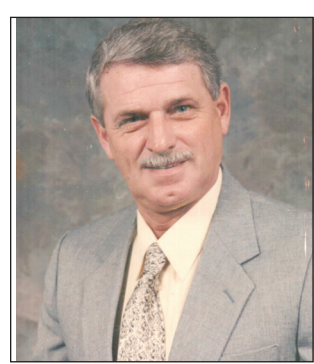
He was preceded in death by his mother Teresa Glass Shoemake; Maternal Grandmother Bertha Louise Glass; Paternal Grandparents George Washington Dickinson and Margaret Lee Dickinson; and his father-in-law Jerry Richards.

He is survived by his wife Kaela Richards Shoemake; his dad Thomas Lynn Shoemake, Sr.; a son Jackson Richards; a daughter Katie Harper; a brother Brandon Shoemake & K.C.; Maternal grandfather Johnny Glass; Paternal grandparents Faye & Teddy Crenshaw; Sister-in-law Kristie Wisdom & Daniel; Nieces Baylee Shoemake, Kaitlyn Wisdom & Baby Kam Kam.

The funeral service was held Monday, June 26 in the chapel of Sego Funeral Home with Bro. Rocky Morrison officiating. Burial was at the Richards Family Cemetery.

## Phillip Defevers

MUNFORDVILLE - Phillip Defevers, 80, Munfordville passed away Saturday, June 24, 2023 at his home. He was a truck driver for the postal service, a former deputy with the Hart County Sheriff's Department and a former officer with the Munfordville Police Department. He was a member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church and he attended The Place Worship Center in Cave City. He loved gardening and pulling lawnmower tractors with the grandkids.



He was preceded in death by his parents Edgar and Frances Sullivan Defevers; a son, Jon Defevers and two brothers, Colby and Ralph Defevers.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy; one son, Jeff Sanders and wife Melinda; two daughters, Angela Sullivan and husband Danny and Angie Branning and husband Earl; one sister Becky Gray; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm Wednesday, June 28, 2023 in the chapel of Sego Funeral Home with burial in the Munfordville Municipal Cemetery.

## POLITICS *Continued from page four*

Make no mistake, the teachers' unions primary mission is politics. While Kentucky's educators may think their dues are used to support them in the classroom, a significant portion is sent to the National Education Association (NEA), which in turn, spends those dollars supporting liberal political candidates and progressive policy organizations.

According to Americans for Fair Treatment, in 2020-21 the NEA spent \$374 million. \$66 million went to political activities; another \$117.8 million went to 'contributions, gifts, and grants,' spending that is also largely political in nature. Only 9% of their spending was on 'representational activities,' or money spent directly to assist their members.

By joining the union, Kentucky's teachers are required to fund political speech they may not support. To address this, Senate bill 7 (enacted last session) will require unions to provide their members with an annual report detailing their spending. Employees will now be aware of how their dues are being used, allowing them to make informed decisions about whether to continue supporting these organizations' political activity.

The legislation also prohibits the use of government payroll systems from collecting and transferring a teacher's membership dues to the unions. Nothing in the law prevents a teacher from joining the union. In fact, in legislative testimony the head of the Kentucky Education Association shared that their organization's website is already set up for online enrollment and dues collection. The new law simply gets the government out of the middle of the transaction.

Legislators exempted organizations representing police and firefighters, expressing their appreciation for the hazardous nature of those professions. Unlike the intensely political teachers' unions, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Professional Firefighters Locals take a non-partisan approach in their advocacy.

The legislature also established the Educators Employment Liability Insurance Program, which, when funded in next year's budget, will provide liability insurance to all certified employees of Kentucky public schools. Teachers have historically relied upon the unions for liability coverage, but policymakers recognize this is a legitimate state function and now have the framework in place to provide this important protection for educators.

Every student deserves access to a quality education that meets their individual needs. The General Assembly's efforts this year are paving the way for future reforms while also protecting employees' free speech rights.

Kentucky's teachers' unions have been a political force in state politics for decades - and almost certainly will continue to be. At least now, taxpayers won't be forced to subsidize the roadblocks they throw up against the efforts we must make to help our struggling students.

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on foot traffic and word of mouth to bring people to their store, make a sale, or market a new service or product.

telecommunications, and digital information systems to facilitate economic growth in the community.

American technology companies that build these innovative platforms, develop new technologies, and provide high-speed internet. If not, our communities and small businesses will feel the economic impact.

that momentum and not only shop small but ensure a supportive regulatory environment is in place for them to succeed.

Supporting access to technology means supporting the economy, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. That's why the 2020 Hart County Comprehensive Plan outlines how to develop, improve and expand technology,

While Hart County has taken the initiative and outlined policy areas that close our digital divide and strengthen access to technology to uplift the community, policymakers on all levels of government also need to do so. That means supporting the

Across the nation, we spent May, National Small Business Month, supporting our local entrepreneurs and small businesses. We need to continue

Hart County has a rich history, but we must continue to look forward and build a vibrant future of economic growth and small business success for generations to come.

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