

OBITUARIES

Noel Hatter



Noel Hatter, 89, of Avon Indiana, passed into heaven on March 13, 2025.

He loved his family with all his heart and was proud of all of them. He is survived by his five children, 11 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren listed below. Children: Beverly Jinkins (Gary), Deborah Emery, David Hatter (Kristina), Michael Hatter (Rhonda), Donald Brent Hatter (Laura); grandchildren (11 and their spouses) and great grandchildren (20): Tiffany White (Matthew) — Dillan, Jaylin, Jaden, Brooklyn, Harper and Wrenly; Christopher Jinkins (Danielle) — Isabelle and Grant; Brittany Mederios (Kyle) — Elliott, Theodore and Emerson; Ashley Ferree (Evan) — Henry and Hudson; Whitney Barbosa (Tiago) — Sabastian; Joshua Hatter; Michael Hatter (Babbette) — Wyatt and Georgia; Ryan Hatter (Dana) — Cole and Adalind; Lauren Hatter; Lydia Gray (Jason) — Harrison and Calvin; Logan Hatter. Noel is also

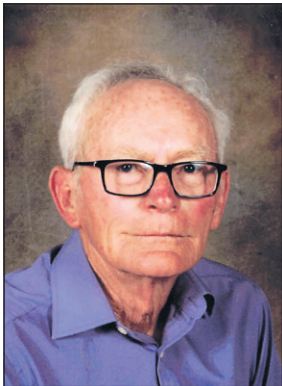
survived by his only remaining sister from a family of nine, Carol Bass (Raymond). He is preceded in death by his mother Stella Hatter, grandmother, Sarah Belle Hatter, grandfather Morgie Hatter; sisters Robertine Shirley, Elda Shirley, Genevieve Ball; brothers, Oris Coleman, Darrell Coleman, Revell Coleman, and Justin Coleman.

Noel was an avid sportsman and participant. He coached little league basketball, football, and baseball for many years and was still in touch with some of his players. He loved to fish, camp, gardening, hunt and his chickens. He taught his sons how to fish and hunt when they were just little boys. He enjoyed blue grass

music and taking road trips to festivals all over the country. He taught himself how to play the banjo at the age of 60 and was still playing his last few weeks of life. He was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge in Liberty, KY for over 50 years. Noel was also a member of the Mooresville American Legion, UAW Legion 933, as well as the Murat Temple Shrine. He recently joined Mt. Olive Methodist Church in Wilbur, IN. He was a machinist for Allison Transmission and served in the US Marines from 1953-1956. Visitation was from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg, with funeral services at 11 a.m. Military honors will follow after the funeral services.

A reception for friends and family will follow immediately after the service at the Grand Hall at Westlake Gardens, 400 N. High School Road Indianapolis, IN 46214. Burial will be at 12 noon Monday March 24 at Lincoln Memory Gardens, Whitestown, IN.

Buddy Long



Buddy Long, of Liberty, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in Liberty. He was 87.

Born on March 3, 1938, in Casey County, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Steve Blevins and Mary Lou Taylor Long. Buddy proudly served his country for twenty years in the United States Air Force as a Boom Operator. He loved to fly. Buddy attended Campbellsville College and later went on to do numerous things such as: substitute teaching, driving a bus, managing the Ambulance Service, working for the Department of Corrections, truck driving, and loved being a foster parent. He greatly enjoyed drinking a good cup of coffee as he told years' worth of world-wide stores from all his time traveling, and

Buddy also liked to read. He touched many lives throughout his lifetime.

He is survived by sons, Mark (Margaret) Long, Lionel (May) Long, Loren (Laura) Long, and Tommy Long; daughters, Ashley (John) Blevins and Rachel (James) Evans; a brother, Dean Long; countless foster children; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Buddy is

preceded in death by his first wife, Zaide Elizabeth Tuxill Long; second wife, Diann Rowe Long; son, Stanton Long; daughter, Leeza Long; seven brothers; and three sisters.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Allen officiating. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Casey County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home.

Arrangements for Mr. Buddy Long are entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

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“We’re proud to announce that more than \$9 million’s been secured for the construction of a new dam to support the City of Liberty’s water supply. For over a year, the community faced the real threat of running out of water, making this project not just necessary but urgent. This investment ensures that residents and businesses in Casey County have a reliable and sustainable water source for the future.

“We deeply appreciate the efforts of local leaders who’ve supported this project and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, which played a key role in putting it together. We also thank the Department for Local Government and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for making this project a reality. Their dedication has been instrumental in securing Liberty’s water future.

“We’re committed to improving infrastructure in our districts and across the Commonwealth so communities like Liberty get the necessary resources. We’re eager to see this project move forward and will keep supporting efforts that better the lives of our constituents.”

While Lake Liberty is now full, one year ago the City of Liberty was facing dwindling water supplies,

with the lake being more than 12 feet below full. A countdown of days began, but then so did the rain.

Following the near-miss with water crisis, the city, along with the help of Hoskins and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, were able to obtain a grant for an engineering company to conduct a feasibility study on damming Moccasin Creek.

The City of Liberty owns around 300 acres off of Lanhamtown Road, which was purchased for the purpose of creating a second lake.

The \$9 million option will create a lake of approximately equal size to the existing Lake Liberty, which would double the city’s water supply. A pipeline would connect the new lake to the existing lake, pumping water into Lake Liberty to ensure a supply of water is available for Liberty Water Works to process.

Hoskins said that the new water resource would make the community’s future brighter. He has stated that he would like the additional water to attract new industry to Casey County.

Haddad said that he believed the \$9 million award was the highest grant given to the City of Liberty, and that he was “very happy and very excited” to hear the news. Now other processes must begin before construction can occur.

According to the press

release from Storm and Elliott, the City of Liberty dam project was supported through House Joint Resolution 30, which releases funds appropriated in the biennial budget for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund.

According to the feasibility study for the new lake, the \$9 million project would create an 89-acre lake, to store 2,011 acre-feet of water, which is equivalent to 655 million gallons.

Included in the \$9 million price is nearly \$3.5 million in fees for environmental offsets; \$1 million in “soft” costs, such as engineering and inspection; just over \$4 million for construction, and approximately \$250,000 for surveys, easements, legal, and purchasing property.

The next meeting of the Liberty City Council would be at 5 p.m. April 14.

• **GUN SHOW** •
Guns, Knives & Ammo.
Buy, Sell, Trade or Look.
Cave Country Conference Center
Cave City Kentucky
Saturday, March 29th
9am-5pm CST
Sunday March 30th
9am-4pm CST
2-Day Admission \$10

Herschel G. Vanoy

Herschel G. Vanoy, 87, of Lubbock, Texas, died at his home on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

He was born at home on Nov. 25, 1937, in Casey County, KY to the late Hollis Howard and Lula Wilcher Vanoy. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, earning the

rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Jeter Vanoy; son, Dr. Timothy Craig Vanoy, of Arlington, Virginia; daughters, Melody Anne (David) Gordon, Abby Vanoy (Scott) Snyder; a granddaughter and two

great-grandchildren. Funeral services were private. Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Bernetha ‘Bootsie’ Foley

Bernetha “Bootsie” Foley, 74, of Liberty, died Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Bluegrass Hospice Care Center.

Born on March 14, 1951, in Liberty, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Freeman and Ora

Ellen Scott Monday. She is survived by one daughter, Fawn (Michael) Pierce; a son, Kevin (Angela) Foley; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will was March 23 at McKinney-Brown Funeral

Home. Burial was in Whited Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

HAPPENINGS IN Liberty/Casey County



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Casey Boyle Russell Adair Lincoln Pulaski Marion

PICK UP @ CITY HALL

518 MIDDLEBURG ST LIBERTY KY

Phone: (270) 403-5389
Email: caseycountyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

CENTRAL STATES ROPERS MARCH 28-30 @ CENTRAL KY AG EXPO Matthew Wickey (765) 561-6078



ROY DALE MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL BARREL RACING

@ CENTRAL KY-AG EXPO CENTER

APRIL 4th & APRIL 5th

FREE TO THE PUBLIC



Contact: Savannah Monroe
Phone #: 859-559-2662



Call or text 606-706-7777 for more information, up-to-date changes, & cancellations. Or go to ExploreLibertyky.com/events

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This notice is intended to inform the residents of Liberty, Kentucky, that the City of Liberty is in the process of closing out CDBG #22-021 for the 2023 Wastewater System Rehabilitation Project. The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held at Liberty City Hall located at 518 Middleburg St., Liberty, Ky., on April 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. local time. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance. If there are any questions or comments about the project, please direct them to:

Housam Haddad, Mayor
P.O. Box 127
Liberty, KY 42539

Written comments about the use of grant funds will be received until April 7, 2025.

Discrimination Clause

The City of Liberty does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability, and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact Mayor Housam Haddad at 606-787-9973 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-648-6057 or 711.

Americans with Disabilities Act Contacts:

Vocational Rehabilitation Blind Services Division 800-346-2115	American Printing House 1-800-223-1839 www.aph.org
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Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
1-800-372-2907 www.kcdhh.org

For Interpreter Directory https://oop.ky.gov/Public_Dir.aspx

State Relay TDD Number
1-800-648-6057