

**OBITUARIES**

**Virginia Lois Igleheart Barnett**

Virginia Lois Igleheart Barnett, 80, of Sacramento, went to be with the Lord at 7:21 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones. Virginia was born March 28, 1945, to the late Murtry Moore Igleheart, Sr., and Verla Mae Tucker Igleheart. Virginia was married to William Barnett on Dec. 22, 1962. She was a graduate of Sacramento High School and a long-time member of Cypress Primitive Baptist Church. Virginia will always be remembered for her kindness and the way she made you feel welcome. She was an excellent cook, enjoyed sewing and enjoyed cooking for the holidays. Virginia devoted her life to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

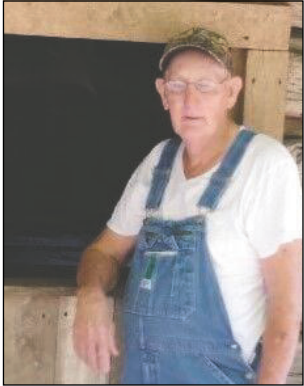


We could not have asked for a better wife and mother and will miss her every day. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her. In addition to her parents, Murtry and Verla Igleheart, she was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Stephanie Ann Barnett, and brothers, Murtry Igleheart, Jr., and Gerald Igleheart.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, William Graydon Barnett; sons, Tracy (Janice) Barnett and Brandon Barnett; grandchildren, Derek Willis, Travis (Jamie) Barnett, Alyssa Barnett and Brooklynn Barnett; great-grandchildren, Phoenix Barnett, Julian Mosley and Jaxon Barnett; and brother, Jimmy Igleheart. A funeral service was held on Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at Tucker Memorial Chapel in Sacramento. Elder Steve Whitaker officiated the service with the burial following in the Sacramento Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. A visitation was also held at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com).

**Ronald Nall Kittinger**

Ronald Nall Kittinger, 79, of Sacramento, died peacefully at his home at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025. Mr. Kittinger was born Sept. 1, 1945, in Muhlenberg County. He was a lifelong resident of Sacramento and was an electrician in the coal mines for 60 years. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran. He enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing and listening to Bluegrass music. He was a kind, loving and caring person who would always try to help others. He was preceded in death by his mother, Revia Mae Kittinger; father, John Finley Kittinger; and brothers, J.W. Kittinger



and Donald Kittinger. He is survived by his wife, Teressa Corine Brooks Kittinger; children, Tonya Luther and Tammy Kittinger; step-children, Melissa Ecker and Dana (Bleier) Nuspl; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren with one on the

way; and cousin, Phyllis (Lee) Brooks. A funeral service was held on Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at Sacramento Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sacramento. Bro. Kevin Brantley officiated. The burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery. A visitation was also held at the church. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of monetary contributions to his wife, Teressa, per Ronnie's request. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com).

**Livermore Lions Club present Searcy with check to help with flood damages**



Photo submitted.

Members of the Livermore Lions Club presented a check for \$5,000 to the principal of McLean County High School (MCHS), Marc Searcy, to be used to help repair the baseball field following flood damage which occurred during the spring's historic flood. The flood waters caused major damage to the field, outfield back wall, locker rooms and dugout, as well as to other equipment. Pictured from left to right, Livermore Lions Club president Freddie Bernard, David Albin, treasurer Steve Crabtree, MCHS principal Marc Searcy, Wendell Nance and secretary Leon Durbin.

**OH names Cornell vice president of medical affairs**

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Owensboro Health announced Wednesday, Aug. 13, that Brad Cornell, MD, has been named vice president of medical affairs. Cornell will lead the system's medical staff office, which governs credentialing, onboarding and policymaking for providers. He will report to Francis DuFrayne, MD, chief medical officer for Owensboro Health. Cornell will collaborate with physicians to support Owensboro Health's objectives for clinical quality and safety, patient experience and cost and will be responsible for performance metrics. He will also focus on physician engagement, retention and well-being. "I am truly thankful for Owensboro Health's

commitment to providing quality healthcare here in western Kentucky," Cornell said. "I am also immensely proud to work with so many outstanding physicians and healthcare providers. "Together we are building an excellent reputation for clinical excellence, innovation and patient experience, and I am optimistic about the future." Cornell practices general surgery at Owensboro Health Surgical Specialists. He joined the practice in 1996, when it was still known as Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists. Cornell graduated from U of L Medical School and completed his residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. Since 2004, Cornell has held various

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**Dead fish wash up on the boat ramp from the Ohio River at English Park on Thursday in Owensboro.**

**INVASIVE**

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bacteria, and algae. With both plants and animals using oxygen during the night, it drastically lowers the amount of oxygen in the water. Invasive carp mortalities have been observed for the past several years at this time of the year. The fish on the banks are also more obvious, or

noticeable, because there is a large number of invasive carp and they tend to be a larger-sized fish. Other possible causes for large numbers of invasive carp to die include injury while passing through the spill gates at the various dams on the Ohio River or gas bubble disease, which is also associated with the discharge of water from the dams. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources asks residents to let it know when they see something

they think is unusual. For more information, please visit the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

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**SENIOR**

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in some really nice place like this." Farrow said that July of 2024 marked a "major milestone" in Kentucky's regulations concerning assisted living care for seniors within the state. "They (Kentucky lawmakers) have been working several years on revamping the way healthcare and senior living is provided in Kentucky. And we were fortunate to be a part of learning that process," he said. "We are happy to be up and running under the highest level of regulations in the state." Some of the facility's expanded services include licensed nurses, clinical or care staff on site at all times, regular nurse assessments to meet changing care needs, medication administration by licensed professionals, on-site coordination of physical, occupational and speech therapy, menus reviewed by a licensed dietician or nutritionist and CPR and emergency response training protocols. According to Morning Pointe Senior Living's ceremony program, "the community now features an on-site therapy area and a resident transportation bus — both first time offerings—designed to enhance access to medical appointments and local outings."

Daviess County Commissioner Larry Conder joked that he thought his wife, Rosemary, was wanting him to attend the ribbon-cutting as a way to "pick out a room." "But I do see in the program, and even in an assisted living community, sometimes what we may want to remember is that it's bigger than assisted living. It is actually an assistance of life," Conder said. "The services that you provide, all the programming, is absolutely awesome. Those represent true assistance of life. And for that, the people of Owensboro say thank you to the staff, and especially those that have made everything, everyone's life, livable and worthwhile." Claude Bacon, the president and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation, said that Morning Pointe is "more than just senior living." "(Morning Pointe) is a local economic driver. This renovation investment provided construction dollars. It brought dozens of stable jobs ... and partnerships with local suppliers to keep money circulating right here in Owensboro," Bacon said. "Families visiting residents spend the night in our hotels. They visit our restaurants. They visit our shops, and, of course, that boosts local business. By keeping seniors close to home, you help working-age adults stay in the workforce, which strengthens Owensboro's

economy and makes our community more attractive for future growth, and, for that, we thank you." Candace Castlen Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, thanked Morning Pointe for investing in the Owensboro community and becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce. "I also want to thank the employees for the compassionate care you give to some of our most cherished citizens," said Brake. "But I also want to take a moment to recognize the service that these residents have provided to our community. Thank you so much. You helped build Owensboro and helped build our region ... I'm just thrilled to be here today to honor each of you and the employees of Morning Pointe." Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony added the Owensboro area to the list of 12 cities that are already served by Morning Pointe Assisted Living, including Russell, Richmond, Lexington, Danville, Frankfort and Louisville.

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