

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

MARYLENE WATKINS FRYMAN



Marylene Watkins Fryman, 90, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at Laurel Heights Shepherd's Cove in London, Kentucky.

Born July 15, 1935 in Maysville, Kentucky to the late Everett Ellis & Cora Frances Ellington Watkins, she attended Mayslick Elementary School, Moorefield Elementary School, and graduated as valedictorian from Nicholas County High School in 1953. Marylene was a cheerleader for three years, where she met her basketball-player husband, Johnnie, in 1950.

Marylene married Johnnie Gaylord Fryman on December 30, 1956. Next month they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. In

1957, she moved to Alexandria, Virginia, to be with Johnnie— who was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and was employed at the Pentagon. She later worked for several years in the financial aid office at Morehead State University.

In addition to her husband, Johnnie, she is survived by two children, Al Fryman (Janet), and Amy Polk (Richard); four grandchildren: Andrea Stone (Howard), Jonathan Fryman; John Polk (Samantha), and Daniel Polk (Teodora); and three great-grandchildren: Emily Stone, Aria Polk, and Aiden Polk. Also surviving is her sister-in-law, Brenda Watkins, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Also preceding her in death were 2 brothers, Charles K. Watkins and George A. Watkins.

Marylene was a kind, gentle soul, who loved her immediate and extended family with all of her heart. She was an incredibly loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and family member. She loved her heavenly Father, and served her church, Morehead

United Methodist church faithfully— including as secretary, financial secretary, and many other volunteer roles. Marylene was an amazing seamstress, homemaker, cook, and volunteer. She loved having her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and their families close. And, loved hosting extended family get-togethers for many years. A bible verse that reminds her husband of Mary is Acts: 11:24 (paraphrased), "She was a good woman, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord."

Services were Wednesday, November 26th at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home with burial to follow in Carlisle Cemetery. Casketbearers were Jonathan Fryman, Daniel Polk, John Polk, Andrea Stone and Howard Stone.

Visitation was from 11:00 A.M. until the time of service.

Donations may be made to one's charity of choice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left at www.mathers-gaunce.com.

MARY AGNES CARTER

Mary Agnes Carter, 88, of Middletown, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at her home.

Mrs. Carter was born on December 31, 1936 in Carlisle, Kentucky to the late Charles and Nannie Minton Mann. She was also preceded in death by 9 siblings.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years,

Charles Rankin Carter of Middletown; two sons, Michael Louis Carter (Kathy) of Warrenton, Virginia and Bruce Houston Carter (Teresa) of Middletown; daughter, Carol Renee Wilkins of Emerald Isle, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Candace Wilkins, Samuel Carter, George Carter, Kyle Carter, Shelby Carter and Sharon Was-

den; five great grandchildren, Liam Carter, Owen Carter, Camille Carter, Benjamin Carter, and Jarrett Wasden and one great great grandson, Ryker Wasden.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Middletown Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 111, Middletown, Virginia 22645.

Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce discuss upcoming Christmas parade

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Members of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce met on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, at 8:30am, at the Neal Welcome Center, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order with the approval of the minutes from last month's meeting, and approval of the financial report.

Under the Business agenda, the chamber discussed the forthcoming magazine/directory, which will include general info, advertisements, a QR code that would direct the user to the Chamber website, and much more. It will also contain a coupon page for local businesses, as well. More info will be discussed at the January meeting.

The chamber also discussed the purchase of business cards, which would also include the aforementioned QR code, as well.

The chamber discussed events that were held in November, including the 2nd annual "Small Business Saturday" which was held on Nov. 29th, and was very successful, with more activity this year than the previous year before. The gift basket winner for "Small Business Saturday" will be announced after the Christmas parade this

coming Saturday, Dec. 6th.

The chamber also discussed the most recent Turkey Bingo event, sponsored by the Carlisle Rotary Club, that was held at NCHS, with approximately 300 attendees. The chamber donated turkeys for that event.

The chamber also discussed the upcoming "Christmas Through the Decades" parade, sponsored by the chamber and HMH – Carlisle, and tree-lighting event that will be held this coming Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, beginning at 6:00pm, with emcee Jim Galbraith. Following the parade, winners of the Snow Queen and Snowflake Princess will be announced, along with the Top 3 winners of the Best Float and Window Decorating Contest.

The Nicholas County YAHS (Young Adult Historical Society) will also be having a vendor fair that Saturday, Dec. 6th, as well, at the Neal Welcome Center, from 12 noon to 8:00pm, and will feature 17 vendors.

Before adjournment, the chamber discussed upcoming plans for 2026, including a membership drive, a tri-fold brochure, and an upcoming ribbon-cutting for KY Property Hunters Real Estate & Auction, located at 240 East Main Street, in Carlisle, Ky.

The next chamber meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan 5, 2025, at 8:30am, at the Neal Welcome Center.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

"The Chamber of Commerce is a form of business network whose goal is to further the interest of businesses. Business owners in towns and cities form these local societies to advocate on behalf of the business community. The Chamber Of Commerce is an organization of citizens who are investing their time and money in a community development program – working together to improve the economic, civic, and cultural wellbeing of the area."

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2025 Christmas Parade

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