

Obituaries

Lisa Irene Harshbarger

1943-2025

Lisa Irene Harshbarger, 59, of South Shore, died Thursday, Feb. 27, while resting at King’s Daughters Medical Center at Ashland.

Lisa, was born Jan. 31, 1966, to the late James L. and Rebecca J. Smith Moore.

Lisa was a 1984 graduate of Boyd County High School. She enjoyed many things in life but most recently she found peace on the banks of the water fishing. She had a very loving heart when it came to her animals. She was a pet parent who would speak of her animals as if they were her own children. Lisa was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, and friend to so many.

Surviving are a daughter, Amber Meadows, and her brother, Ron Moore and his wife, Cheryl, of Rush.

Lisa was also preceded in death by her husband, Gregory S. Harshbarger, and sister, Karen Rakes.

A graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens at Flatwoods. Neal-Kilgore & Collier at Catlettsburg was in charge of arrangements.

Guyneth Marie Wells Holbrook

1938-2025

Guyneth Marie Wells Holbrook, 86 of South Shore, died Friday, Feb. 28, in SOMC Hospice Center at Portsmouth, Ohio.

She was born on July 6, 1938, at Garrison to Emma Maddix Wells and Lester Lee Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, James D. Holbrook who she married Sept. 6, 1954, at Garrison. They made their home on Schultz Creek.

Surviving are four daughters, Connie Sue (Mark Smith) Holbrook of Chesapeake, Ohio, and Connie’s family, Aaron Michael (Betty) Wolfe, Wyatt and Ocean Wolfe, Brandon Lee Wolfe (Mandy) and their two sons, Blaze Wolfe and Kam Sprinkler; Tamara Lyn Holbrook of Lloyd and her family, Tabatha Marie (Jack) Howard, Jack Howard III, Addison Howard, Jacqueline Howard Johnson, Avery and Gavin Johnson, Tiffany Howard, Jacob Jarvis, Braylynn Dillow, and Connor Webb. Matthew Douglas (Amy) Wireman, Andrew (Whitney) Birchfield, Alaina Birchfield, Whitney Brook (Ronald) Crabtree. James Russell (Miranda) Wireman, Skylynn and Rosalie Bradley and Maria Wireman; Betty Jean (Lonnie Jordan) Holbrook of South Shore, and her family, Shaea Nicole Duncan (Brendon Ford), Dessa Sue (James Madden) Bryant, Jaden Phoenix Holbrook, and Bobby Sizemore, Jacob Imel, Belle Madden, and Everly Bryant, Cristen (John) Hannah, Chloe and Claire Hannah and Courtney (Justin) Adkins; Angela Marie (Randy) Cooper of Portsmouth and her family, Dr. Samantha Jo Yelley (Jason) Marazzi, Adler and Ario Marazzi. Morgan MacKenzie Castle, Katie Cooper, Isaiah and Aubree Akers and Autumn Cooper.

Also surviving are Randy (Angie) Stone and Brady Stone. Guyneth thought of Randy as a son; two brothers, Carl Wells and Lester Lee Wells; and four sisters, Frances Adkins, Shirley Kilgore, Janet Talbott, and Judy Cooper.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Lee Wells, and a sister, Garnet Wells.

Guyneth worked at Newell’s Fruit Farm, Star Cleaners, and Williams Shoe Factory as a young woman. After marriage, she was a devoted mother and homemaker. She was a member of the New Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Schultz Creek and served as the church treasurer and choir song leader for over 60 years. She instilled morals and values in her family through the love of Jesus Christ. Guyneth was a strong prayer warrior and prayed continuously for those in need, her family, and her neighbors. She leaves a cherished friend in Christ, Katherine Stone, whom she loved like a daughter.

She loved baking and cooking for her family, gardening, and her flowers. She was an avid Ginseng hunter and enjoyed the outdoors. Guyneth was also a talented seamstress and never met a pattern she could not make.

There was nothing more special to her than spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 6,, at Morton-Hunt Family Funeral Home in South Shore by Bob Thompson and Carl Wells. Burial was in Harr Cemetery at South Shore.

Carl Lee Cornett

1948-2025

Carl Lee Cornett, 76, of Raceland, died March 1, in King’s Daughter’s Medical Center at Flatwoods.

He was born July 5, 1948, at Ashland, to the late Carl Trent Cornett and Louise Sparks Cornett.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Sandy Ferrell.

Carl retired after over 40 years of service at Pregis as a plant operator. He loved teasing and making the people around him laugh. He enjoyed deer hunting on the Collier Farm and fishing from here to Canada. Carl was an avid UK fan, always ready to cheer on his CATS. His greatest love was his grandchildren and being able to support them in any way possible.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Sheila Forbess Cornett; two daughters, Carla (John) Mings and Annie Thompson; grandchildren, Lillie Thompson, Zachary Mings, Jacob Mings and Trycen Davis; a bonus grandchild, Bailey Johnson; great-grandchild, Sofiya Holcombe; sister, Alice Stanton; brothers-in-law, Bill Ferrell and Mike Forbess; a very special brother-in-law, Billy Forbess; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other close family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods by Pastor Sean Shrol.

Claude Alfred Russell

1941-2025

Claude Alfred Russell, 84, of Ashland, died Sunday evening, March 2, in King’s Daughters Medical Center at Ashland.

Claude was born January 19, 1941, in Magoffin County, to the late Charles Russell and Pearlie Jenkins Russell.

Claude was a former Westwood Boys Club basketball coach. His love for his family was his guiding light, often attending and encouraging his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in whatever event they participated in. His love for them was unwavering, and his support was unending.

Before his health prevented him from doing things he enjoyed, he attended Gospel Light Baptist Church and Rose Hill Baptist Church.

Claude was also preceded in death by a daughter, Elizabeth Ann “Beth” Russell; four brothers, Lenville Russell, Wallen Russell, Charles Russell, Jr. and Paul Johnny Russell; and six sisters, Lennie King, Evelyn Russell, Letha Williams, Lona Rigby, Hadie Hensley, and Zella King.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Lois Ann Bruce Russell; a son, Charles Bruce Russell (Sue) of Ashland; a brother, Harold Russell (Dianne) of Ashland; two grandchildren, Jennifer Dolen (Tanner) and Joshua Russell (Erin); three great-grandchildren, Braxton and Ryan Dolen and Lily Russell; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Caniff Funeral Home in Westwood by Pastor James Lindsey

Harry Joe “Joe Mac” McDavid

1943-2025

Harry Joe “Joe Mac” McDavid, 81, of Grayson, died Monday, March 3, surrounded by his family in Trinity Station at Flatwoods.

Joe was born on Sept. 15, 1943, in Carter County, a son of the late Robert and Ovanelle Criswell McDavid.

Joe was a retired boilermaker out of Local 40 in Elizabethtown, a member of the Grayson First Baptist Church and a Kentucky Colonel. Joe loved to always fish and be outdoors.

He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce Noel McDavid; daughter, Kelli Fleeman; stepson, Michael Bond; brothers, Patrick McDavid, Robert McDavid, Phillip McDavid and Danny McDavid.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Dotty Collins McDavid; daughters, Kimberly (Bert) Bayes, Amy (Darrin) Hackney and Jamie (Cloid) Rodkey, all of Grayson; sisters, Jean Bush of Grayson and Judy (Bill) Coburn of Westwood; 17 grandchildren; 13, great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 6, at Malone Funeral Home in Grayson by Bro. Joed Rice and Bill Coburn.

Burial was in East Carter County Memory Gardens at Grayson.

Serving as pallbearers were Brayden Bayes, Joseph Willis, Dustin Bond, J.T. Wellman, Adam Fleeman, Rick Delp and Wade Wilburn. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Everman, Don Shears, Mike Bush, Brent McDavid, Louie Payne and Sean McDavid.

Wanda Jean Carter Middleton

1935-2025

Wanda Jean Carter Middleton, 90, of Greenup, died Sunday, March 2, at South Shore Nursing and Rehab.

Wanda was born Feb. 26, 1935, at Fullerton, a daughter of the late Spencer Thomas and Lelia VanHoose Carter.

Wanda was a member of the Baptist church. She loved to play the piano, read poems, color, go to church, and read her Bible.

She was a very witty but kindhearted and gentle loving lady who loved her family and grandchildren very much.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Everett Clayton Middleton; two brothers, Thomas Carter and Carl Carter; a sister, Helen Carter Traylor; and nephews and niece , Richard Traylor, Mike Carter and Karen Carter Newell.

Surviving are a daughter Diana (Duane) Grayson of Greenup; a granddaughter, Jamie (Milas) Pierce of South Shore; four grandchildren, Sydanie (Tyler) Salyers, Kaylee Wells, Klay Wells, and Zaiden Pierce; nieces and nephews Wes (Lou) Carter, Steve Traylor, Philip Traylor, Keith (Ann) Carter, and Kathy “Catfish” Munn; and special friend, Debbie Allen of South Shore.

Funeral service were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup by Pastor Tim Underwood. Burial was in Siloam Cemetery at South Shore.

Loretta Kay Allen

1957-2025

Loretta Kay Allen, 67, of Greenup, died Sunday, March 2, in King’s Daughters Medical Center at Ashland surrounded by her family.

Loretta was born March 9, 1957, at Portsmouth, Ohio, a daughter of Loverna “Pearlie” Archey Boyles of Greenup and the late Richard Conley. She was also preceded in death by a son, Clinton Smith; and a sister, Annetta “Tookie” Reynolds.

Loretta loved animals and rescued several animals. She loved feeding and watching the cardinals in her yard. She volunteered at Helping Hands for many years and served as a HEAP Office volunteer. She cherished the time spent with her family who she loved dearly.

Surviving are her husband of 28 years, Darvie “Randy” Allen; two sons, Johnny (Peggy) Smith of Flatwoods and Curtis Smith of Grayson; a daughter, Kayla Smith of Grayson; a brother, William Richard (Rose) Conley of Cummings, Ga.; a sister, Rita (James) Cline of Greenup; three grandchildren, Ethan Smith, Kyle Smith, and Alexzandea Smith; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Funeral service were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, by Ministers Jim Nichols and Dave Daniels. Burial was in Archey Cemetery at Greenup.

Solomon Franklin “Buck” Potter

1948-2025

Solomon Franklin “Buck” Potter, 77, of South Shore, died Monday, March 3, in SOMC Hospice at Portsmouth, Ohio.

He was born in Jan. 14, 1948, at Greenup, a son of the late Earl and Phoebe McGuire Potter. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Alan; and four brothers, Arthur Potter, Bobby Potter, Max Potter, and Danny Potter

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Julie Ann Watkins Potter; a son, John Potter of South Shore; two daughters, Patty (Doug) Brown of Tollesboro and Candi Cains of South Shore; a brother, Woodrow Potter of South Shore; eight grandchildren, Kaitlyn Potter, Kortney Dingess, Eli Cains, Brooke Doherty, Jake Cains, Emily Cains, Clay Newsome and Colin Newsome; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt Whisman and Octavia Whisman; and several other family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Roberson Funeral Home in South Shore by David Bentley. Burial was in Siloam Cemetery at South Shore.

Glenn Jackson Jr.

1947-2025

Glenn Jackson Jr., 77, of Hitchins, died Saturday, March 1, in King’s Daughters Medical Center at Ashland.

He was born Sept. 25, 1947, at Hitchins, the son of the late Glenn Jackson Sr and Gladys McCormick Jackson. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Jackson and Bernard Jackson, and a sister-in-law, Sandy Jackson.

Glenn was a very generous man. Right out of high school, he worked at ARMCO Steel and then went to Vietnam to proudly serve in the United States Army. He then returned to the steel mill, where he worked for many years. Glenn loved his grandchildren, especially Sophie, who watched many westerns with Pappaw. Glenn loved life, was an avid gardener, and loved to fish and hunt. He was of the Baptist faith and attended Hitchins Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Marilyn Jenkins Jackson; a son, Jamie Canfield of Ashland; four grandchildren, Sophie, Jace, Riley, and Harper; a nephew, Chris (Sandra) Jackson; and three great-nephews, Jackson, Jordan, and Brandon.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Sparks Funeral Home in Grayson by Keith Hill and Bradley Cotton, ministers. Military services were provided by members of by Kenova American Legion Post 93.

Burial was Monday, March 10, in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Greenup County where the Patriot Riders escorted him.

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The Invisible Connection

In a recent book entitled “Linguaphile: A Life of Language Love” the linguist Julia Sedivy describes how language connects us both to external reality and to the minds and spirits of others. With language we can bare our souls to others and share our innermost thoughts and feelings, but we can also hide them, and even worse, we can hurt others deeply. And so whereas language has the power to connect us, it can also divide us and separate us. Thus the care that should be taken to control our tongues, and our pens (which includes our email and text messages). We all know the regret that comes from words spoken in haste or anger. There is also a connection between our spirits and the “Great Spirit” that is forged by language. A book has been sent to you by this Great Spirit, and once you start reading it you have established a connection with Him. Mind your words and take care that you mind the words of God.



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