

OBIITUARIES

Janice Louise Kays Cunningham, 65

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Janice Louise Kays Cunningham, age 65, of Lawrenceburg, passed away Sept. 11, 2026.
Janice was the daughter of the late Donnie Everette Kays and Betty Sharfe Kays Housley.
Janice is survived by her husband, Michael Lee Cunningham; daughters, Kristen K. Sullivan and Mandy (Ronald) Williamson; stepsons, Joshua Lee Cunningham and Michael James Cunningham; grandchildren, Chandler Craine, Brianna George, Landon and Hunter Williamson; step-

grandson, Jordan Isiah Cunningham; great-grandchild, Kason George; and her brothers, Tony (Susan) Kays and Jeff (Michele) Kays.
No public services will be held. According to her wishes, Janice will be cremated.
In memory of Janice's love for animals, memorials are suggested to ACPCA, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
Arrangements are entrusted to Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.ritchieandpeach.com.

James Elmer Cooley Sr., 89

James Elmer Cooley, Sr., age 89, of Lawrenceburg, passed away Sept.11, 2026.
James is survived by his longtime companion and friend, Mildred A. Rogers; son, Jimmy Cooley; daughters, Debra Ellis and Diana Baker; grandchildren, Michael James Harris, Jesse Harris, Danny Harris, Tabitha Lynn Baker, James Edward Baker, Blake Rogers and Austin Rogers; and several great-grandchildren.
James was preceded in death by his parents, Fred

Cooley and Emma McGinnis Cooley; his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Baugh; son-in-law, James Baker; sisters, Marie Love and Ella Godby; and brothers, Eskell Cooley and Donald Cooley.
Funeral services were held Sept. 15, at the Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Lawrenceburg Cemetery.
Arrangements have been entrusted to Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg. Condolences may be shared online at www.ritchieandpeach.com.

Destiny Dawn Stratton, 27

Destiny Dawn Stratton, age 27, passed away Sept. 7, 2026.
Destiny was a loving mother to her four beautiful children who were the light of her life. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her children, family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her memory will live on through the lives she touched and most especially through her four precious children.
She is survived by her

children, Calvin and Evelyn Stratton, Jasiah and Jayla Stigers; fiancé, Jordan Stigers; parents, Louis Garcia and Christy Shepperson; sister, Kassandrah Setters (Raymond); and brother, Robert Farmer.
Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. at Noon & Son Funeral Home on Sept. 17. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of service.
Noon & Son Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with final arrangements.

Joshua Wayne Wilson, 43

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Joshua Wayne Wilson, age 43, of Lawrenceburg, passed away Sept. 11, 2026.
He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Maringer Wilson; his father, Garland Wayne Wilson; daughters, Spencer Jewell Wilson and Harper Ruth Wilson; and his beloved dog, Kolby. He was preceded in death by his mother, Amy Ruth Collins Wilson.
Services will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 18, at Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Friday.
In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Josh Wilson are suggested to Anderson Independent Youth Soccer Association, AIYSA, P.O. Box 642, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342.
Arrangements have been entrusted to Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.ritchieandpeach.com

Joe Lacy Lancaster Jr., 66

Joe Lacy Lancaster, Jr., age 66, husband of Jill Renee Shorder Lancaster, passed to his eternal home on Monday, Sept. 7, 2026, in Lexington, Ky. Joe was born June 1, 1960. in Cadiz, Ky.
Joe was a highly educated man who worked for the Kentucky State Government. In his time, he received a Bachelor's from Western Kentucky University and his Master's from the University of Louisville. Joe was a devoted Methodist who served as a Lay Minister of the United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Lawrenceburg United Methodist Church. Joe was known to be blessed with musical talent and could pick up almost any instrument and play it. He never knew a stranger and loved telling stories to his friends. Above all, Joe was an amazing Daddy and Pops.
Joe was preceded in death by his father, Joe Lacy Lancaster; his mother, Martha Gertrude Ezell Lancaster; and his stepmother, Lucy Lancaster.
Including his wife of 38 years, Jill, Joe is survived by

two daughters, Catherine Lacy Lancaster Karst (Justin) of Pierce, Idaho and Emily Renee Lancaster Hartman (Dustin) of Lawrenceburg, Ky.; three siblings, Peggy Lancaster Smith (Jim) of San Antonio, Fla., Terry Parker (Lisa) of Portland, Tenn. and Connie Allen (Bobby) of Cadiz, Ky.; two grandchildren, Hadley and Henry; and many numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends.
Funeral services were held at Lawrenceburg United Methodist Church on Friday, Sept.11, 2026, at 12 p.m. with Rev. Peggy Smith and Rev. Rodney Stewart-Wilcox officiating. A private family burial followed.
Memorial contributions in memory of Joe Lancaster, Jr. are suggested to the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home at <https://kyumh.org/donate> or by mail at P.O. Box 930, Nicholasville, KY 40340.
Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg. Condolences to the family may also be expressed at www.ritchieandpeach.com

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Ronald David Smith, 80

Ronald David Smith, age 80, passed away Sept. 8, 2026. He proudly served his country as a United States Marine.
He is survived by his son, Ronald D. Smith Jr.; five grandchildren; nephew, William M. Smith Jr. (Leslie); niece, Pat Montgomery (Steve); and good friend, Jerry Flora (Becky).
He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin David Smith and Silva Plowman Smith; and his siblings, William Bill Smith, Dorothy

Hollingsworth, Sarah Taylor and Gladys Rheinheimer.
Funeral services were held Sept.11, at Noon & Son Funeral Home. Bro. Ken Menefee officiated. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Military honors were performed in recognition of Ronald's honorable service to the United States Marine Corps.
Noon & Son Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with final arrangements.

Phillip 'Benton' Hanson, 71

Phillip "Benton" Hanson, age 71, passed away September 12, 2026.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Newton Felix Hanson, Jr. and LouAda Bogen Hanson.
Benton is survived by his wife, Kim Denise Sand Hanson; children, Shay VanDine (Adam), Robert William Hanson (Casey) and Charles "Eric" Hanson (Ashley); a special nephew Zayden Sand; grandchildren, Sophie, Abbie, Tyler, Cason, Charlee, Aiden and Emerson; brothers, William Dou-

glas Hanson (Linda) and Hugh Kirkwood Hanson (Heather); and two sisters-in-law.
Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Sept. 26, at Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Wheeler officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of service.
Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg. Condolences to the family may also be expressed at www.ritchieandpeach.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god
5. A young canine
8. North Carolina university
11. "Oddbod" actor Tom
13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Mysterious "Severance" family
16. Single Lens Reflex
17. Malaria
18. Informal loan organizations
20. Twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent
25. In an early way
30. Stuck it out
31. Language in Ghana
32. Obtain
33. Ancient Greek currency
38. One point east (clockwise) of due north

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Lizard species
4. Turkish leader title
5. A way to bother
6. Blank
7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
8. Sports broadcaster Ian
9. Popular whodunit board game
10. Alkali flats mineral
12. Large African antelope
14. It's delivered most days
19. Satisfy
23. Water soaked soil
24. Of a past era
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Doctor of Education
28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work
34. International airport in Connecticut
35. Russian river
36. It's used to make cabins
37. OJ trial judge Lance
39. A means to persuade
40. Short poem
41. A way to begin hostilities with
42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
44. Joints
45. Blatted
46. Swedish rock group
47. Millisecond
48. __ podrida: Spanish stew
51. Doctors' group
52. Trunk of a tree
53. Tattle
54. Metrical foot
58. __ Angeles

41. Popular baseball movie
43. Group of islands
45. Church building
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Thick piece of something
56. Breakfast food
57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Bitterly regret
61. Don't forget it
62. Dishonorable man
63. Affirmative
64. " __ and flows"

KIDS' CORNER



This is an especially old skill, dating back more than 25,000 years. It is even older than weaving.

Answer: Sewing



THIMBLE

small, hard cap that protects the finger while pushing a sewing needle



English: Needle
Spanish: Aguja
Italian: Ago
French: Aiguille
German: Nadel

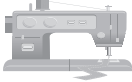


Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Sewing machine foot



The sewing machine was not invented by a single person, but a result of the innovations of different inventors.



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