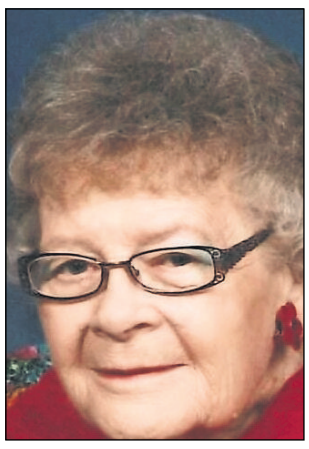
OBITUARIES

Janice Faye Wood Blackburn, 86



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Janice Faye (Wood) Blackburn, age 86, of Lawrenceburg, passed away in the early morning hours of Nov. 8, 2026. Born in Frankfort, Ky., on Jan. 14, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Rawleigh Franklin and Anna Belle (White) Wood. She lived the majority of her life in Alton, where she built a life centered on faith, family, and service to others.

Janice is survived by her husband of more than 67 years, Charles William Blackburn. Their love story began on a blind date in April 1958 at an evening service at Alton Baptist Church. They married there on Sept. 4, 1959, and worshipped and raised their family there together for several years.

She was the loving mother of three children, the late Anne Denise Blackburn, William Franklin Blackburn and Charla Faye Pelham (Craig). She was also the proud grandmother of Bryan Charles Pelham, Breanna Jean Blackburn and Julia Faith Blackburn.

A devoted homemaker and talented cake decorator, Janice spent many years creating cakes that helped make the special occasions of others even more memorable. She gave generously of her time, actively leading children and youth in 4-H and cherishing her role as a uniform "box mom" for the Anderson County Marching Bearcats several years.

In her later years, Janice enjoyed being an active Red Hat Lady and treasured outings with her Red Hat sisters. Her faith remained an important part of her life. She was a dedicated member of the Gideons Auxiliary of the Anderson County Camp and a faithful member of Sand Spring Baptist Church and the Truth Seekers Sunday School class.

Janice leaves behind a legacy of love, faith and service that will be treasured by her family and all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Gideon Bibles be purchased in Janice's memory through the Anderson County Camp.

Funeral services will be held at Sand Spring Baptist Church on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, at 11 a.m., with Dr. Mike Hamrick officiating. Burial will follow at the Lawrenceburg Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sand Spring Baptist Church from 5 – 8 p.m. on Thursday and on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg, Ky. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.ritchieandpeach.com.

Donnie Joe Stratton, 88

Donnie Joe Stratton, age 88, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026. He was a proud United States Army Veteran, attended Alton Christian Church and was a member of the Lawrenceburg Church of Christ.

Donnie is survived by his loving wife of 63 wonderful years, Lois Gale Davidson Stratton; daughter, Kimberly Doss; grandchildren, Stephen Doss, Autumn Doss, Morgan Stratton and Madison Stratton; brother, Leon Stratton (Jean); and a daughter-in-law, Lisa Stratton.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric Stratton; his parents, Cecil Stratton and Eva

Robinson Stratton; and 12 siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 12,

at Noon & Son Funeral Home, with Brother Noel Cotton officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial

will follow at Sand Spring Cemetery.

Noon & Son Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the final arrangements.

Richard William Allen, 70

Richard William Allen, age 70, passed away Nov. 1, 2026.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Fowler William Allen and Sara Belle Carter Allen; sisters, Evelyn Milford and Mary Green; brother, Eddie Allen; sister-in-law, Bonnie Allen; and brother-in-law Pierce Bennett.

Richard is survived by his wife, Vicki Elaine Harris Allen; daughter, Tabitha McCowan (Joe); sons, Jonathan Overall and Zachary Overall (Rachel); grandchildren, Jacob McCowan, Trevor McCowan, Abigail McCowan, Adaline Overall and Jamie Overall; siblings, Betty Bernet, Grady Allen (Lana), Martha Johnson, and Dan Allen; brothers-in-law, Dempsey Milford and Gary Green; sister-in-law, Denise Allen; and his beloved dogs, Kayce and Suzy.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8 at Ritchie and Peach Funeral Home. Deacon Grady Allen officiated with interment afterwards at Lawrenceburg Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may also be expressed at www.ritchieandpeach.com.

Steven Russell Hart, 73

Steven Russell Hart, age 73, passed away Nov. 9, 2026.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Paul Hart, Jr. and Joanne Horine Shyrock; son-in-law, Kenny Ansert; his best friend, Kerry; and a great-granddaughter.

Steven is survived by his son, Michael Ansert; daughters, Melissa Young (Steven Childers) and Jennifer Goodlett (William); grandchildren, Brandon Hart, Cameron Hart, Chelsey Hart, Triston Hart, Jada Young, Austin Goodlett, Chase Goodlett and Chloe Goodlett; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Paula Greene Bowron (Brian); and a brother, Skipper Horine.

A funeral visitation will be held from 9– 11 a.m. on Nov. 12, at Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Camp Nelson National Cemetery at 12:30 p.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg. Condolences may be shared online at www.ritchieandpeach.com.

Baylee Kelly, infant

Baylee Lindsey Grace Kelly, a precious 2½-month-old baby girl, passed away on Nov. 1, 2026. Baylee was the beloved infant daughter of Zachary and Alexis Ford Kelly.

Though her time with her family was far too brief, she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who loved her. Her sweet presence and the love she brought into the lives of her family will never be forgotten.

Baylee is survived by her parents, her grandparents, Charles and Cheryl Kelly and Eric and Heather Ford; and her great-grandparents, Charles and Barbara Kelly and Ronald and Janice Sexton.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Kenny Duvall and Diane Ford.

A memorial gathering was held Nov. 9 at Noon & Son Funeral Home.

Noon & Son Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with Baylee's final care.

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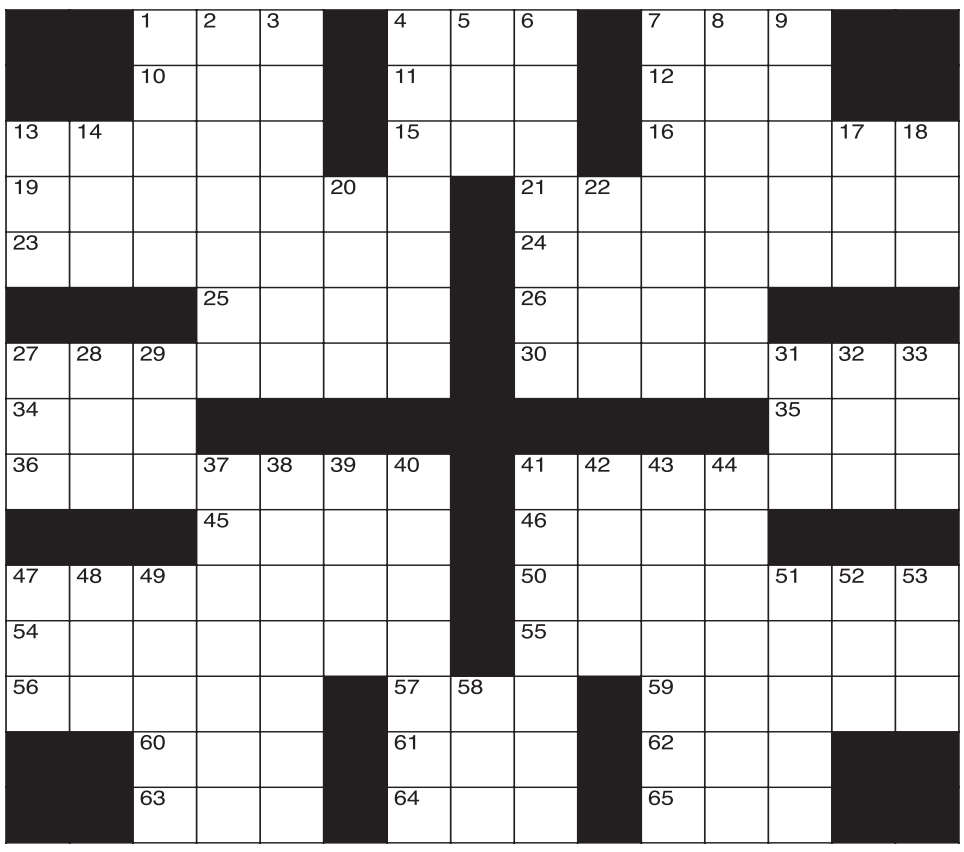
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CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

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4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

KIDS' CORNER

People FACT:

How many military veterans currently live in the United States and Canada?

Answer: 15.7 million in the U.S. and 461,240 in Canada

NEW WORD

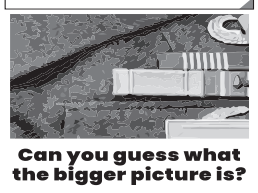
COMBAT

military action between opposing forces

"How they say that in..."

English: Veteran
Spanish: Veterano
Italian: Reduce
French: Ancien combattant
German: Veteran

Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Military uniform

Did You KNOW?

The largest group of living veterans of the American armed forces served during the Gulf War era, followed by the Vietnam War era.



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