

Obituaries

Edwards



Wilgus "Dickie" Edwards, age 85, passed away Thursday, February 12, 2026, at his residence in Booneville KY.

Dickie was born in the Pebworth Community of Owsley County, KY on May 28, 1940, a son of the late Edward Ashley and Emma Lee (Kendrick) Harvey. He was a highly respected farmer and Rocky Mountain Horse breeder of Owsley County his entire life. He is a former chairman of the Owsley County Farm Bureau board, and the Owsley County Soil Conservation district. Before farming full-time he was a Greyhound bus driver in Lexington, KY. He was well known for his tobacco, registered Angus cattle, and field crop production. His advice was passed along to other farmers in the community, and the University of Kentucky Agriculture Department. In the early 1990's along with his wife, Maria, they started their adventure in the Rocky Mountain Horse industry. They became very successful breeders and Ambassadors for the breed, raising Grand Champion horses, showing and shipping them around the world and the US for others to enjoy the Rocky Mountain Horse. He was a member of the Elk Lick Missionary Baptist Church in Booneville, KY.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years; Maria (Hamilton) Edwards, 2 sons; Mark (Susan) Edwards, of Booneville, KY, David (Elizabeth) Edwards of Beattyville, KY 1 daughter; Anita (Tom) Brandner of Hamilton, OH. 2 grandchildren; Ashley Edwards and Kasey Fields, 6 great grandchildren; Major, Conor, Addison, Wyatt, Caroline, and Colton, along with many other loving family members and friends.

Dickie was preceded in death by his parents; and 1 sister; Katherine Roberts.

Funeral Services will be held at the Booneville Funeral Home, Booneville, KY at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 20, 2026, with Pastor Rob Morgan and Pastor Andy Call officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Dickie will be laid to rest in the Harvey section of the Brandenburg Cemetery in Booneville, KY. To leave the family a special message visit www.boonevillekyfuneralhome.com. The Booneville Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Brittany Bobrowski of Mountain Comprehensive for his care over the last couple of years and to Hospice Care Plus. In lieu of flowers the family ask for you to donate to Hospice Care Plus, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond, KY 40475.

Callahan

Steven Craig Callahan, 55, of Booneville, Kentucky passed away February 10, 2026 at his residence following a brief illness.

Craig was born May 26, 1970 in Irvine, Kentucky. He was the son of Virginia Begley Callahan and the late Dale Callahan. Craig was a member of the First Baptist Church of Booneville. Craig attended Eastern Kentucky University, owned and operated Callahan Hardware for approximately 30 years and cattle farmed in Owsley County.

Craig is survived by his mother Mrs. Virginia Begley Callahan of Booneville, Kentucky, his brother Mr. David Callahan (Charolette Moore) of Booneville, Kentucky, two nephews Mr. Dillion (Angela) Callahan of Booneville, Kentucky, Mr. Dalton (Kelly) Callahan of Booneville, Kentucky, one niece Mrs. Hunter (Tyler) Parker of Booneville, Kentucky, one great nephew Corbyn Callahan, one great niece Scarlett Parker, one step great niece and five step great nephews, one aunt Mrs. Judy (Harold) Terry of Booneville, Kentucky, one aunt by marriage Mrs. Cecelia Begley of Waco, Kentucky, one uncle by marriage Mr. Bob Gay of Ohio, his cousins Mr. Robbie Begley and Ms. Terri Begley of Richmond, Kentucky, Jimmy, Beverly and Lisa of Ohio, Mr. Adam (Ashley) Terry of Georgetown, Kentucky and Mr. Neil (Yolanda) Terry of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

He is preceded in death by his father Dale Callahan, his grandparents Jim and Ruby Callahan, Emery and Nancy Begley, two aunts Dessie Gay and Dixie Gilpin and one uncle George Begley.

Visitation will be Friday, February 13, 2026 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at the Searcy and Strong Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday, February 13, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Searcy and Strong Funeral Home with Brother Rob Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the Callahan Cemetery in Booneville, Kentucky.

The Searcy and Strong Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Steven Craig Callahan, please click here to visit our sympathy store.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Steven Craig Callahan, please click here to visit our sympathy store.

The Unfolding

By: Betty Crabtree



In the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 1, verse 9, we read, "The thing that has been ___ it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun." Wow. NOTHING new under the sun!

I was reading recently about the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum in ancient Italy when Mt. Vesuvius (a volcano) erupted. These two cities were resort towns populated by wealthy and prosperous people. It's usual population was about 20,000. These people were used to the rumblings of Mt. Vesuvius. But on Aug. 24th, A.D. 79, the volcano erupted, destroying these towns and great stretches of the countryside at Pompeii, 8-10 ft of pumice and 6-7 ft of ash covered everything, but the tops of buildings. These cities never rebuilt.

Centuries passed but Archeologists, over a period of time, have uncovered artifacts that tell us something about the people who lived and frequented these cities, especially Pompeii.

They were apparently healthy people, but obsessed with sex. Statues that have been uncovered are explicit in perverse acts. (I do not think I can print what they were.) Two thousand people perished in Pompeii. They were encased in volcanic ash, which preserved even the expressions on their face.

Why do I relate to what I have read or heard? Because it sounds like today. Since the sexual revolution of the 60's, we are seeing the result of apparently promiscuous behavior. With all the revelations of sexual harassment that have been revealed and the perversions of modern day society, it seems that Ecclesiastes is right when it says

"there is nothing new under the sun". But it seems some do not realize or care that there are consequences to their actions; good or bad. In I Corinthians 4:5 (The Amplified Bible) we read "so do not make any hasty or premature judgments before the time when the Lord comes again, for He will both bring to the light the secret things that are now hidden in darkness and disclose and expose the secret aims, motives, purpose of hearts. Then every man will receive his due condemnation from God." And in Ecclesiastes 12:14, it says "for God will bring every work into judgement with every secret thing whether it is good or evil."

Sobering words aren't they? Smooth, uplifting words? Maybe not. Thought provoking? They should be. And was the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius a judgement on the city? You decide. And what about America? We've strayed far from our Biblical foundation. Have we become like those who in the Book of Judges when it is said "every man did what was right in his own eyes."

Betty Crabtree, a native of Lee County, a mom of 2, grandmother of 4, and a great-grandmother of 9. She is a published author with her book, holding the same title as her column, "The Unfolding". She has been a columnist for the Beattyville Enterprise since 2010. She gives all the glory of her blessed life to Christ, her Lord and Savior.

Feb. 2026 Menu

Lee County and Owsley County Senior Citizen's Centers
All meals served w/ drink and sides. Free to ages 60+ or spouses thereof.
Please call 606.464.8005 or 593.5594

- 2/19 chicken rice casserole
- 2/20 sloppy jo
- 2/23 fish sandwich
- 2/24 pork chops/gravy
- 2/25 pizza casserole
- 2/26 fried chicken
- 2/27 cheeseburger

Nurses Needed For Camp: Youth Haven Bible Camp

Teen Week (June 15-19)
Grade School 1 (June 22-26)
Grade School 2 (June 29- Aug 3)

Please call 606 464 2445
or email JHOLT@KMMINC.org



Weekly Grief Support Group:

Thursdays at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at hospicecareplus.org or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at 859-986-1500 to request alternative grief support options.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Joe Lucas

- 22 complaints answered
- 8 arrests made
- 6 warrants served
- 12 citations issued
- 7 papers served
- 2 accidents worked
- 6 welfare checks
- 4 motor assists
- 16 inspections
- 1 case opened
- 4 other assists
- 47 contacts
- 0 DUI's

3 Forks Regional jail report will resume next week



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