

# OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

## KAY ROGERS FISHER HALL



Kay Rogers Fisher Hall, 92, of Versailles, passed away on January 21, 2026.

Born March 29, 1933 in Carlisle to the late A.R. and Achie Wilborn Fisher, Kay was a graduate of Carlisle High School and the University of Kentucky. A dedicated teacher, Kay taught typing, shorthand, and business at Nicholas County High School and Woodford County High School. She was a lifelong member of Carlisle Christian Church and attended First Christian Church of Versailles.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were her husband of 66 years, Carroll Gene Hall; and a son, Jonathan Fisher Hall.

Surviving are her son,

David (Sharon) Hall; her daughter, Joanna (Ed) Sames; six grandchildren: Melody (Clark) Demasi, Michelle Hall, Matthew Hall, Elizabeth Sames, Rachel Sames, and Nathan (Chelsea) Sames; and three great-grandchildren: Kayden Hall, Evelyn Demasi, and Barrett Sames.

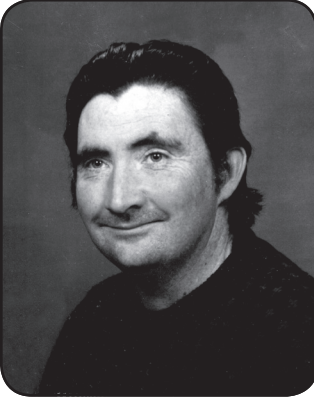
Services were 11:00 A.M. Saturday, January 31st at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home officiated by her dear cousin Bro. Tony Smith with visitation beginning at 10:30 A.M. Private burial will be in the Carlisle Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kay's memory may be made to Carlisle Christian Church or First Christian Church of Versailles.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to caregivers Jennifer Routt and Lyn Gabbard, the staff at Daisy Hill Senior Living, Bluegrass Care Navigators, and the compassionate staff at Central Baptist 5th floor North and South Towers for their kindness and support.

Condolences may be left at [www.mathersgaunce.com](http://www.mathersgaunce.com).

## KENNETH RAY "KENNY RAY" SNAPP, JR.



Kenneth Ray "Kenny Ray" Snapp, Jr., 68, of Nicholas County, husband of Teresa Reising Snapp, went home to be with Jesus on Friday, January 30, 2026.

A Nicholas County native born August 23, 1957 to the late Kenneth, Sr. & Betty G. Feedback Snapp, he worked for many years as the manager at Rockhaven Auction House. A born-again Christian, Kenny had a deep love for Jesus. He enjoyed watching Kentucky Basketball, hunting, attending auctions and connecting with friends through his iPad. A kind soul, Kenny was well-loved by all.

Additional survivors include his daughter, Alisha Snapp (Michael Todd Rye); a brother, Glenn Keith Snapp; his devoted caregiver, Ashley Flynn; and special friends, Tam-

my Pilosky (John Wagner), Brian Nickerson, and John & Karla Vickers.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Dennis Wayne Snapp.

Services will be 1:00 P.M. Saturday, February 7th at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Pastor Gary Stitt with visitation beginning at 11:00 A.M. In support of Kenny Ray's love of Kentucky Basketball, the family would like for everyone to wear their blue/UK gear.

Private burial will be in the Saltwell Cemetery.

Special thanks to Kenny's many caregivers over the years and to his devoted nurse practitioner, Elizabeth Wright.

Memorial contributions to assist with ongoing expenses are greatly appreciated by the family.

Condolences and video tribute are available at [www.mathersgaunce.com](http://www.mathersgaunce.com).

# Where creativity meets higher education: An MCTC alumna shares her story

As someone who grew up in the halls of Maysville and Community and Technical College, Annalee Whitten has firsthand experience of what it's like to be involved in higher education efforts.

"I kind of grew up running these halls, and I was always around, so I already had kind of a good idea of what I was getting into," she said.

After growing up in a faculty household, she transitioned to a dual-credit student at the institution, citing the academic environment and campus culture as key influences on her path.

"When it came to taking college courses, I think what shaped my experience and what helped me the most was having professors who were willing to have one-on-one conversations with me. Just having that ability to have someone who's going to support you through your experience, when it's something completely new and difficult," she said.

Whitten has always been a creative person and loved to find the most creative solutions to benefit the most people. As a student with an artistic background, there have been several times when she was encouraged to pursue a career in an artistic field.

However, she often found herself lacking the confidence she needed. Whitten related this to a lack of outlets and resources for her creativity in the area.

"In all the things that I've applied for, or I've been able to be a part of, there's always that little bit of self-doubt, and you're like, should I even apply for this? Am I even going to be good at it?" she explained. "I was pretty much completely self-taught, and I think that's so important. Especially for rural Kentuckians and Appalachian artists. A lot of our artwork is deemed folk art because we are from an area that might not get as much recognition."

After leaving MCTC, Whitten had the opportunity to complete a mar-



keting internship with the communications and marketing department at Morehead State University (MSU).

"It came out of nowhere. I had never actually done the hands-on work for it, and I think just being able to say, hey, this is the time. Push yourself into it," she said. "I went into those interviews, and I was not confident whatsoever, but being able to create your own portfolio and practice your work and being able to show that to somebody and them being like, this is awesome. Having that confidence that you are special and can do hard things."

Now, Whitten has secured an internship with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) in the Kentucky Advising Academy (KAA) as a graphic design and social media intern. There, she is contributing toward statewide higher education efforts.

Whitten continued, "My best piece of advice would be, number one, believe that you can do it. I think the whole thing for me is trying different things and being confident that you've got the abilities to do them."

Whitten is currently attending MSU in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts in Studio Art and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in Marketing.

In the future, she hopes to continue to shape the higher education standards for the state. Specifically, she has a personal goal of increasing access to resources and practice opportunities for artists in the area.

"I want to help set up what the future is going to look like when I'm gone," Whitten concluded.

## Request for Proposals Nicholas Co. Board of Education Certified Athletic Trainer Services

The Nicholas County Board of Education is now accepting proposals from qualified entities to provide Certified Athletic Trainer services for Nicholas County High School (NCHS). Proposals will be accepted for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 by and through the Nicholas County Board of Education, to include Certified Athletic Trainer services for NCHS, who will provide coverage per specifications listed in the Request for Proposals (RFP) document, made available by and through Nicholas County Board of Education. Contact Finance Director, Tyler Duncan, at the Nicholas County Board of Education Office at 395 W. Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311, (859) 289-3770, for the Request for Proposals (RFP) document with complete specifications. Proposal deadline is Friday, February 13, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. EST. Proposals will be opened and reviewed on Friday, February 13, 2026, after the deadline, and will be presented to the Nicholas Co. Board of Education at the school board meeting on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The Nicholas County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Sandye Watkins NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 395.625 that the following Settlements will lay over until 12:00 pm on the 18th day of February 2026, at which time hearing will be held in Nicholas District Court when said settlement shall be approved and recorded unless prior thereto exceptions have been filed.

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Nature of Account: Final Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Sophia Brown  
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Title: Guardian  
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Isaiah Brown  
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Fiduciary: Sara Brown  
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Title: Guardian  
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Witness my hand the 2nd day of February 2026

Sandye Watkins  
Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Sandye Watkins NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

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Decedent/Ward: Ann F. Green  
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Fiduciary: Douglas L. Green  
Address: 2624 W. Headquarters Rd., Cynthiana, KY 41031  
Title: Executor  
Attorney:Dawn C. Letcher  
Address: 125 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Date: 01/07/26

Decedent/Ward: Howard S. Livingood  
Address: 2159 E. Headquarters Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Stellana Tobin  
Address: 1282 Hick Hardy Rd., Cynthiana, KY 41031  
Title: Administrator  
Attorney:Dawn C. Letcher  
Address: 125 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Date: 01/07/26

Decedent/Ward: Beverly G. Craig  
Address: 451 N. Locust St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Larry Craig  
Address: 451 N. Locust St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Administrator  
Attorney:Dawn C. Letcher  
Address: 125 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Date: 01/21/26

Witness my hand this the 2nd day of February, 2026

Sandye Watkins  
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