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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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Sandra (Sandy) Kay Cunningham

May 19, 2026

With her eyes toward heaven and a smile on her face, Sandra (Sandy) Kay Cunningham, 69, of Seven Springs, NC, formerly of Speedway, moved to her heavenly home on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at ECU Medical Center in Greenville, NC.

Full obituary & arrangements can be viewed via www.memorialfd.com.

The Family is being served by the Memorial



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Ronald Lee Dodson

Jun. 20, 2026

Ronald Lee Dodson, age 75, of Bluefield, WV, peacefully passed away on June 20, 2026, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

For full obituary and service information please visit www.seaverfuneralservice.com.



Seaver Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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James "Jim" Howard Harrison

Jun. 3, 2026

James "Jim" Howard Harrison, 82, of Lerona, died Wednesday, June 3, 2026, in Richlands, VA.

Arrangements and obituary can be viewed via

www.memorialfd.com
The Harrison Family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.

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Robert David Gillespie

Sep. 9, 1952 – Jun. 19, 2026

Robert David Gillespie passed away at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, NC on Friday, June 19, 2026, after a brief illness.

David was born September 9, 1952 in Bluefield, WV and raised in Bluefield, VA to the late Douglas B. Gillespie and the late Joann M. Gillespie.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn B. Gillespie; son, Jason R. Gillespie (Lindsay); daughter, Meredith I. G. Lavasque (William); grandchildren; Keegan Gillespie, Ian Gillespie, and Lillian Lavasque all of Greensboro, NC; brother Dr. Douglas B. Gillespie, Jr. (Margot) of Terre Haute, IN. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and many cousins.

In addition to his parents, David was predeceased by his sister, Angela J. Gillespie.

David was passionate about golf and was a very good player. He met his wife on the golf course, trying to teach her how to play. His home course in Blue-



field, VA was Richwood Golf Club, where he competed in many tournaments and won the Club Championship in 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1982, 1987 and 1991.

Funeral arrangements: Visitation will begin at Forbis & Dick on North Elm Street, Greensboro, NC on Wednesday, June 24th will begin at 10:00am and the service will begin at 11:00am, with graveside services at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Irving Park United Methodist, 1510 W. Cone Blvd, Greensboro, NC or the National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org.

Linda Sue Jones

Linda Sue Jones, 68, of Matoaka, died Saturday, May 30, 2026, at New River Valley Medical Center, Christiansburg VA.

Full obituary & arrangements can be viewed via

www.memorialfd.com.

The Jones Family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation



Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.

Stuart Olan Conner

Sep. 18, 1939 – Jun. 10, 2026

Stuart Olan Conner passed into the loving hands of his creator on June 10, 2026, joining his wife of 59 years in heaven.

He was born September 18, 1939, in the old Princeton hospital in Mercer County, West Virginia to Ted and Martha Conner.

He spent a happy childhood in Matoaka, WV. He was married to the love of his life, Shelvie Conner of Lashmeet, before her passing in 2017. They were high school sweethearts, and he dedicated 25 years of his life to caring for her after a severe stroke. During this time, they shared many laughs and traveled throughout the southern US.

They are cherished by their children Teresa Ann Conner and Stuart Olan Conner, Jr. who survive them. He has three beautiful granddaughters, Lauren Kerr, Evie Conner and Victoria Janisch, along with three great grandchildren, Zachary Sykes, Ryan Sykes and Josie Janisch and a daughter-in-law, Hope Conner.

He was an avid outdoorsman and spent many years exploring southern WV. He had a strong interest in the geology, wildlife, people and mining of southern West Virginia. Many Saturday or Sunday afternoons were spent with the family exploring old coal mine locations, historic markers and grave sites of fallen miners.

He was a proud coal miner as was his father. His father was given a deferral from service in World War II to keep the large mine boilers running because of the importance of southern



WV coal to the war effort. His grandfather ran one of the only non-company stores on Conner Mountain, named for the family.

Later in life, he oversaw a large region for mobile MRI units and was well respected by his colleagues and direct reports.

He was brave, funny, loyal, dependable, fair and insightful. His children are who they are because of his support, encouragement and unwavering belief in their talents. We will miss him tremendously, especially his stories and wry sense of humor. We love you dad.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2026, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Princeton, with Pastor Jeff Valentine. There will be no services at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

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Tom Harrison

Jun. 3, 2026

Tom Harrison was a very dedicated, loving son, brother, godfather, teacher, coach, director, and sports enthusiast. He passed away on June 3, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harrison and his sister Frances A. Harrison of Bluefield, West Virginia.

Tom is survived by his sister, Julia Marie Harrison and brother Bob Harrison of Bluefield, West Virginia. He is also survived by goddaughter Jane Smith Postek.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Tom graduated from Bluefield High School, Class of 1971. He was very proud of the fact that he was named sophomore of the year and was an officer of his senior class. He excelled in many sports throughout his upbringing, leading him to a football scholarship to attend Bluefield State College where he received a

Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and Physical Education. He received his Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Radford University.

Tom's teaching career was at Richlands High School where he taught government and history. While there he was the football offensive line coach and assistant basketball coach.

Tom then began a career at Bluefield State University as the Director of Career Services until his retirement. His goal was to help students achieve an excellence in education and to help put them on a quality career path.

Tom loved just about all sports and some called him a sports aficionado. His favorite teams were the WV Mountaineers and Las Vegas Raiders and he treasured swapping sport stories with his friends. He was an avid golfer that came from being taught by his Dad.

For over twenty years he looked forward to annual spring golf trips with many lifelong golfing friends especially Jim Smith, Tom Chaffins, and Tom Rohrer. Tom won the Club Championship at Richwood Golf Club in 2008.

In his career at Bluefield State he loved to attend and help in many sporting activities with his friend and co-worker Kenny Mandeville.

Later in life, Tom began walking laps at Mercer Mall and developed many friendships with workers at the stores, most especially the Kay Jewelers Girls. Tom had a contagious smile, was a man with an immense sense of humor and wisdom, had a love of life and of family and friends, and was a blessing to those whose path he crossed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield, West Virginia, on Saturday, June 13 at 11:00am with Rev. Joseph Mandokkara Augustine,



J.C.L. as Celebrant. Visitation will begin at 10:00am at the church prior to the start of the Mass. Cemetery Rites will follow at a later date.

In lieu of floral arrangements, please consider a donation to Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Bluefield in honor of the life of Thomas Harrison. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com.

Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family of Thomas "Tom" Harrison.

Lori Lee Simpson

Dec. 5, 1979 – Jun. 14, 2026

Lori Lee Simpson, 46, of Bluefield, WV, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2026, following a long illness. She was born December 05, 1979, in Bluefield, WV, and was the daughter of Melissa Wallace Simpson and Charles Lee Simpson.

Lori was raised and baptized in the Christian faith and was always eager to learn more about the Lord. Morning devotions, praise and worship music and evening prayers were very much a part of her life. Her prayers included, "Jesus, when I die, I want to live in heaven with you." Her journey is now complete.

Lori graduated from Graham High School in 1998. She attended Mercer County Technical Center in Princeton, WV, where she completed the coursework and passed her examination for the National Phlebotomy Certification. She also completed the Nursing Assistant Program at Wytheville Community College.

Over the years, Lori worked for Rescare Home Care in Princeton, WV, Asbury Place Nursing Home in Wytheville, VA, Babies R Us in Winston-Salem, NC and several locations for Kroger. She was a hard-working individual who loved going over and beyond her responsibilities in order to help others.

One of Lori's greatest gifts was knowing how to love others unconditionally. Her mother, Melissa Simpson and Randy Yost, who loved her as if she was his



own daughter, saw who Lori really was, as they cared for her during her good days and the many days of sickness.

She loved with a sweet spirit, was kind to others, helped others in need and tried to see the good in everyone, no matter how they treated her. Her heart was full of forgiveness.

She is survived by her mother, Melissa Simpson and Randy Yost, both of Bluefield, VA; her sister: Kelly Bennington and husband, Kevin of Athens, WV; two nieces: Britney Witham of Roanoke, VA and Linsey Umberger of Athens, WV; her nephew: Kole Bennington of Athens, WV; great niece and nephew: Rylee and Carson Bogle, both of Roanoke, VA; her father: Charles Simpson of South Carolina.

A service to celebrate Lori's life will be held Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Dudley Memorial Chapel at 2:00 P.M., with Minister Bill Kinser officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday from 1:00 P.M. until the hour of the service.

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Dudley Memorial Mortuary
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Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson

May 13, 1950 – May 28, 2026

Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson, 76, of Bluefield, West Virginia, passed away peacefully at his home on May 28, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born on May 13, 1950, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Gary was the son of the late Glenn and Mildred Lawson.

He graduated from Bluefield High School in 1968 before pursuing his passion for dentistry. While at B.H.S., he was part of the 1965 and 1967 State Championship football teams. Gary earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from West Virginia University School of Dentistry in 1980.

Following graduation, Gary served as an Associate Professor at the WVU School of Dentistry, sharing his knowledge and passion for dentistry with future generations of dental professionals.

In 1981, he opened his

dental practice, which proudly served the residents of Southern West Virginia for 40 years. He took tremendous pride in his work and was deeply respected by colleagues, patients, and friends alike for his dedication and compassionate care.

Gary embraced life with enthusiasm and joy. He was a devoted fan of WVU athletics and especially enjoyed cheering on the Mountaineers. He loved spending time in Myrtle Beach, fishing, reading, playing guitar, and perfecting his culinary talents. Homemade bread, pizza, and grilling THE BEST steaks were among his specialties. Gary especially treasured hosting family gatherings in "The Gap" and tailgates at Mountaineer field.

Known for his vibrant personality, warm heart, and unforgettable presence, Gary left a

lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. His generosity, sense of humor, and love for family and friends will be remembered always.

He is survived by his brother, Earl Lawson and his wife, Jan Lawson, of Bridgeport, West Virginia; his four children: Aaron Lawson and Holly Lawson of Speedwell, Virginia; Chad Lawson and his wife, Lyndsey Lawson, of Daniels, West Virginia; Sean Lawson and his wife, Ellyn Lawson, of Roanoke, Virginia; and Erica Taylor and her husband, George Taylor, of Greenville, North Carolina. In addition: his former wife, Cindy Lawson; his stepson, Brinley Conner and his wife, Angela Conner of Richmond, Virginia; as well as 10 grandchildren and many extended family members, dear friends, former colleagues, and patients



who will miss him greatly.

Visitation will be held at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, West Virginia, on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Gary's legacy of dedication, hospitality, friendship, and love for family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so at www.MercerFuneralHome.com. Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson.

Jeffrey Brooks Harvey

Aug. 20, 1964 – Jun. 12, 2026

Jeffrey Brooks Harvey, 61, of Athens, died unexpectedly Friday evening, June 12, 2026, at his home.

Born August 20, 1964, in Bluefield, he was the son of the late Roy Lee Joe Harvey & Patricia Sue Boothe Harvey.

Jeff graduated from Athens High School in 1983 and received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Concord College in Athens.

In 1990, Jeff began his career in journalism with the Princeton Times, and at the present time, Jeff was still writing articles for the Bluefield Telegraph.

He was a member of the Princeton Advent Christian Church. Jeff had many interests, writing, reading, sports of all kinds, especially baseball & history concerning the civil war.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Kevin Harvey.

Left to cherish his memory, his sister, Deborah Kaye Harvey, Kevin's fiancé Kimberly Norton & her daughter Amanda Wright & husband Matt. Cousins, Ann & Jim Smith, Karen & David Hill,

Darlene & Marty Thorpe and their daughter Olivia. Maternal Uncle, F. H. "Sonny" Boothe. Special nephew Jacob Adkins and good friend Kristen O'Sullivan. His furry friends, Elketra, Storm, Billy the Kid, & Rocky "AKA" Cat Bud-da.

Services honoring the life of Jeff Harvey will be held 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 18, 2026, in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Sam Walsh officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 3:00 until the service hour. Following the service, he will be cremated and inurnment will be held in Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Memorial Funeral Directory for Jeff or a charity centering on Autism, Parkinson, Cancer Research. Please honor Jeff's memory by always being gentle and kind.

Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com.

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Lewis David Mann

Lewis David Mann, 77, of Rocky Gap, Virginia, exchanged his earthly address for his heavenly home on January 16, 2026, following complications from pneumonia.

One of five children born to Frank Lee Mann and Sadie Scarberry Mann, Lewis was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John Mann and Keith Mann. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Hilda Mann; his sister, Mescal Boothe; and numerous extended family members.

Lewis was a devoted father to his daughter, Alison Mann Hewitt, known to many family members and friends as Tracie, and a beloved father-in-law to Michael Hewitt. He was especially proud of his role as "Papa Lew" to his only grandson, Jackson Davis. He dedicated himself in both love and action to his family and cherished every opportunity to spend time with them, most recently celebrating Christmas together in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Throughout his life, Lewis achieved much. As a student at Peter-

stown High School, he earned honors in track and lettered in football. He was also voted "Best Looking" by his senior class. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Bluefield State University and a Master of Mining Engineering degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), ultimately achieving his professional goal of becoming a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.).

Before retirement, Lewis enjoyed a varied and accomplished career in engineering and emergency management. He worked with FEMA, serving in New York following both the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He also responded to storms and disasters in numerous locations across the country.

Throughout his professional life, Lewis was proud of his association with several respected engineering firms, including Dewberry & Davis and Thompson & Litton. He was passionate about his work as an engineer and eventually

fulfilled another professional goal by establishing his own consulting business, Mann Engineering. Whether working on large-scale projects, assisting communities recovering from disasters, or managing his own firm, Lewis approached every endeavor with dedication, expertise, and integrity.

His sense of humor, optimism, gentle and kind spirit were among the qualities most cherished by those who knew him.

Most important to Lewis was his faith. In 1967, he professed his faith in God and accepted salvation through the sacrificial gift of Jesus Christ. He was baptized as a public confirmation of that faith and trusted in God's grace throughout his life, often affirming that salvation is a gift from God.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Alison Mann Hewitt (Tracie); son-in-law, Michael Hewitt; grandson, Jackson Davis; brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Hilda Mann; sister, Mescal Boothe; nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family mem-



bers, many friends, former spouse Cherry, the mother of his daughter; neighbors past and present; and numerous coworkers whose lives he touched throughout the years.

A special acknowledgment is extended to Lewis's longtime friend, Jim Ball, whom he loved and trusted with his life, even to the very end. Thank you, Jim.

Though Lewis's earthly journey has ended, his faith has become sight, and his legacy of love, laughter, resilience, and devotion to family will continue in the hearts of all who knew him.

Online guestbook can be signed or condolences may be sent to the family at www.broyles-shrewsbury.com.

Arrangements by Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Peterstown, WV.

Warren Clifford Tedder

Nov. 18, 1938 – Jun. 8, 2026

BECKLEY — Warren Clifford Tedder, 87, went home to be with the Lord on June 8, 2026, in Beckley, WV. Born to his parents John and Margret Tedder on November 18, 1938, in Beeson, WV.

Warren was a devoted Christian and loved talking about God and wanted everyone to make it to heaven with him. He often enjoyed the power of prayer and hearing bible verses for encouragement and would love when his children and grandchildren would often pray with him. He loved spending time with his family and cherished every moment shared with them. He gave each of his family members their own nicknames.

Warren enjoyed listening to bluegrass gospel music, singing "I'm glad I met the Man", tending to his garden was very important to him. He often cheered and kept score for the Cincinnati Reds and WVU Mountaineers.

He was known for his strong work ethic and dedication, having worked on the Railroad in Gary, IN and, also as a coal miner, 28 years at Slab Fork Coal Company. He enjoyed riding down the road in his wheelchair talking with people and made sure not to forget his Beech-Nut "chewbacker." Warren was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, Warren was preceded in death by his



beloved wife Donna (Bun) Tedder, brothers John Tedder, Connard Tedder, and Roby Tedder, and sister Janet Neil.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sisters Freda "Pete" Withey, Sharon "Chickie" Tedder (Sid), Reva "Squirt" Shrewsbury, and Janice "Blair" Tate (Howard), children Alicia "Wizel" Zaccheo (Jack), Lori "Poodle" Bostic (James), Darin "Shag" Tedder, Kenny "Stevenson" Tedder, and Mark "Pops" Tedder, grandchildren Lindsey Feathers (Michael), Joshua Tedder (Casey), Sarah Griffith (Bobby), Isaiah Zaccheo (Dadami), Danelle Caldwell (Greg), Wesley Bostic, Megan Woody, many great grandchildren who he dearly loved, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be Monday June 15, 2026, from 5pm to 8pm, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home in Beckley, WV. A funeral service officiated by Pastor Bill Balengee will be Tuesday June 16, 2026, at 1pm with visitation one hour prior.

Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home

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Jerry Ray Siner

May 30, 1944 – Jun. 8, 2026

Jerry Ray Siner of Princeton, WV, transitioned to his final resting place on June 8, 2026.

Born May 30th, 1944, in Matoaka, WV, he was the son of the late Pete and Stella Siner, whom he adored.

Jerry attended and graduated from Matoaka High School, having perfect attendance from kindergarten until graduation, he said "I was always afraid I would miss something".

His first job was as a bag boy for the A&P grocery store. He worked there tirelessly so that he could afford his first car, a 1950 Ford Victoria.

During high school, Jerry met the love of his life, Kay Steele. They were married on June 19th, 1964. Together they created a life that led them down many successful paths. Moving to Hyattsville, MD, where Jerry started his career as a dispatcher for Safeway Trucking Co., they would later return to WV (Jerry's beloved home), where Jerry worked many jobs that helped fuel his true calling as an entrepreneur.

Jerry was licensed as an underground and surface miner. He was the manager of Point Express Trucking Co. Continuing his growth passion, Jerry attended Ohio State, where he was certified in pharmaceutical sales with Ross Labs. In his first year as a salesman, Jerry was salesman of the year competing against over 500 other salespeople.

During this period of his life, Jerry pursued his love for building business. He first developed Cliffview mobile home park, he would go on to develop Royal Oaks subdivision, Jera-K Estates 1, Jera-K Estates 2, Madison Heights, Emerald Valley, and many other properties. He loved land and had the gift to see its value and develop it. Jerry also created two other businesses, Tickle the Ivory's, where he tuned pianos, and The Ditch Witch, where he operated heavy equipment. Jerry retired several times, only to be called back into leadership positions, because he was a true leader! His last place of employment was the Green Valley

Water Co as manager.

Jerry's favorite hobbies were making money, collecting antique cars, and playing the piano. Many would argue that his greatest gift was his musical ear, by far it was charity. 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Jerry had a soft spot for those less fortunate than him and cheerfully gave to many families and children in need. Jerry was of Christian faith.

He was proceeded in death by his two sisters Pauline Pierce and Linda Ayers, one daughter who was his biggest fan and whom he adored, Kelly Rae Siner.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 61 years (11 days short of 62) who never left his side, Kay Siner; two daughters, Jodi Conner, and Casey (Eric) Collier; four grandchildren (to whom he was known as Poppy), Channing (Eden) Conner, Graesen Conner, London Collier, and Holston Collier; two great grandchildren, Meadow and Willow Conner, and a host of



treasured loved ones.

A time of visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday June 11, 2026, at Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton, WV. A funeral service to celebrate Jerry's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday June 12, 2026, at Seaver Funeral Home, with Pastor Erma Jean Hudgins officiating. Private entombment will be at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.



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Rebecca "Becky" Ruth (Hill) Aliff

Aug. 30, 1940 – May 26, 2026

Rebecca "Becky" Ruth (Hill) Aliff, of Salem, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Friendship Richfield Living Health Center at the age of 85.

She was born on August 30, 1940, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Pearisburg, Virginia, and was raised near Coulter's Chapel in Monroe County, West Virginia. Becky graduated from Peterstown High School and later attended Bluefield Business College. In 1958, she married Charles Henry Aliff and they were married for 48 years.

Becky began her professional career as a secretary/bookkeeper with the West Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Charleston, West Virginia. She later dedicated 30 years of service as an accountant and receptionist at a Holiday Inn in Salem, Virginia, prior to her retirement.

For many years, Becky and her husband, Charlie, brought joy to countless children in their roles as Mr. and Mrs. Claus, helping make Christmas seasons especially memorable for many families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Henry Aliff; her parents, Roy Clarence and Mary Ellen Maddy Hill; her brother, Glen Roy Hill (Katherine); her brother-in-laws Maurice Aliff (Joyce) and Glenn Stover; sister-in-



law Madeline Harvey (Paul) and several nieces and nephews.

Left to cherish Becky's memory are her siblings, William J. Hill and Martha A. Hill; her sisters-in-laws, Ruthanna Stover and Jeanne (Bobby) Martin; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She is also survived by a special great-great-nephew, Camden, as well as special friends, Wayne and Faith.

The family welcomes friends for a period of visitation on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home, in Salem. A memorial service will begin directly after, starting at 3:00pm in the funeral home chapel. In accordance with Becky's wishes, she will be buried beside her husband at Birchlawn Burial Park in Pearisburg, Virginia.

Special thanks go to Good Samaritan Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Good Samaritan, 4751 Cove Rd NW, Roanoke VA 24017.

Betty Joyce Bolen

Jun. 20, 2026

Betty Joyce Bolen, age 87, of Coal City, WV, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

uesenberry.net for service information.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
ROSEANDQUESENBERRY.NET

Mr. Dwight Lamont Calloway Coats

1955 – 2026

WINSTON SALEM — Mr. Dwight Lamont Calloway Coats, 70, formerly of Harlem Heights, WV, passed Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Visitation will be 2:00PM - 5:00PM Friday, June 19, 2026 AT A.R.Kelsey Memorial Chapel - Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home, 223 E Fisher St., Salisbury, NC 28144. Military Rites will begin at 5:30PM.



Submitted by Ritchie & Johnson Funeral Parlor, Beckley.

Ritchie & Johnson Funeral Parlor
RITCHIEANDJOHNSON.COM

Patrick Samuel Cannetti

Jun. 9, 2026

Patrick Samuel Cannetti, age 73, of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away on June 9, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

uesenberry.net for complete obituary.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
ROSEANDQUESENBERRY.NET

Mary Coley

Jun. 20, 2026

Mary Coley, age 69, of Beckley, WV, passed away Saturday June 20, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Willie Joe Chandler

Jan. 5, 1934 – Jun. 3, 2026

BECKLEY — Mr. Willie Joe Chandler was born on January 5, 1934, in Birmingham, Alabama, and he peacefully passed away on June 3, 2026, in Beckley, West Virginia.

A funeral service will take place for Willie on Friday June 12, 2026 at 1pm in the Melton Mortuary Chapel. The family will accept friends beginning at 12:00 Noon. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. To read his full



life story or to offer words of comfort please visit Willie's tribute page at www.meltonmortuary.com.

Melton Mortuary and Cremation Center
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Michael Anthony Dennis Jr.

Jun. 19, 2026

Michael Anthony Dennis Jr., age 43, of Crab Orchard, WV, passed away on June 19, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
ROSEANDQUESENBERRY.NET

Maxine Donell

Jun. 6, 2026

Maxine Donell, age 72, of Midway, WV, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026.

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Betty Eads

Jun. 11, 2026

Betty Eads, age 94, of Princeton, WV, formerly of Lashmeet and Camp Creek, WV, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2026.

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Frances Kesler Holcomb Holliday

Aug. 24, 1926 – Jun. 3, 2026

Frances Kesler Holcomb Holliday, 99, a former resident of Elkins, WV, and more recently a resident of North Haven, CT, departed this life Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford, CT.

She was born Tuesday, August 24, 1926, at Fayetteville, WV, a daughter of the late William Guy Kesler and Lillie Belle Argabright Kesler.

She was twice married. First, on August 31, 1946, at Hico, WV, to Clyde Holcomb, who preceded her in death July 2, 1948. Second, on March 10, 1950, at Witchita Falls, TX, to James Holliday, who preceded her in death, November 17, 1973.

Surviving are one son, Michael Eugene Holcomb and wife Katherine of North Haven, CT; six grandchildren, Kimberly Holcomb Reese, Michael Scott Holcomb, Natalie Sterbenz, Jennifer Doll, Marlena Pacapelli, and James Crichfield; eleven great grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are one son, Richard William Holcomb and two daughters, Linda Kaye Holliday, and Brenda Faye Holliday Bray.

She attended West Virginia Grade Schools and was a graduate of West Haven High School at West Haven



Connecticut with the Class of 1945.

She had worked as a Division Manager for Sears in Connecticut, as a Secretary for the Moose Club for 20 years and as Secretary for the Eagles Club for 10 years.

She was a member of the Lookout Baptist Church at Fayette County, WV, and was a Baptist by faith.

She was a member of the H. W. Daniels Post # 29, American Legion Auxiliary, the 8/40 American Legion Auxiliary, and the Aerie # 2344 Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

A Graveside Service will be conducted at 12:00 PM, Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Jennette Cemetery at Lookout, WV. Pastor Ann Fretwell will officiate and interment will follow.

The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Frances Kesler Holcomb Holliday.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Cheryl Lee Funk

Dec. 17, 1961 – Mar. 28, 2026

TALLMADGE, OH — Cheryl Lee Koons Funk, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 28, 2026, a welcoming place to be, free of the toil and confines of diabetes that she had lived with for a lifetime.

She was predeceased by: her parents, Robert Koons and Jennifer Koons; and her son Griffith Jordan Funk.

She is survived by her husband Gene Funk.

Please join us for a celebration of life for



Cheryl on June 20 at 11am, Fayetteville's Town Park, 125 Park Dr., Fayetteville, WV, Shelter 1,

Aline Baskins Epps

May 20, 2026

Mrs. Aline Baskins Epps, 96, passed on May 20, 2026, at Beckley Healthcare Center.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, June 12, 2026, at Saint Paul Baptist Temple, 129 F Street, Beckley, WV 25801. Viewing at 10:30 am, services to follow at 12 noon, with Pastor Walter M. Leach officiating. Entombment in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.



Arrangements entrusted to Durgan Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Nelson Reed Epperley Sr.

Mar. 24, 2026

Nelson Reed Epperley, Sr., lovingly known as Reed, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Robert England

Jun. 4, 2026

Robert England, age 66, of Beckley, WV, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

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Justice R. Fred Lewis

Dec. 14, 1947 – May 26, 2026

TALLAHASSEE -- R. Fred Lewis, former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, passed away on May 26, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family following complications from injuries sustained in a fall. He was 78 years old.

The life of Fred Lewis was a remarkable American story—one that began in the coal fields of southern West Virginia and carried him to the highest levels of Florida's legal system. Along the way, he became an accomplished athlete, scholar, soldier, lawyer, educator, mentor, husband, father, grandfather, and one of the most respected jurists in Florida history. Yet no matter how far his journey carried him, he never forgot where it began.

Born on December 14, 1947, in Beckley, West Virginia, to William Fred Lewis and Dorothy B. Clower Lewis, Fred grew up among the hardworking families of Appalachia. The values that would guide his life—hard work, perseverance, fairness, loyalty, humility, and respect for the dignity of every person—were forged there. He often reflected on the experiences of coal miners and their families, including the coal company stores and scrip system that shaped generations of Appalachian communities. Those stories were not simply family history; they were lessons about opportunity, justice, accountability, and human dignity that remained with him throughout his life.

At Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, Fred excelled in academics, athletics, and leadership. He served as student body president, earned statewide and national recognition as a scholar-athlete, and helped lead Beckley to a state basketball championship. A gifted point guard, he earned All-State and All-American honors and received the Pete George Memorial Award recognizing outstanding achievement as a scholar-athlete. In 2018, he was inducted into the West Virginia Sports Legends Hall of Fame.

Fred often spoke most fondly not about awards, but about

friendships. His teammates became lifelong friends and, in many respects, brothers. Those relationships endured throughout his life and reflected one of his defining qualities: loyalty to the people who shared his journey.

In 1965, a basketball scholarship brought Fred to Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Years later, he would joke that for a young man from the coal-mining hills of West Virginia, being invited to attend college in Florida “was like being asked to go to heaven.”

Florida Southern became one of the most important chapters of his life. There he excelled as a student-athlete and campus leader, playing both basketball and baseball while serving as president of his sophomore, junior, and senior classes. He graduated cum laude in 1969 and received some of the institution's highest honors, including selection as Florida Southern's Honor Walk Student and recognition through Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Besser-Lindsey Award. He was later inducted into the Florida Southern College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Most importantly, Florida Southern introduced him to Judy Munc.

Fred and Judy married in 1969 and built a partnership that would span more than fifty-seven years. Through every triumph, challenge, achievement, and disappointment, Judy remained his closest confidante, strongest supporter, and greatest blessing. Fred often acknowledged that none of his accomplishments would have been possible without her extraordinary love, sacrifice, and support.

The Lewis family also shared a special love for their home at Alligator Point. Some of Fred's happiest moments were spent there with family and friends, watching sunsets over the Gulf, cheering on the Hurricanes, sharing stories, and enjoying the people he loved most.

Fred's accomplishments earned him an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to attend the University of Miami School of Law. There

he graduated cum laude in 1972, finishing third in his law school class. He served on the University of Miami Law Review, competed in moot court, served as an officer in the Student Bar Association, and was inducted into Iron Arrow, the University's highest honor society.

His years at Miami also began a lifelong relationship with the University. He later returned to teach Florida Tort Law and remained one of the University's most enthusiastic supporters and devoted Hurricanes fans.

Following service as commander of the University of Miami ROTC Corps of Cadets, Fred attended the United States Army Adjutant General School, where he graduated first in his class and received the Order of World Wars Superior Achievement Honor.

The University of Miami years also brought friendships that would remain among the most important relationships of his adult life. During law school and the years that followed in private practice, Fred formed a close-knit circle of friends and colleagues whose companionship, support, and counsel enriched his life for decades.

While still a law student, Fred began working with legendary Miami appellate attorney Ed Perse. What started as a clerkship developed into one of the most influential relationships of his life. Perse became mentor, counselor, trusted advisor, and dear friend. Under Perse's guidance, Fred developed into one of Florida's most respected appellate lawyers and built a distinguished legal career characterized by integrity, preparation, professionalism, and exceptional advocacy.

Throughout his years in private practice, Fred devoted substantial time to service and pro bono work, particularly assisting families of children with disabilities and individuals facing serious illnesses. He also served on the Board of Directors of Miami Children's Hospital.

In December 1998, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed

Fred Lewis as the 78th Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. The appointment was historically significant because he was widely regarded as the first justice appointed directly from private practice rather than from the bench. It also became one of Governor Chiles' final official acts before his death.

The appointment marked the beginning of one of Fred and Judy's most treasured friendships. Through Governor Chiles and his administration, they developed a close relationship with Jen and Dan Stengle that would endure for decades and become one of the most meaningful friendships of their lives.

Over the next two decades, including service as Chief Justice from 2006 to 2008, Justice Lewis earned a reputation for intellectual rigor, fairness, independence, and humanity. He believed deeply that courts existed to serve people and that justice should never depend upon wealth, influence, status, or circumstance.

As Chief Justice, he championed initiatives designed to strengthen public confidence in the judicial system and expand access to justice. He directed a statewide effort to identify and eliminate barriers facing persons with disabilities in Florida courthouses, established Florida's first statewide diversity training program for judges, convened Florida's first all-branch summit addressing mental health issues within the justice system, and served for many years as liaison to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

He also poured countless hours into mentoring young lawyers and law clerks. Long after they left his chambers, he remained invested in their success, offering guidance, encouragement, and friendship throughout their careers.

Among all of his professional accomplishments, none brought him greater pride than Justice Teaching.

Fred believed that democracy depends upon informed citizens and that young people should understand the Constitution, the courts, and the

rule of law. Through Justice Teaching, he helped build a statewide civic education initiative connecting thousands of volunteer judges and lawyers with students and educators throughout Florida. Under his leadership, the program became one of the nation's most successful judicial outreach efforts and received the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education.

Following his retirement from the Court in 2019, Fred returned to Florida Southern College as Eminent Professor of Law and Letters. He taught undergraduate students, mentored future leaders, and continued sharing his passion for civic education, public service, and the Constitution. Justice Teaching ultimately found its permanent home at Florida Southern College through the Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning, ensuring that his vision would continue to serve future generations.

Throughout his career, Justice Lewis received numerous honors recognizing both professional achievement and public service, including Florida Citizen of the Year, Florida Jurist of the Year, and the William M. Hoeveler Judicial Award.

For all of his accomplishments, family remained the center of Fred's life.

He was especially devoted to his late daughter Lindsay. The experiences he and Judy shared in advocating for Lindsay throughout her life profoundly shaped their understanding of compassion, dignity, patience, and perseverance. Those who knew Fred best understood that many of the qualities that defined his service as a lawyer and justice were strengthened through his experiences as Lindsay's father.

He was equally proud of his daughter Elle and the life she built with her husband, Clarke Anderson. In his later years, few things brought him greater joy than spending time with his grandchildren, Ellison and Evans. He delighted in their accomplishments, encouraged their ambitions, and treasured



every opportunity to be present in their lives.

Though he became Chief Justice of Florida and earned countless professional honors, Fred Lewis never stopped being the young man from Beckley who believed in hard work, loyalty, friendship, education, opportunity, and service.

His legacy lives on in the judicial opinions he authored, the institutions he strengthened, the students he inspired, the lawyers he mentored, and the countless lives he touched through kindness, humility, generosity, and an unwavering belief in the dignity of every person.

Justice Lewis is survived by his beloved wife, Judy Lewis; daughter, Elle Anderson; son-in-law, Clarke Anderson; grandchildren, Ellison and Evans Anderson; and countless friends, former clerks, students, colleagues, educators, lawyers, and judges whose lives were enriched by his friendship, mentorship, wisdom, and example. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Fred Lewis and Dorothy B. Lewis, and by his cherished daughter, Lindsay Lewis.

Justice Lewis will lie in state in the Rotunda of the Florida Supreme Court on June 11, 2026, followed by a memorial service in the Florida Supreme Court courtroom on June 12, 2026.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the University of Miami School of Law or Florida Southern College.

Rocky Bevis and the staff of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the Lewis family with their arrangements.

Karen Lyn Mathis

Apr. 7, 1944 – May 26, 2026

CHARLESTON — With heavy but grateful hearts, we announce the passing of Karen Lyn Mathis (née Akers), on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

In her lifetime, Karen was distinguished by her devotional love to family. Her love for her grandchildren was magical and was visible in everything she did. She was the foundation of her family and an example of what we can all aspire to be. Her faith in the Lord leads us to cling to Him for comfort, in her absence, and know that we will be back together someday. Knowing that she is hugging her son Ronald Jr., once again, is the ultimate consolation.

Aside from family, Karen's other love was teaching. She held a bachelor's degree in education from Colorado State University and a master's degree in edu-

cation from West Virginia University. In Colorado, she taught Spanish but made a switch when she moved back to West Virginia in 1980. She became a kindergarten teacher at Berlin McKinney Elementary School, where she taught for 28 years. Her impact on tiny minds was significant, as she led with kindness and valued shaping children's educational futures. Encountering her former students while running errands in town was one of her favorite things.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents Eugene and Jeanne Akers, brother Dan Akers, as well as her only son, Ronald Mathis, Jr.

Karen is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Ronald Mathis. They shared a love that started out with a wink

at a football game, included quite a colorful story, and grew to include years of devotion to each other and their family.

Also left to cherish her memory are her daughter-in-law, Jennifer Mathis, and grandchildren, Christin Young (Adam), Kelsey Mathis (Tyus Wood), Trey Mathis (Rachel), and Zack Mathis (Katie). She was a proud great-grandma to Kalyn Diegert, Miles Young, Delaney Wood, Karter Wood, and Clayton Mathis. Karen is also survived by brothers Bill Akers (Sandy) and Mark Akers (Carla), as well as a host of close extended family, and friends.

A funeral mass will be held Monday, June 8, 2026, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in South Charleston, WV, at noon, with visitation



at 11 am. There will also be a celebration of Karen's life held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Stafford Family Funeral Home in Lynco, WV at 6 pm, with visitation two hours prior. Family may call at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Karen's honor to her favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, or to Catholic Charities West Virginia.

Roger Shrewsbury, age 83, of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away Friday, May 29, 2026.

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Claude Ray Tyree

May 21, 2026

Claude Ray Tyree, age 71, of Crab Orchard, WV, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

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Sabrina Dawn (Edwards) Wallace

Jun. 17, 2026

Sabrina Dawn (Edwards) Wallace, age 53, of Flat Top, WV, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 729 Flat Top Road, Shady Spring, WV

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Dreama Darlene Hensley

Jun. 4, 2026

Dreama Darlene Hensley, age 82, of Crab Orchard, WV, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2026.

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Lanette Dawn Huffman

Jun. 24, 2026

Lanette Dawn Huffman, age 55, of Mt. Holly, NC, formerly of Grandview, WV, passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

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Cathern Wilburn

Jun. 6, 2026

Cathern Wilburn of Crow, WV, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026.

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Mary Hall

Jun. 19, 2026

Mary Hall, age 82, of Daniels, WV, passed away Friday, June 19, 2026.

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Jean Eleanor Hambrick

Jun. 7, 2026

Jean Eleanor Hambrick, age 95, of Daniels, WV, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

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James Flint

Jun. 4, 2026

James Flint, age 86, of Stanaford, WV, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2026.

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C.T. McManamay

Jul. 13, 1936 – Jun. 19, 2026

Col. Charles Thomas "Tom" McManamay, U.S. Army (retired), of Princeton, KY, died peacefully surrounded by his family on June 19, 2026, following a short battle with mesothelioma. He was born on July 13, 1936, in Sprague, the eldest son of Lura and Frank McManamay.

One of seven siblings, Tom graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and was a West Virginia state champion wrestler. Along with his brothers Jimmy, Jerry and Paul, he was proud to have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 6 in Beckley.

While attending Beckley Junior College, Tom began his distinguished 37-year military career by joining the West Virginia Army National Guard in 1954. He commissioned as an officer when his Guard unit, the 150th Armoured Cavalry Regiment, was mobilized in 1961. He later integrated into the regular Army, where he commanded tank and armored cavalry units.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the National War College, in addition to several officer courses. He earned his bachelor's and MBA degrees at St. Mary's University, Texas, and Syracuse University and the Army Comptrollership Program, respectively.

During his career, he commanded both tank and armored cavalry

units up through the battalion level in the U.S. and while deployed in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with V device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

He retired in 1991 at the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Making Western Kentucky his home, he married Patsy (Conger) Griffith, and they spent 28 years together. He and Patsy were members of the Fairview United Methodist Church before they joined United Methodist Church in Kuttawa, where he taught Sunday school as a layman.

An active community member, he served on the board of the Eddyville-Kuttawa-Lyon County Planning and Zoning Commission and ran for judge executive in Lyon County.

A lifelong hunting and fishing enthusiast, Tom was a member and officer of the Funtimers Fishing Club in Kentucky.

He also served on the Fort Campbell Credit Union Board of Directors for many years, including as chairman. During his tenure, he and Patsy enjoyed traveling all over the country to attend meetings.

Tom prioritized spending time with family across generations. He loved sharing the things he enjoyed with others and spent many happy times boating, fishing and hunting with siblings, children, stepchildren and their families – often patiently teaching what he knew – and just being in the company of loved ones.

Tom and Pat became snowbirds later in life, spending winters at the Walden Shores community in Lake Wales, Florida, where he enjoyed catching the big fish and swapping big-fish stories with his buddies.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Paula McManamay of Greensboro, MD, and Carol (Lee) Yuill of Madison, AL; sons Ronald (Jennifer) McManamay of Fishersville, VA, and Craig (Marcia) McManamay of Bluffton, SC; stepdaughters Lana (Shannon) Greene of Eddyville, KY, and Laura (David) Carter of Kuttawa, KY; and stepson Bart (Stephanie) Griffith Jr. of Eddyville, KY.

He also is survived by his sister, Janet (Ray) Vandall of Madison Heights, VA; brother, Paul McManamay (Carolyn) of Beckley, WV; 11 grandchildren, Blake, Brooke, Brandon, Jack, Leann, Joey, Anna, Kalyn, Morgan, Sidney and Zackary; and 17 great-grandchildren with one more on the way.

He also is survived by



his former wife, Catherine "Kitty" Gregory McManamay of Kitty Hawk, NC, formerly of Welch and Beckley.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his sisters JoAnn Brick and Jean Hilbert; and brothers James "Jimmy" and Jerry McManamay.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with the Rev. Steve McVay officiating. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville with military honors.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Tom's memory to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, c/o Administrative Services Division, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

You may light a candle or leave a message for the family at www.lakelandchapel.com.

Warren Clifford Tedder

Nov. 18, 1938 – Jun. 8, 2026

BECKLEY — Warren Clifford Tedder, 87, went home to be with the Lord on June 8, 2026, in Beckley, WV. Born to his parents John and Margret Tedder on November 18, 1938, in Beeson, WV.

Warren was a devoted Christian and loved talking about God and wanted everyone to make it to heaven with him. He often enjoyed the power of prayer and hearing bible verses for encouragement and would love when his children and grandchildren would often pray with him. He loved spending time with his family and cherished every moment shared with them. He gave each of his family members their own nicknames. Warren enjoyed listening to bluegrass gospel music, singing "I'm glad I met the Man", tending to his garden was very important to him. He often cheered and kept score for the Cincinnati Reds and WVU Mountaineers. He was known for his strong work ethic and dedication, having worked on the Railroad in Gary, IN and, also as a coal miner, 28 years at Slab Fork Coal Company. He enjoyed riding down the road in his wheelchair talking with people and made sure not to forget his Beechnut "chewbacker." Warren was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, Warren was preceded in death by his



beloved wife Donna (Bun) Tedder, brothers John Tedder, Connard Tedder, and Roby Tedder, and sister Janet Neil. Those left to cherish his memory include his sisters Freda "Pete" Withey, Sharon "Chickie" Tedder (Sid), Reva "Squirt" Shrewsbury, and Janice "Blair" Tate (Howard), children Alicia "Wizel" Zaccheo (Jack), Lori "Poodle" Bostic (James), Darin "Shag" Tedder, Kenny "Stevenson" Tedder, and Mark "Pops" Tedder, grandchildren Lindsey Feathers (Michael), Joshua Tedder (Casey), Sarah Griffith (Bobby), Isaiah Zaccheo (Dadami), Danelle Caldwell (Greg), Wesley Bostic, Megan Woody, many great grandchildren who he dearly loved, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be Monday June 15, 2026, from 5pm to 8pm, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home in Beckley, WV. A funeral service officiated by Pastor Bill Balengee will be Tuesday June 16, 2026, at 1pm with visitation one hour prior.

Hester Mills

Jun. 25, 2026

Hester Mills, age 97, of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2026.

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vice details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quiesenberry Funeral Home, Shady Spring, WV.

Pauline Jean Widener

Feb. 5, 1941 – Jun. 22, 2026

BARBOURSVILLE — Pauline Jean Nogosky Widener, 85, of Barboursville, passed away June 22, 2026.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 7:30 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2026 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Huntington, with Father Martin Smay officiating. Graveside services will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley.

She was born February 5, 1941, in Elbert, WV, a daughter of the late Alex and Mary Ste-

fanski Nogosky. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Widener.

She is survived by niece, Amy Bradley (Michael), their son, Alec Bradley (Rachel) and their son, Owen; niece, Angela Cowger (Mark), their children, Keith Carter (Sabrina), Ryan Carter, and Joey Cowger; and nieces, Amy Rae Harrison, Diana Mosley, and Gail Orndorff.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.timeformemory.com/wallace.

Roxanna Williams

Jun. 8, 2026

Roxanna Williams, age 69, of Beckley, WV, passed away Monday, June 8, 2026.

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Eva Fern Windsor

Jun. 24, 2026

Eva Fern Windsor, age 90, of Lanark, WV, formerly of Harper Heights, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

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Sherri Ransom Salinas

Nov. 4, 1966 – Jun. 1, 2026

LEXINGTON — Sherri Ransom Salinas passed away on Monday, June 1, 2026. The funeral service will be Saturday at First Baptist Church W. 3rd Ave. Lexington. Arrangements are in the care of Roberts Funeral Service, Lexington www.robertsfuneral.com.



CLAYTON — Mrs. Zelma Lee Wright, 104, of Clayton, OH, formerly of Beckley, WV, passed Saturday, June 4, 2026 with family by her side.

Zelma was born on September 17, 1921, in Landgraff, WV. She lived in Beckley, WV, until moving to Dayton, OH, in 2020, due to her health, where her daughter and son-in-law, Hugo & Sharon Diggs took care of her.

Zelma was married to William Henry Wright on June 28, 1938. To this union, three children, Sharon C. Diggs (Hugo), Nina 'Jane' Cates, Ph.D. (Charles), and Dorothy L. Wright Jordon (Harrison) were born.

Zelma was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, William Henry Wright; daughter, Nina "Jane" Wright Gates; mother and stepfather, Nina Thompson Smith and Joseph "Joe" Smith; birth father, who passed when she was young, Cornelius Thompson,

and sisters, Faustina Tench, Bertha Hickman, Mildred Bailey, Barbara Jo Spencer, Benice Calloway, Stephanie Connors, and brother, C.V. Thompson,

Zelma, a 1938 graduate of Stratton High School, Beckley and its last surviving class alumnus, dedicated her life to nursing, education, faith, and community service. Beginning her career as an LPN, she later earned her registered nursing degree and advanced credentials as a nurse practitioner through studies at Case Western Reserve University, Wright State University, and West Virginia University. After 25 years of service at the Beckley Veterans Medical Center, she retired and continued her lifelong commitment to helping others through numerous civic, professional, and charitable organizations.

Zelma, a faithful member of First Baptist Church of North Beckley

since 1938, Zelma served in many leadership and ministry roles. She was also active with organizations including AARP, the American Cancer Society, the NAACP, the Red Cross, nursing associations, and local community groups. Recognized for her outstanding service and leadership, she was a member of the West Virginia Voter Hall of Fame, having voted in every election since age 21. Her life leaves a lasting legacy of service, dedication, and civic responsibility.

Zelma was survived by one brother, Kent Smith, two daughters, Dorothy L. Wright Jordon (Harrison Jordon), and Sharon C. Wright Diggs (Hugo Diggs); three beloved sons-in-law: Hugo Diggs, Charles Gates and Harrison Jordon; five grandchildren, David Diggs, Charles "Chuck" Gates, Jr., Michelle Jordon, Renee Jordon Jones, and Stephanie Gates; 12



great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 12:00PM Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Heart of God Ministries, 1703 S. Kanawha St., Beckley. Burial will follow in Greenwood Memorial Park, Beckley.

Friends may view and visit with the family one-hour prior.

Email condolences to ritchiejohnsonfuneralparlor@gmail.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Ritchie & Johnson Funeral Parlor, Beckley.

Gracie Lee Withrow

Sep. 22, 1940 – Jun. 22, 2026

GROVE CITY — Born in Scarbro, WV, on September 22, 1940 and passed away in Grove City, Ohio, on June 22, 2026 of natural causes.

She sang in a traveling gospel group for many years and then went to work at Walmart and retired from CVS. She also was a member of the Genoa Baptist Church in Galeana, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter Deborah Withrow, her parents Franklin and Neva Sul-

livan and siblings Marie Fitzpatrick, Margie Blake, Nancy Huffman, Amos Sullivan, Duff Sullivan and David Sul-

livan. She leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial will be held at High Lawn Cemetery in Oak Hill, WV, at a later date.

Donations can be made to Luminary Hospice in Columbus Ohio or to a charity of your choice.

James Lonnie Ransom

May 31, 2026

James Lonnie Ransom, age 99, of Daniels, WV, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Visit [www.roseandq](http://www.roseandquesenberry.net)

vice details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Nancy Virginia Risner

May 29, 2026

Nancy Virginia Risner, age 46, of Beckley, passed away on May 29, 2026.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held

at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beckley, WV, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 2pm.

Arrangements by Calfee Funeral Home.

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William Nease

William Scott Nease, 75, of Bridgeport, WV passed away unexpectedly on May 22, 2026. Scott was born on December 30, 1950 in Fairmont, WV. He was preceded in death by his parents, William

(Bill) Nease and Wilda Nease, and his brother, Charles (Chuck) Nease.

Scott graduated from Fairmont Senior High School, where he was a three-sport letterman, and he continued his academic and athletic careers at Fairmont State College (FSC). While at FSC, he was a four-year starter for the Falcons football team and wrestled for two years. He was also a member and officer of the TBI fraternity. After college, Scott was drafted and served with the United States Army at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Upon returning home, he attended West Virginia University to complete a master's degree. Scott was employed at several energy companies and upon his retirement, he was a superintendent at Chesapeake Energy.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Scott is survived by his wife Claudia, with whom he shared 50 wonderful years of marriage, his daughter Emily (Chad), his son Josh (Beth), his four beautiful grandchildren Corinne, Carter, Iris, and Lyle, his sister-in-law Linda, and niece Stacey.

Scott loved music, the mountains, and his friends. He had a great love for nature and being outdoors and he passed these passions on to his chil-

dren and grandchildren, greatly influencing how they see the world. His friendships were a cornerstone to his life, and he had many of them that lasted a lifetime. Through the years, he developed a love for travel and cherished the time spent with friends in new places all over the world. He led an active lifestyle, which included golfing with friends, hiking, and skiing.

To all who knew him, Scott was a genuine, thoughtful, and kind person. Throughout his life, he demonstrated integrity, strong work ethic, and compassion for others. He approached everyone with respect and did his best to understand perspectives other than his own. Through various roles, Scott served as a teacher and mentor who invested time into others. He will be remembered as a wonderful friend whose wisdom, sense of humor, and laughter made life better for those around him. His Christian faith guided all aspects of his life. Scott was an active member in his community and his church. Above all else, Scott enjoyed any and every moment he could spend with his family. Scott's legacy will be carried forward by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Friends will be received at Burnside Funeral Home, 607 S. Virginia Avenue, Bridgeport, on June 9 from 3PM - 6PM, and the service will follow at 6PM with Pastor Josh Rhodes presiding.

Those who wish to remember Scott in a special way may make gifts in his memory to The Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org) or the Mountaineer Food Bank (www.mountaineerfoodbank.org)

William Larry Arnett

William Larry Arnett, Sr. was born November 26, 1950 and died May 30, 2026 in Salem, Virginia from a short illness.

He is survived by his son, William Larry Arnett, Jr.; his brother, Garry and wife Emico Arnett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette Arnett; his mother and father, Josephine and William Lawrence Arnett.

He was born and raised in Fairmont, West Virginia

where he had many friends, specifically, Lionel W. Borne and Ray Starcher.

He was always willing to help anyone in need. He loved adventures and experiencing new places and things.

In 2006, he moved to Durbin, West Virginia and lived surrounded by his wife and her family. He loved his dogs and cats.

Larry will be sadly missed by his friends and family.

His celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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Garry Phil Cattafesta

Garry Phil Cattafesta, 75, of Fairmont, peacefully passed away at home surrounded by family on Sunday, June 14, 2026. He was born on October 15, 1950, a son to the late Augustine "Gustie" and Anna Virginia Squires Cattafesta.



He is survived by his children, Tammy Cattafesta Boyce and her husband Rusty, Chad Cattafesta and his wife Shannon, and Ryan Cattafesta. Garry is also survived by his grandchildren, Bailey and Dalton Boyce, and Ashley and Cole Cattafesta, along with his nephew, Jay T. Cattafesta, his nieces, Lisa and Tai Cattafesta.

In addition to his parents, Garry was preceded in death by his twin brother, Larry Bill Cattafesta, and his close friend, who was more like a brother, Dave Gibson.

Garry retired from Universal Container Corporation, Ferndale, Michigan with over 20 years of dedicated service as a plant manager. He was a proud 1968 graduate of East

Fairmont High School, where he excelled in football and baseball. He loved to share stories of the glory days from East Fairmont High School when he and his twin brother beat West Side. Garry was a passionate advocate for hunting and fishing. What he enjoyed most was spending time at his camp in Petersburg, WV with his close friends and family. He would spend the winters at his camp, from October to April, only to come back home in April to coach his grandsons in baseball.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. Family and friends will be received on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 from 2p.m. until 8p.m. and again on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 11a.m. until 12 noon. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday at 12 noon. A graveside service will follow at Grandview Memorial Gardens, Fairmont, WV. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com

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Ronald Lee Downs

Ronald Lee Downs, 97, of Fairmont, WV, passed away peacefully at home on June 6, 2026. He was born on September 2, 1928 in Fairmont, son of the late Hugh and Marion (Minnie) McNeil Downs.



He grew up in Farmington. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service as a Loadmaster. Throughout his military career he traveled the world, living in Iran, Japan and England. He served during WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After retiring from the military, he earned an Associate Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology. He was a master electrician and locksmith. He was a lifelong seeker of knowledge.

As a competitive athlete, he loved golf and belonged to Green Hills Country Club for many years. He enjoyed traveling and playing golf with a special group of friends. He had his private pilot's license. He also enjoyed archery, darts, fishing, boating, water skiing, playing guitar and singing.

He is survived by his wife, Debra, children: Rhonda(Steven) Cornelius of Atlanta, GA, Walter Downs of Charleston, SC, Donna(Joe)

Eelman of Charleston, SC, Paul(Charlynn) Ezell of Anderson, SC, Sherry Bazar of Honey Path, SC, grandchildren: Richard, Jonathan, Zachary, Tabitha, Kimberly, Walter Lee, Todd, Shawn Scott, Sabrina, Billy, Melissa Brandy and Joey and many great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Larry(Tanzy) Downs of Farmington, WV. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Jerry Downs, Don Downs, and sisters, Norma Jean(Sam) Sinisi and June Ann Pileggi.

Visitation for friends and family will be at Domico's Funeral Home, 414 Gaston Ave, Fairmont, Thursday, June 11th at 3pm-7pm and Friday, June 12th at 10am until the time of the service at 11am with Pastor David McCombs officiating. Interment and military honors will follow the service at Grandview Memorial Gardens.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Lora and Drew Prosko, the wonderful teams at Amedisys and Marion County Senior Center.

Memorial contributions may be donated in his memory to the Humane Society of Marion County...<https://thehsmc.org/> Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.domicofh.com.

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Helen Raspa

Helen Raspa, 99, of Fairmont, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in her home as a result of a stroke. She was born on February 1, 1927, the last surviving daughter of the late Carman and Carmella Manzo of Monongah.

Helen graduated from Monongah High School as Salutatorian of her class. She attended Fairmont State College where she met the love of her life and her future husband, Nick Raspa. They were married in 1950 while Helen was working as a long-distance telephone operator. They attended Assumption Catholic Church in Rivesville with their two children. Helen was involved with the lady's society of the church and joined her husband at various Lions Club activities until they moved to Fairmont in 1964.

They joined St. Anthony's Catholic Church and were involved in numerous church activities. Helen was one of the founding members of the St. Elizabeth Guild and took part in many dinners, bake sales, and fundraisers.

When the children were older and the Middletown Mall opened, Helen worked as a sales associate at Stone and Thomas.

At home, Helen hosted family dinners, neighborhood bridge games and visits with friends. She was a voracious reader and completed many ceramic projects for family and friends. She and Nick enjoyed going to the movies, traveling, dancing, square dancing, an occasional casino day, and visiting with family. Helen's late sisters lived in New Jersey and the family would visit them in the sum-

mer. They enjoyed going to the Jersey shore and spending time in New York City.

Helen was a twenty-five-year cancer survivor. In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of seventy-three years, Nick Raspa, her three sisters and their husbands and her two brothers and their wives as well as several cousins. Helen is survived by her two children, Kathryn Raspa of Fairmont and Dr. Robert Raspa and wife Jennifer, and their two sons Connan and Logan Raspa and wife Dr. Sarah Raspa all of Florida. She is also survived by several beloved nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews who were always kind to her, enjoyed her company, and praised her cooking and baking. She was known for her quiet charm and laughter.

In her later years, Helen had several caregivers who made her life comfortable with warmth and laughter and good food. The family would like to than Sara M., Michelle P., Angie J., and Ronda F., for their professionalism, attentiveness, and the joy they brought to Helen. During the final weeks of her life, Helen was under the hospice care of WV Caring. They made her final days comfortable.

The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Domico Funeral Home in Fairmont. Friends will be received on Friday, June 12, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Vigil Rites will be performed at 7:30 p.m. The Catholic Funeral Liturgy will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Romeo Bacalso, SVB as celebrant. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.domicofh.com.

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James "Jimmy" William Cyphers

James 'Jimmy' William Cyphers 78 of Fairmont, WV passed away Saturday May 23rd at the Tygart Center Fairmont.

Born May 28th 1947, the son of the late Gilbert Oden Cyphers and the late Joan Sylvia Mullens Cyphers. Jimmy was preceded in death by his brother Richard Alan Cyphers.

Jimmy was a US Navy vet-

eran whom served aboard the USS Boxer during the Vietnam Era. He later went to work for the Times West Virginian and drove cab 13 years for the Fairmont Cab Company.

Jimmy graciously donated himself to the WVU Human Gift Registry to help train the next generation of medical professionals.

Carol Sue Tucker

Carol Sue Tucker, aged 89, went home to be with The Lord on May 29th, 2026. She was born on April 3rd, 1937, at Ann's Run near Fairview, to Walter Irving Nine and Eliza Ellen Carpenter Nine.

She is survived by her beloved son Donnie Lee Tucker II of Fairmont, and her brothers Michael Nine of Fairview and Phillip Nine of Grant Town, and also numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers David, James, Joseph, and William, and her sisters Patricia Hurd and Peggy Clair.

She worked for many years

as a secretary for law firms in Fairmont, for 10 years for the State Police Fairmont Detachment, and for T & T Pump Company Inc.

Carol was a born-again Christian, professing Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and savior.

There will be no funeral home visitation. There will be graveside rites at Mt. Zion Cemetery on Friday, June 5th, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

Expressions of sympathy can be left for the family at carpenterandford.com

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Rose Marie Mezzanotte

Rose Marie Mezzanotte, 97, of Panama City Beach, FL, formerly of Fairmont, WV, passed away peacefully in her home on April 19, 2026. She was born in Monongah, WV, on January 8, 1929, the youngest

of ten children of Philomena and Daniel Colanero.

For most of her life, Rose was a devoted homemaker, and for a period of time she worked at the Owen's Illinois Glass Plant in Fairmont. Like her beloved father, she had a gift for conversation and could sit and talk for hours with family and friends.

Rose's love for sports began with playing and later coaching women's softball, but her greatest passion was football—especially West Virginia University and Notre Dame. She could happily watch football every day if it was on TV. She will be fondly remembered for celebrating Notre Dame touchdowns with her family

by sharing a small shot of whiskey while wearing her lucky ND t-shirt beneath a sweatshirt that read, "Game's On, Can't Talk."

Rose is preceded in death by her husband, Dave; her parents; and her siblings. She is survived by her children: Donna Mezzanotte of Santa Rosa Beach, FL; David Mezzanotte and wife Diana of Indianapolis, IN; Patricia Mezzanotte Craft of Winston, GA; and John Mezzanotte and wife Ashley of Atlanta, GA. Her grandchildren are Jessica Mezzanotte Sharpe, John Michael Mezzanotte, David James Mezzanotte, Michelle Mezzanotte Gasser, and Allie Grace Sperling. Her great-grandchildren are Chase and Blaise Sharpe, Tyler Mezzanotte, and his baby sister due in August, who will carry Rose as her middle name.

A Catholic Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Monongah on June 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.domicofh.com.

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In Loving Memory Of

Joseph Andrew Closson

June 5, 1989 - March 12, 2013

Happy 37th Birthday in Heaven!

We miss you every day.
Love, Dad, Mom & Kallin

John Marshall Riggs, Jr.

Mr. John Marshall Riggs Jr., age 90, a longtime resident of Bradford County, passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice in Gainesville on Friday, June 12, 2026. He was born on April 11, 1936, in Fairmont, West Virginia, to John M. and Nancy Ruth (Haught) Riggs, Sr. Prior to retirement he was the superintendent for Florida Gas in Brooker for many years.

In his free time, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, and tending to his garden. He was an avid sports fan and especially passionate about Gator football.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, James Riggs, Judith Gump, and Janie Kurtzweil.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving and devoted wife of 71 years Jane (Christie) Riggs of Starke; and their children John Riggs (Kimberly) of Worthington Springs, Christie Williams of Starke, and Penny Lamb (Steve) of Gainesville; and a host of grandchildren that lov-

ingly called him "Dad-Dad", including Joy Scott (Mark), Jay Williams (Jennifer), Joshua Williams (Crystal), John M. Riggs IV, Alexander Riggs, twins Benjamin Riggs and Michael Riggs (Bri), Rebecca Mings (Collin), and Kyle Lamb along with eleven great-grandchildren, and one more on the way.

Mr. Riggs lived a life marked by love, family, and dedication to his work. He was devoted to his family, many friends and had a special bond with the people he worked with at Florida Hydrocarbons.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home with funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Bobby Epps will officiate. Interment will follow at the Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

Judith Ann Sconish

Our sweet and beautiful mother, Judith Sconish, stepped into eternity to gaze upon the face of Jesus on June 11, 2026.

Judy was a woman of unwavering faith who spent her life pointing others toward the Lord. Her home was always filled with prayer, her lips with praise, and her heart with unconditional love. She loved her family fiercely and prayed over them daily. Though our hearts are heavy, we do not mourn as those who have no hope, because we know we will see her again in paradise.

She is survived by her lov-

ing family, including her children, Terry (Brian) King, Joey (Patrick) Frawley and Bryan (Lisa) Towns.

Grandma Judy leaves behind grandchildren, Amber (Matthew) Camp, Andrew King, Morgan, David and Dominic Ferrero, Jeremy Burr and Joshua Saizon, Avery and Bubby Towns, 6 great grandchildren, Ben, Abby and Charlie Camp, Kendal and Nate Mills.

She is preceded in death by a daughter, Frankie Warren, infant grandson Cooper Towns, her parents Gertrude Phillips and Perry Sconish, her brothers, Donald and Ronald Sconish.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Rosalie E. Straight

Rosalie Straight, 85, of Mannington, and formerly of Metz, WV passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at St.



Barbara's Memorial Nursing Home in Monongah. She was born May 31, 1941 in Metz, a daughter of the late Oakle and Georgia Ornduff Delaney.

Rosalie is survived by her children, Joseph H. Gilbert of Metz, Brenda L. (Paul) Amos of Metz and Jason (Cathy) Straight of Metz, seven grandchildren, Maralie (Daniel) Kuneff of Fairmont, Randi Gilbert of Fairmont, Josh Amos of Morgantown, Aaron (Sarah) Amos of Fairmont, Madison Straight of Parkersburg, Cadence Straight of Metz, Aubrey Straight of Metz, one brother, Kenneth (Linda) Delaney of Colorado, and three step-children, Linda Harker, Vickie Sigley and Steve Straight.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Straight, Jr., and five brothers, Delbert, Jack, Leo, Charles and William Arthur Delaney.

Rosalie grew up and spent most of her life in Metz, then moved to Mannington in her later years. She worked at Westinghouse (Phillips Lighting) with more than 30 years of service. She retired from Patton Cleaning Services, cleaning the Mollohan Building in Fairmont. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Mannington for more than 40 years. She enjoyed her gardening and flowers and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the Masters Funeral Home in Mannington on Thursday, June 18, 2026 from 2-7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Friday, June 19, 2026 at 1:00pm with Pastor Josh Carlisle officiating. Burial will follow at the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery.

Patricia Tekieli

Patricia "Patty" Ann Tekieli, age 90, passed away on June 23, 2026, at St. Barbara's Nursing Home in



Monongah, West Virginia. Born on July 14, 1935, in Rachel, West Virginia, she lived a life marked by devotion to her family, her faith, and the simple joys that brought her happiness.

She was the daughter of the late Joe Kose and the late Josephine Vingle Kose, and she was also the wife of the late Theodore Tekieli. Patty was also preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Kose. She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Haines (Mike); her sister, Carolyn Pasko; her brother, Nick Kose (Annette); her sister-in-law, Natalie Bush; her granddaughters, Leah Haines and Annalise Haines; and many nieces and nephews. Her family was the center of her world, and she treasured every moment spent with them.

Patty worked for many years as a factory worker for Westinghouse/Philips, where she was respected for her dedication and dependable work ethic. She approached her responsibilities with the same care and commitment that she brought to every part of her life. Her years of work reflected her strong character and her willingness to do what was needed for those she loved.

A woman of faith, Patty was Roman Catholic throughout her life. In her youth, Patty attended St. Patrick Catholic Church, and later in life she at-

tended St. John University Parish until her health no longer allowed her to do so. Her faith was an important part of who she was, and it provided her with comfort and guidance through the years. She carried her beliefs with quiet devotion and lived in a way that reflected her values.

Patty also enjoyed the many small pleasures that made life meaningful. She loved cheering on WVU Football and the Kansas City Chiefs, and she followed them with enthusiasm and loyalty. She enjoyed watching Dancing with the Stars and her favorite entertainment news shows, finding enjoyment in the familiar and the entertaining. Above all else, she loved spending time with her family and friends, and those moments were the ones she cherished most deeply.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Patty's memory to Pet Helpers 726 East Park Ave. PMB 311 Fairmont, WV 26554.

Friends may gather at McCulla Funeral Home, 770 Fairmont Rd. Morgantown, WV 26501 on Friday, June 26 from 4pm until the rosary service begins at 7:30pm to conclude visitation. Visitation will continue again at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 204 Furbee Ave, Mannington, WV 26582, on Saturday, June 27 from 10am until the 11am Mass of Christian Burial with Father Abraham Schariah as celebrant. Burial will follow at Viewpoint Cemetery in Rachel, WV. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.McCulla.com



Robert "Buck" Harry Thompson



away at his home on Thursday, June 18, 2026. He was born on September 16, 1930, the son of the late Harry

Robert "Buck" Harry Thompson, 95, of Fairmont, surrounded by family, peacefully passed away at his home on Thursday, June 18, 2026. He was born on September 16, 1930, the son of the late Harry Dale and Mabel Cain Thompson. In addition to his parents, Buck was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy Lee Smith Thompson.

He is survived by his children, Mark Thompson and his fiancé Kathie Forman of Morgantown, Lynn Talbert of Fairmont, Marsha Thompson and her friend Brenda Hedges of Frederick, Maryland, and Janet Floyd and her husband Brian of Fairmont. Buck is also survived by his grandchildren, Alex Thompson and his fiancé Brittany Dunbar of Rockledge, Florida, Zachary Thompson of Richmond, Virginia, Ryan and his wife Lauren Talbert of Fairmont, Morgan Talbert and his partner Valerie Castro of Fairmont, Molly Talbert and her partner Brian Wireback of Fairmont, Michael Floyd of Fairmont, Hannah Demyon and her husband Cole of Fairmont, and Andrew Floyd of Fairmont, his great-grandchildren, Killian, Finley, and Petra Talbert. Buck is also survived by his nephews, Earl McConnell, Jr. and his wife Martha and their daughter Kate Lake and her husband Matt of Georgia, Patrick McConnell of Fairmont, and Buck's close companion, Martha Hall of Fairmont.

In addition to his parents and wife, Buck was preceded in death by his sister, Millee McConnell and her husband Earl Sr.

After proudly serving his country in the U.S. Army, Buck was the owner and president of W.S. Thomas Transfer, Inc. and was a longtime member and trustee at Central United Methodist Church in Fairmont. He was a proud East Fairmont High School graduate with the class of 1949 and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration

from Fairmont State College in 1953. Buck was generous with his time and was involved in several organizations throughout life including: Jaycees President, Elks Lodge member, past president of the Rotary Club, former president of the Fairmont State Alumni Association, Fairmont General Hospital Board president, City National Bank Chairman, past president of the WV Motor Truck Association, and officer of the American Trucking Association, past president of the North Central Regional Airport, and served on the board for the Union Mission.

Buck was a devoted friend, respected entrepreneur, dedicated community leader, semi-professional tennis player, a skillful pilot, a fierce competitor, a trusted father figure, a gentle grandchildren's dentist, pickleball champion, playful Papa and Gramps, perfect patriarch, and an inspiring father.

Memorial donations may be made in Buck's memory to Central United Methodist Church at 301 Fairmont Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554, or Greater Love Family Outreach Ministries, 200 Frederick Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to his extraordinary caregivers for their dedication and compassion, and sincere appreciation to WVU Medicine Hospice for their guidance and support.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. Family and friends will be received in the funeral home on Sunday, June 21, 2026 from 1p.m. until 7p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday, June 22, 2026 at Central United Methodist Church, 301 Fairmont Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554, from 10a.m. until 11a.m. A funeral service will be held for Buck at Central UMC on Monday at 11a.m. with Reverend Brad Bennett and Reverend Junius Lewis officiating. A graveside service of committal will follow at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Fairmont. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fordfuneral-homes.com



Clarence Howe Woodford

Clarence Howe Woodford II, 85, of Fairmont, WV, passed away on Sunday May 31, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born on December 29, 1940, in Lost Creek, WV. He was the son of the late Clarence



H. and Constance Louise (Mitchell) Woodford. Clarence was a loving husband of 52 years to Linda Arline (Davis) Woodford.

Clarence graduated from Lost Creek High School and continued his education at West Virginia University. He was an electrical engineer at Eimco Mining Company, but he enjoyed working on cars, tractors, guns and reading. He was a Golden Eagle with the NRA. And he loved spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons Clarence Woodford III and his wife Tafflon, Brian Woodford and his wife Sherry, six grandchildren Justine Pride, Zachery Woodford, Josh Woodford, Jordan Woodford, Nathanael Woodford and Caleb Woodford, five great grandchildren Thomas Pride, Haley Pride, Jayde Woodford, Jessa Woodford and Loralai Woodford and one sister Constance Ferguson.

Family and friends can gather at Carpenter & Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, on Friday June 5, 2026, from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm and Saturday June 6, 2026, from 10:00 am until the time of the service at 11:00 am. A burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in West Milford.

Memories and condolences can be left for the family at www.carpenterandford.com



John Paul Wallman

John Paul Wallman, Sr., known affectionately to many as "Jack," passed away on May 6, 2026, at the Doctor Jay Weil Center for Hospice Care in New Port Richey, Florida after a courageous battle with melanoma cancer. He was 88 years old.

Born on May 10, 1937, in Fairmont, West Virginia, to the late Lawrence A. Wallman, Sr. and Louise Heim Wallman. He attended Fairmont State College, where he served as President of the Student Council in 1958 and was a proud member of the TBI Fraternity. Following his education, Jack honorably served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1961 and continued his commitment to his country through the Army Reserve until 1965.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother,

Lawrence A. Wallman, Jr., sister in law, Carol Wallman and brother in law, Michael Pauley. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dwillis Gwan Wallman; his sons, John Paul Wallman, Jr. (wife, Deb) and Mark Allen Wallman; and his daughter, Mary Louise Wallman; grandsons, Drew Wallman, Lance Wallman, and Silas Stutzel; great granddaughters, Ella Wallman, and Cora Wallman; and great grandson, Freddie Wallman; and his sister in law, Ann Pauley.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on May 30, 2026 by Father Joseph Mary and Father David, Benedictine Monks at the Saint Leo Abbey in Saint Leo, Florida. Burial followed on June 1, 2026 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.



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