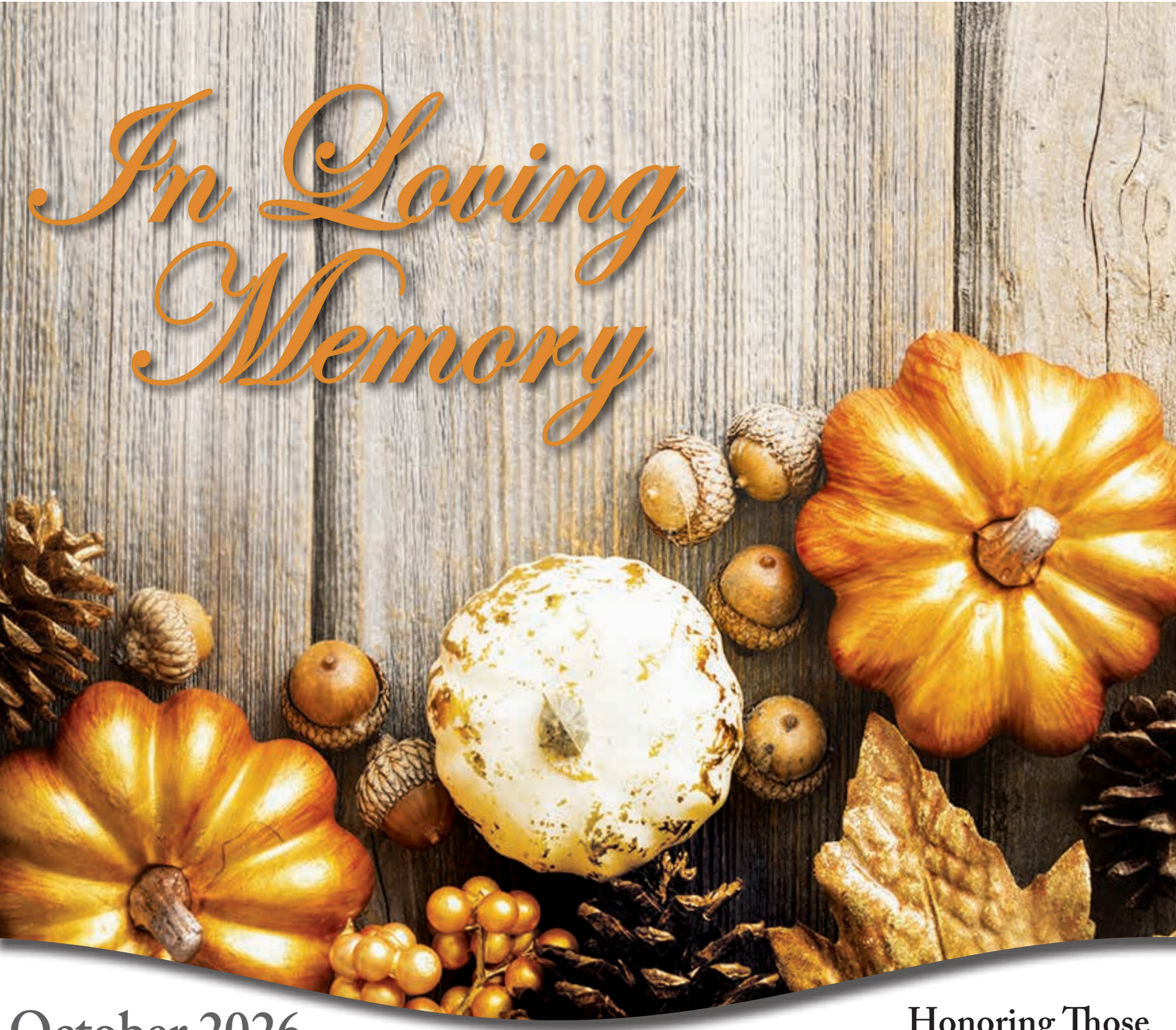


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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

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Jack Allen Browning

Sep. 16, 2026



Jack Browning, 82, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at home surrounded by his family.

He left behind a lifetime of memories and love for family.

Jack was a proud son, brother, husband, father and especially a proud grandfather. He served his country in the United States Navy and was a dedicated veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Mary Browning and Wilma and Seibert Stephens and his brother, Jim.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; his sons: Jeff (Sara) of Roanoke, VA and Jay (Deana) of Greenville, SC; his special gifts from the universe--his grandchildren: Bailey Browning and Gunnar Browning; siblings: Carol White of Bluefield, VA and Gerald Browning of North Tazewell, VA.

Our hearts are broken, but our bonds will remain forever.

May you rest in peace.

No formal memorial is planned.

Dudley Memorial Mortuary
DUDLEYMEMORIAL.COM

Thelma Elisabeth Comerose

Mar. 19, 1928 – Sep. 14, 2026

Thelma Elizabeth Comerose, 98, of Princeton, died Monday, September 14, 2026.

Born March 19, 1928 in Crystal, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Severt and Myrtle Smith Severt.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie Comerose; one son, Freddie Leo Comerose; three brothers, Clarence Severt, Stuart Severt and Edward Severt; and four sisters, Wanda Wilburn, Jettie Akers, Elaine Cox and Shirley Gardner.

Survivors include four children, Carolyn Cromer of Princeton, Patrick Comerose of Rock, Terio Comerose and wife Lisa of Daleville, VA and Carmen Routhert and husband John of Roanoke, VA; and two brothers, Everett Severt and wife Brenda and Arthur Severt all of Sandlick.

There will no services at the funeral home. Private burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

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

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
BAILEY-KIRK.COM

Douglas MacArthur Carty

Jun. 18, 1942 – Sep. 20, 2026



BASTIAN — Douglas MacArthur (Mac) Carty, 84, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2026. Born on June 18, 1942, in Castlewood, Virginia, he was the son of the late Asa and Hazel Carty.

On August 12, 1967, Mac married the love of his life, Billy Jean Walters Carty. Together they built a life centered on family, community, and service, sharing 59 wonderful years of marriage.

Mac dedicated his professional career to education, shaping the lives of countless students as a teacher across Tazewell, Bland, and Washington counties. Beyond the classroom, he was deeply committed to the well-being of his neighbors, serving as a charter member of the Bland County Medical Clinic and playing a pivotal role in establishing healthcare services within the county. Following his retirement from teaching, Mac returned to his roots on the family farm, where he took great pride in raising purebred Charolais cattle under the name DMC Charolais.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, William J. Carty and Lowell Carty.

In addition to his beloved wife, Billy Jean, Mac is survived by his two daughters, Sherry Margaret Carty Vetere (Pete) and Sandra Jean Carty Kim (Arnold); his four cherished grandchildren, Gabe Vetere, Eva Vetere, Penelope Kim, and Oliver Kim; his sister, Loretta Carty; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Mac Carty to the American International Junior Charolais Foundation (AIJCF); 11700 NW Plaza Circle; Kansas City, MO 64153, or at the following website: https://charolaisusa.com/american-international-junior-charolais-foundation-give/ Donations will be used to establish a memorial scholarship in Mac's name for Junior Charolais members.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at the Bland Funeral Chapel. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 PM at Bland Funeral Chapel with Rev Alan Ashworth officiating. Interment will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Bastian, Virginia.

Highland Bland Funeral Chapel, Bland, VA is serving the Carty family.

Shirley Ann Fletcher

Sep. 11, 1933 – Sep. 11, 2026



Shirley Ann Fletcher, 93, passed peacefully in her sleep, Friday, September 11th, 2026, at her home in Princeton.

Born July 10, 1933, in Hiawatha WV, she was the daughter of the late Gordon and Nancy Grose Taylor.

She loved to talk about how much she loved and cherished her family. She was Girl Scout leader as well as assisting her husband with starting the girls' softball team in Kopperston WV. She loved to garden, cook, and sing. She also volunteered for many years at Colonial Floral in Princeton.

She was a member of the Toneda Baptist Church in Kopperston, WV.

In addition to her mother and father she was proceeded in death by her husband Everett "Snook" Fletcher; brothers David Taylor, Carl Taylor, Billy Taylor, Leonard Taylor, and Bobby Taylor; sisters Laura Jane "Betty" Joseph, Eunice Cline, Edna Rogers, and Grandson James Everett "Jamie" Mink.

Survivors include her two children Nancy Young and life partner Paul Eden of Middleburg VA. Calvin Fletcher and his husband Fred Browning of Princeton WV. Granddaughter Christie Adkins and her husband Jason of Suffolk VA. Grandson Justin Browning of Princeton WV. Great granddaughter Maddie Mink Kohler and husband Benjamin of Virginia Beach VA and Jayce Adkins of Suffolk VA.

Mrs. Fletcher resided with her son Calvin in Princeton WV.

She is also survived by two sister's Jettie Burkett and Patty Thomason and her husband Marshall and one brother Owen Taylor and wife Letha. She was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin Browning, Eathen Blankenship, Kevin Davis, Levi Davis, Brian Clisso, and Kevin Browning.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Ryan Meadows officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton, WV. Friends may visit with the family Wednesday from Noon until the service hour.

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

Memorial Funeral Directory
MEMORIALFD.COM

Gilbert Walker Clifton

Dec. 29, 1947 – Sep. 6, 2026



Gilbert Walker Clifton, known lovingly as Gil, 78, of Versailles KY, died September 6, 2026.

He was born December 29, 1947, in Princeton, WV, to James William "Bill" Clifton and Darcus Swim Clifton.

Gil is survived by his beloved wife, Vickie Phillips Clifton, with whom he shared 57 wonderful years of marriage; his sons, Chadwick "Chad" Clifton and his wife, Christy, and Barry Clifton; his grandchildren, Carley Clifton, Ian Clifton, Ethan Rice and Jonah Rice; his niece, Cheryl Clifton Thompson of Titusville, Florida; his sister-in-law, Sylvia Clifton of Newport News, Virginia; and his wife's sisters and their families: Diana and Emerson Okes of Princeton, West Virginia; Doris and Wayne Thomas of Roanoke, Virginia; Debby and Don Richardson of Avon Park, Florida; Dreama Phillips Swecker of Princeton, West Virginia; and Darla Phillips Boone of Salem, Virginia.

In addition to his parents, Gil was preceded in death by his brother, James Melvin "Pete" Clifton; his nephew, James William "Bill" Clifton; and his great-nephew, James William Clifton III, known as "Billy."

Gil proudly served his country in the United States Air Force with the 2063rd Communications Squadron (AFCS). He completed his Bachelor's degree in engineering at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia. He then built a long and distinguished career in aviation as a supervising air traffic controller in the Blue Grass Airport control tower, employed by the Federal Aviation Administration. After retiring from the FAA, he spent six years as a substitute teacher in Woodford County Schools.

Gil loved his family deeply and believed in giving back. For 34 years he mentored others through "Friends of Bill W.," touching countless lives with his guidance, friendship, and encouragement. He also devoted many years to the Boy Scouts, where he earned his Wood Badge, Scouting's highest recognition for adult leader training.

He was an avid collector as well, especially of memorabilia from his beloved West Virginia. He will be remembered just as fondly for his hearty laugh and his sense of humor.

A faithful member of Versailles United Methodist Church, Gil treasured his faith and his church family. He was also a former member of The Gideons International.

Gil leaves behind a lifetime of cherished memories and the many lives he made better along the way.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Gil's memory to Versailles United Methodist Church or Bluegrass Care Navigators (formerly Hospice of the Bluegrass).

Funeral Services was held at 10:30 am Friday, September 11, 2026, at Versailles United Methodist Church.. Military Burial was held at Camp Nelson National Cemetery on Friday September 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

Friends and family are encouraged to leave messages of condolence and share memories here on Gil's tribute page www.blackburnandward.com

Michele Kay Lotito

Jun. 13, 1949 – Aug. 17, 2026



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michele Kay Lotito on August 17, 2026, at the age of 77, in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Kay was born on June 13, 1949, in Bluefield, West Virginia, to Nick and Nina (nee Jessee) Lotito.

Kay was a graduate of Pocahontas High School, attended Radford College then transferred to Concord University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

Kay taught in Mercer County Schools for 33 years and retired as an English teacher at Princeton Junior High School. Kay resided in Princeton, West Virginia for many years before her move to Hendersonville, NC in 2025.

Kay was an avid golfer for many years and a co-instructor of aerobics. Kay loved the music of Cher, Madonna, Lorrie Morgan, Tina Turner, Jimmy Buffet and proudly referred to herself as a "Swiftie". She loved going to many live concerts with friends over the years. Kay also loved cross-stitch, puzzles and spending time at the beach.

Kay was a warrior, having battled melanoma for over 13 years. She never gave up hope and was an inspiration to all of us who knew her. We will miss her smile, the sound of her laugh and her quick wit and humor. Her love, kindness and generosity will always be with us. Your friends and family will hold you in their hearts. You will be missed forever.

Kay was predeceased by her parents, Nick and Nina.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm at 149 Borage Avenue in Princeton, WV.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mercer County Animal Shelter, 961 Shelter Rd., Princeton, WV 24739, or to the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) by visiting https://melanoma.org or by sending a donation to Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 719329, Philadelphia, PA 19171.

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Jean Ball Nash

Aug. 27, 2026



Jean Ball Nash 97, of Wolcott CT, formerly of Athens, passed away Thursday, August 27, 2026, at The Pines of Bristol.

She was the daughter of the late Fred Ball & Willie Steel Ball.

Jean and her husband moved to Connecticut in 1953 and eventually settled in Wolcott in 1964.

She loved her flowers, jigsaw puzzles, and activities at the Wolcott Senior Center.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her devoted husband Aubrey Roscoe Nash and a son Michael W. Nash.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Edward Nash & David Allen Nash both of Bristol, two daughters, Robin Terry Nash of Wolcott NS and Karen Nash Mirkin & husband Scott of PA. Grandson, Harrison Ross Mirkin.

Friends may visit from 11:00 A.M. until Noon, Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton. A committal service will follow in Athens Cemetery.

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

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Howard Benjamin "Ben" Faulkner Jr.

Sep. 11, 2026



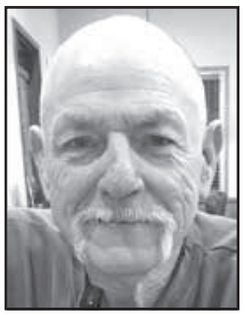
Howard Benjamin "Ben" Faulkner, Jr., PE, 88, of Spotsylvania, VA, passed away Friday, September 11, 2026, in Culpeper, VA.

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

Seaver Funeral Home & Cremation Services
SEAVERFUNERALSERVICE.COM

James Roy Norton

Aug. 25, 1941 – Aug. 27, 2026



WELLSTON — James Roy Norton, 85, of Wellston, Michigan, died on Thursday, August 27, 2026, following a short illness.

He was preceded in death by his son, James Byron Norton, 46; his grandson, Cody Hull, age 33; 3 brothers; 7 sisters; his parents, Mary Anna (Wood) Norton and William Norton of West Virginia.

James is survived by wife, E. Jean (Wingate) Norton, for more than 66 years, also of Wellston, his two grandsons, Christopher James Norton, Benjamin Mikel Norton, one sister, Gloria Anita Rhoads of Ohio, and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

James was a star football player at Welch High School, Welch, West Virginia. He was a Commander of the VA Post in Byron, Michigan, and a Volunteer Fire Fighter in Wellston, Michigan, for many years.

James was a Sargent in the USArmy and was a Sharpshooter in Vietnam. He also took lessons and was a light aircraft pilot.

A celebration of life will be held in his honor on Tuesday Sept 1 at Matahka in Irons Michigan from 2-6 pm.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the American Diabetes Association in his honor.



Lacy "Joe" Robinette Jr.

Oct. 29, 1938 - Sept. 20, 2026



Lacy "Joe" Robinette, Jr, 87, of Cullodon, passed away Sunday, September 20, 2026.

Born October 29, 1938, in Berwind, he was the son of the late Lacy and Myrtle Brewster Robinette.

He was a graduate of Big Creek High School as well as Bluefield State College. He attended Methodist Seminary in Washington D.C. He enlisted in United States Air Force in 1956 and retired in 1976 with two tours in Vietnam.

Joe was a Methodist minister for 40 years, having pastored many churches in West Virginia and a charge in Oakland, Maryland.

He was a trustee at Glenwood Park Retirement Village. He also served as Kiwanis President.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Lee Robinette.

Those left to cherish her memory include his wife of 48 years, Penny Robinette; children, Matthew Robinette of Culloden, Megan Kurek and husband Matt of Pittsburgh, PA, Karen Darrow and husband Jim of St Charles, MO, Dale Joseph Robinette and wife Lisa of Enon, OH, and Kim Carroll of Fairborn, OH; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a niece; and several nephews.

Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Virginia, with Stan Wikle, officiating.

Family and friends attending the graveside service are asked to meet at the cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, 3100 Staunton Rd., Huntington, WV 25702.

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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Alesha Raye Settles

Nov. 21, 1973 – Sep. 13, 2026



Alesha Raye Settles, 52, of Princeton, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2026 after fighting a very courageous battle with cancer.

Born November 21, 1973, in Princeton, she was the daughter of Larry and Darla Wood Montgomery.

Alesha was a homemaker and an Avon Representative. She liked all types of music and spending time at Bluestone Lake. Her family was her greatest treasure.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She gladly participated in her children's activities as well as those of her nephews and niece. She enjoyed all things family. She was known for her cooking and love of celebrations.

In addition to her parents, those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Maurice Settles of Princeton; sons, Shawn Settles and wife Laura of Wytheville, and Brett Settles of Princeton; granddaughters, Evelyn and Natalie Settles, both of Wytheville; sister, Michelle Proffitt and husband Terry of Princeton; nephews, Austin and Nicholas Proffitt; niece, Kayla Gibson; and many other extended family and dear friends.

Funeral Service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Dyer and Pastor Blake Bivens, officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluefield.

The family will receive visitors from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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James "Jim" Randolph Turpin Sr.



James "Jim" Randolph Turpin Sr., 92, of Princeton, died September 18, 2026.

Full obituary & services can be viewed at www.memorilfd.com

The Turpin Family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation Center on Athens Road in Princeton.

Memorial Funeral Directory
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Kermit Owen Adkins

Jun. 8, 1952 – Sep. 22, 2026



BECKLEY — Kermit (Joe) Owen Adkins II, 74, of Beckley, WV, passed away on September 22, 2026. Born to his late parents, Kermit and Wanda Berry Adkins on June 8, 1952, in Beckley, WV.

Joe was a loving man who had a great sense of humor. He loved animals and enjoyed their company very much. He had many interests and enjoyed the simple things in life. He loved guns and knives, cars, camping, and just spending time outdoors with his family. He also loved to watch gameshows anytime he had the chance. He was also a proud member of UMWA #1330. Joe was a hardworking man who loved his family. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Joe was proceeded in death by his stepmom, Malina Adkins, stepdad, John W Harvey, Jr, sister, Patsy Adkins Coleman, grandmother, Maude Berry, aunt and uncle, Emogene and Buster Pryor, special nephew, Lyle D Richmond, II, and very special extended family members, John and Lorena Brooks.

Those left to cherish Joe's memory include his loving wife, Cathy Adkins, sons Kristopher Owen Adkins (Angela Harper Adkins) and Justin Matthew Adkins, granddaughter, Presley Adkins (his baby girl), bonus daughter, Angela Dawn Semenske, bonus grandchildren, Madalynn Semenske, Emma Semenske, Riley Jarrett, and Mason Jarrett.

Also left to cherish Joe's memory, lifelong friend, Johnna Adkins, special niece, Laura Richmond Genter (Charles), special nephew, Landon Manning (Kim), niece, Kaitlyn Brooks, nephew, Nick Brooks (Lauren), and great-niece, Caroline Genter.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Laelas Hope Cat Rescue/Debbie Miller.

Connie Sue Carter

Aug. 29, 2026

Connie Sue Carter, 83, of Blue Jay, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Amorita Michelle Barringer

Sep. 9, 2026



Ms Amorita Michelle Barringer, 56, formerly of Beckley, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2026.

Funeral Services will be Friday, September 18, 2026, at Durgan Funeral Chapel, at 1:00 PM.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Memorial Garden, Beckley.

Arrangements Entrusted to Durgan Funeral Services.

Durgan Funeral Home
DURGANFUNERAL.WEEBLY.COM

Naomi Bias

Sep. 24, 2026

Naomi Bias, age 95, of Germantown, Tennessee, formerly of Beckley, WV, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Russell Delano Bolen Jr.

Sep. 14, 2026

Russell Delano Bolen, Jr., age 69, of Glen White, WV, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Anna Gray

Sep. 3, 2026

Anna Gray, age 93, of Crab Orchard, WV, passed away Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Joseph Eddie Blankenship

Apr. 7, 1941 – Sep. 7, 2026

Joseph Eddie Blankenship, died at home, on September 7, 2026, at the age of 85 years old. In the eternal and amazing Grace of Jesus Christ, Eddie is reunited with his Mom and Dad and other beloved family and friends in Heaven.

Eddie was born on April 7, 1941, the eldest child of parents Ed and Elsie.

Eddie was a kind, soft-spoken and gentle man with a warm smile who loved his family deeply and treated all he met with respect and caring. He had a sharp mind and was always engaged with the world around him. He loved sports: especially golf, the Cleveland Guardians and Cleveland Browns, and his West Virginia Mountaineers.

Eddie married Mettie Cole in 1962 after they were introduced to each other by his best friend Robert Johnston and Mettie's sister Easter Cole. Eddie and Mettie enjoyed 64 loving years of marriage in which they kept a safe, warm and loving home, raised four happy and healthy children who continue to make them proud. They hosted countless Thanksgivings, Christmases, and family celebrations. Their home was often filled with the laughter and the chaos of grandchildren and great grandchildren, followed by the peace and coziness of a nap on the couch while watching baseball.

Eddie was a member of Coal City Free Will Baptist Church, where he was proud to have been saved more than 20 years ago. He was a graduate of Stoco High School, where he played football and baseball and ran track. He served in the United States Air Force as an operating room technician before working as an underground coal miner and then as a nurse's assistant and EKG technician at the Beckley VA Hospital. After years of hard-work he retired to spend the rest of his life being Dad and Popaw.

He was Dad to Michael Blankenship (Erika), Kevin Blankenship (Stephanie), Traci Morris, (Charles), and Joey Blankenship, (Brooke). He was Popaw to Tara, Justin, Chelsea, Jerrica, Sydney, Dakota, Nathan, Jacob, Jaycie, Madison, Shelby, Kyle, Grace, Matthew, and Ethan. He was Popaw B to his 13 Great Grandchildren. All are left to treasure his memory together.

Also left to cherish his memory are his brothers Jackie and Johnny, sister Benita, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in law, and many other beloved family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 2 PM at the Amos E. Quesenberry Peace Chapel of Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV, with Rev. Charlie Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Blue Ridge Memorial



Gardens, Prosperity, WV. Friends may visit with the family from 1 PM until service time on Friday at the funeral home.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

"What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive." - Arnold Palmer

Private online condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be directed to the family via our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home

George "Tom" Thomas Carico

Apr. 11, 1937 – Sep. 20, 2026



WEST ALEXADRIA, OHIO - George "Tom" Thomas Carico, age 89, of West Alexandria, Ohio, died on September 20, 2026. Tom was born on April 11, 1937, in West Alexandria, to the late George and Cora (Winkelman) Carico.

Tom attended West Alexandria schools. He worked for many years in sawmills, building pallets and retired from Tolson Pallet. Tom enjoyed anything involving farming. He had a love for Guernsey cattle and loved to write stories. He was a member of Community Christian Church.

Tom is survived by his sisters, Ruth Ann Carico and Janet (Carico) Fritts; nieces, Beverly (Hamm) Messer, Tracy (Fritts) Sexton, Lori Fritts; nephews, Troy Carico, Randy Fritts, Chad Carico and John Raybourne; many cousins and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by sisters, Joyce (Carico) Parker, Judy (Carico) Raybourne; brother, Stanley "Butch" Carico; and nephew, Tim Hamm.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Community Christian Church, 11 Dorsey Akers Rd, West Alexandria, Ohio 45381. A funeral service will follow immediately after with Pastor Mark May and Pastor Elbert Sorrell officiating. Burial will be at Preble Memory Gardens, West Alexandria, Ohio.

Flowers may be delivered to the church on Tuesday between 9 - 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the church in Tom's honor. Donation envelopes will be available at the church. For additional information and to view Tom's online obituary, please visit www.churchfuneralsdirect.com.

James Steven Bradford

Sep. 19, 2026

James Steven Bradford, age 76, of Beckley, WV, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Tom Cochran

Sep. 9, 2026

Tom Cochran, age 86, of Kingsland, GA, formerly of Daniels, WV, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Virginia Marie Cozart

Sep. 24, 2026

Virginia Marie Cozart, age 79, of Arnett, WV, passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Eunice Gunnoe

Aug. 29, 2026

Eunice Gunnoe, age 92, of Bolt, WV, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Phillip Henderson Bostic

Mar. 10, 1941 – Sep. 21, 2026

WHITE SULPHUR Springs — Phillip Henderson Bostic, 85, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2026, at Lewis Gale Hospital surrounded by family. He was born in White Sulphur Springs, WV on March 10, 1941. He was the son of the late Joseph Henderson Bostic and Edith Mae Burdette Bostic.

In addition to his parents, Phillip was preceded in death by three siblings, Patricia Ann Bostic Baker, Joseph Millard Bostic and Tommy Randolph Bostic.

Phillip H. Bostic's life was a testament to dedication, service, and an unwavering commitment to his family, community, and fellow workers.

Through military service, professional excellence, union leadership, and family values, he has left an indelible mark on his community and the labor movement. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1966 before beginning a nearly 40-year career at The Greenbrier Hotel in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Department.

A lifelong advocate for working people, Phillip joined his local union in 1967 and was honored with a Gold Card in 2017 recognizing 50 years of membership. In 1979, he was elected Business Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer of the Laborers' Union Local 1182 at The Greenbrier, a role he held for more than four decades, he continued to serve as Staff Representative for Local 1353.

Throughout his career, he served on numerous boards and councils, including the West Virginia AFL-CIO Advisory Board, the West Virginia Laborers' District Council, WV United Health System, and the Region 1 Workforce Board. Phillip was recently inducted into the Southwestern District Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Hall of Fame for his outstanding dedication and service. At the time of his passing, he was serving as President of the Southeastern Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.



Phillip is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Janice L. Dolan Bostic; three children, Katherine Bostic Slater; Phillip "Wayne" Bostic and companion Geneva Highlander; Peter Bostic and his wife, Kelly Bostic; seven grandchildren, Olivia Slater-Kameya and her husband Martin Kameya, Samuel Slater and his partner Marti'n Villanueva Luna, Patrick Bostic, Josie Bostic, Mable Bostic, Henderson Bostic and Kara Bostic; one sister, Fredon "Cookie" Williamson; special cousin, Carol Polk and eldest nephew Johnny Bostic and Greg Scott. In addition to the list above, there are numerous other surviving nieces, nephews, cousins, so many friends and loved ones.

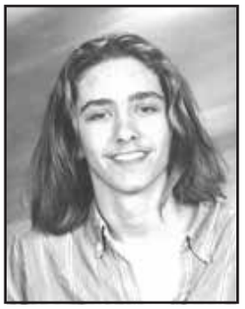
The Family would like to thank the Staff of Alleghany Regional Hospital and its Hospice Care Team.

The celebration of Phillip's life will be held Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 6:00pm, the Family will receive friends and loved ones from 3-6pm Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs. There will be a Family Burial Service at a later date.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Seth Christian Andis Smith

Oct. 26, 1975 – Sep. 6, 2026



Seth Christian Andis Smith, born October 26, 1975, passed away from a five-year battle with colon cancer on September 6, 2026, at Bowers Hospice House.

Seth was the son of Paul L. and Patricia S. (Patti) Smith of Beckley.

He is survived by his parents, his brother Tobiaz (Toby) Smith of Redwood, CA; daughters, Madeline Grayce Smith and Alice Olivia Smith of Morgantown, WV. He is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. All who knew loved him.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Kenneth W. Andis of Bristol, VA and Betty L. Burks Andis of Welch, WV; his paternal grandparents, former Governor Hulett C. Smith and Mary Alice Tieche Smith of Beckley, WV.

Per Seth's wishes he will be cremated and a celebration of his life at a later date.

The family wishes to extend their love and gratitude to the nurses at Bowers Hospice House, Mrs. Tammy and Mrs. Zondra who made his last days as peaceful and comfortable as possible.

The family wants to thank Pastor Sam Peterson, friend and neighbor who helped Seth through his last days on earth.

Rest in peace our beautiful boy - Mom and Dad.

Calfee Funeral Home
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Harlie Elkins

Sep. 10, 2026

Harlie Elkins, age 77, of Beckley, WV, passed away Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Charles Feldhake

Aug. 30, 2026

Charles Feldhake, age 75, of Beaver, WV, passed away Sunday, August 30, 2026.

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

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Charles Hunt

Sep. 9, 2026

Charles Hunt, age 77, of Daniels, WV, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

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

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Harlie Melvin Elkins

Sep. 10, 2026

Harlie Melvin Elkins, age 77, of Beckley, WV, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for complete obituary information.

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

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Michelle Alane Fox-Ferrell

Aug. 29, 2026

Michelle Alane Fox-Ferrell, age 73, of Ansted, WV, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Arnold Meadows

Sep. 23, 2026

Arnold Meadows, age 83, of Beaver, WV, passed away Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

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

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Dr. Charles (Charlie) Michael Feldhake

Jul. 14, 1951 – Aug. 29, 2026



Dr. Charles (Charlie) Michael Feldhake, 75, of Beaver, WV, passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

He was born on July 14, 1951, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Betty Cady Feldhake and Charles Joseph Feldhake.

Charlie earned his Bachelor's degree in physics from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1974, his Master's degree in soil science from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO in 1979, and his Ph.D. in environmental biophysics from CSU in 1981.

He began his professional career in 1981 as a research scientist for the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Beaver, focusing on agroforestry and forage ecology, and retired in 2012.

He served as a member of the Board of Directors for The Association for Temperate Agroforestry (AFTA) from 2007 to 2012, and as an Associate Editor for the scientific journal Agroforestry Systems from 2008 to 2011.

Charlie can be remembered as a runner; a basketball, volleyball, baseball, and ice hockey player; a bicyclist; a dance gypsy; and a hiker. He climbed to the top of Long's Peak, Colorado (elev. 14,256 feet) three times. He was a turtle enthusiast, keeping turtles as pets and collecting turtle figurines. Charlie was an avid reader of mysteries, novels, and non-fiction.

When he took his job, Charlie made a conscious decision not to let his work with the federal government become his life. As a result, many of his greatest accomplishments came outside the realm of his professional career. He served six years on the board of directors of the WV Environmental Council and occasionally lobbied the WV State Legislature for ten years. He was appointed by Governor Gaston Caperton to the Public Energy Authority. He served five years on the board of directors of The Place, a center serving families of teens at risk with behavioral problems, including three years as board president. He served three years on the board of directors of the Beckley Child Care Center, a home for teens at risk; three years on the Little Beaver State Park Foundation Board; and two years on the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Theater Arts Center board of directors. For eleven years, Charlie wrote a monthly column for The Register-Herald, Beckley's newspaper, on environmental and other local issues.

Charlie initiated the movement to convert an abandoned rail line into what became the Beckley Rail Trail and served on an advisory board during its construction. He also initiated movements that successfully blocked the placement of a large nuclear waste storage facility in southern West Virginia, and a large landfill for out-of-state waste – the site of which is now home to the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Robin; his son, Luke; his daughter, Rachel; his sisters, Mary Beth Ryan and Cathy Meyer (Denny), both of Cincinnati; his brothers, Gerry Feldhake of Dallas and Dave Feldhake of Cincinnati; and several nieces.

At his request, his body will be cremated. A memorial gathering is being planned for a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy (www.wvhighlands.org) or the Piney Creek Watershed Association (www.pineycreekwatershed.org).

Private online condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be directed to the family via our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Jackie Lee Horrocks

Mar. 12, 1943 – Sep. 1, 2026



Jackie Lee Horrocks, age 83, of Fayetteville, passed away on September 1, 2026, at Raleigh General Hospital.

Born in Beckley, WV, on March 12, 1943, he was a son of the late Thomas Horrocks and Anna Shuff Horrocks.

A graduate of Morris Harvey College, Jackie devoted many years to serving the children of Fayette County as an educator and principal of East End, Beckwith, and Minden Elementary Schools. He served as the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 179 and led a group to Philmont Scout Ranch, a high adventure base in New Mexico.

Mr. Horrocks was a long-time member of Fayetteville Baptist Church. He also served his country as a member of the West Virginia National Guard, 150th Cavalry Regiment.

He is survived by his loving children: Shelia Maynus, Michael Horrocks, and Brian (Debbie) Horrocks; his cherished grandsons: Gary Tiller, David Tiller, Jack Horrocks, Joe Horrocks, and Joshua Horrocks; as well as his beloved great-grandsons, Edwin Tiller and Riley Tiller. Jackie is also survived by his brother, Ray G. (Sue) Horrocks.

Jackie was preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Mary Sue Horrocks in 2019.

Funeral services for Jackie Horrocks will be held on Saturday September 5, 2026, at Fayetteville Baptist Church, Fayetteville, at 1:00pm conducted by the Rev. Ron George and the Rev. Rick Watson. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Burial will follow at Huse Memorial Park, Fayetteville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fayetteville Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 104 Ankrom St., Fayetteville, WV 25840.

Condolences for the family may be left online at www.NRGFuneralService.com

New River Gorge Funeral Service, 350 W. Maple Ave., Fayetteville, WV

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Donna Kay McBride

Jun. 17, 1945 – Sep. 21, 2026

Donna Kay McBride, 81, of Prosperity, West Virginia, passed away Monday, September 21st, 2026, at Bowers Hospice House, surrounded by her loving family.

Donna was born June 17th, 1945, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 25th, 2026, at Calfee Funeral Home in Beckley, West Virginia.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 26th, 2026, at Calfee Funeral Home in Beckley.

Calfee Funeral Home
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William Emory Nessmith

Sep. 14, 2026

William Emory Nessmith, age 94, of Atlanta Georgia, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for complete obituary information.

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

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Sandra Worrell

Aug. 29, 2026

Sandra Worrell, age 83, of Daniels, WV, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2026.

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

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Anna Luzader Gray

Oct. 5, 1932 –Sept. 3, 2026



Anna Luzader Gray, born October 5, 1932, in Glenville, West Virginia, lived a long and eventful life marked by family, service, and a genuine commitment to her community.

At the age of 17, Anna married Don Gray in Charleston, West Virginia. Don's career with the J.C. Penney Company took the couple from Charleston to Massachusetts, Beckley, Morgantown, and eventually Rhode Island. Together, they built a life filled with family, travel, and many lasting friendships. Following retirement, Anna and Don returned to Beckley in 1988 to be near their daughter and family.

Anna became a familiar and active volunteer in the Beckley community. At Raleigh General Hospital, she contributed more than 8,300 hours of volunteer service. She was also a dedicated blood donor, giving more than 11 gallons of blood through the American Red Cross during her lifetime.

For many years, Anna served as secretary for several community organizations, including Friends of the Library, the Raleigh County Historical Society, the Beckley Art Group, and Wildwood Cemetery. She quietly supported other projects and causes as well, some of which her family learned about only after her passing.

Anna was a longtime member of First Baptist Church. Those who knew her will remember a gracious and generous woman who was always stylish and looking her best–and who was easily recognized around Beckley behind the wheel of her red Thunderbird.

While Anna gave generously of her time to her community, her greatest devotion was always to her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family will remember her life, her example, and the many ways she cared for them throughout the years.

A memorial service celebrating Anna's life will be held at First Baptist Church of Beckley, on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., with the memorial service beginning at 2:00 p.m., officiated by the Reverend Doc Adkins.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Anna Gray Family Fund at Beckley Area Foundation or to Bowers Hospice House, in honor of the compassionate care provided to Anna during her peaceful final days.

Private online condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be directed to our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV.

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Phyllis Pennington

Sep. 8, 2026

Phyllis Pennington, age 76, of Beaver, WV, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Dolores Natalie (Gonzalez) Powers

Sep. 20, 2026

Dolores Natalie (Gonzalez) Powers, age 91, of Crab Orchard, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 20, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Ernest Wayne Polk

Sep. 19, 2026

Ernest Wayne Polk, age 71, of Surveyor, WV, passed away Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Lewis Radford

Aug. 31, 2026

Lewis Radford, age 75, of Shady Spring, WV, passed away Monday, August 31, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Sandra Kirk

Dec. 26, 1960 – Sep. 1, 2026



On Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, at 7:00pm, the golden hour sun set upon Sandra Jean Kirk, for the final time on this side of Heaven at The Bower's Hospice House in Prosperity, WV.

Sandy was born on December 26th, 1960, in the community of Big Q on Backus Mtn, WV.

We welcome you to join us at Sandy's Celebration of Life on Saturday Sept. 12th, at Melton Mortuary Funeral Home, with family 11-12 pm, friends 12-1 pm, followed by a service at 1pm. Sandy's cremains will then be interred at the Harrah Cemetery on her beloved Backus Mountain.

In honor of Sandy, please hug a little tighter, love a little harder, never pass up a chance to laugh or choose kindness, and always go on the adventure.

For Sandy's full story please visit meltonmortuary.com.

Roena Mae Piercy

Jan. 14, 1949 – Aug. 29, 2026



Roena Mae Piercy, 77, of Lewisburg, passed away on August 29, 2026, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

She was born January 14, 1949, in Ronceverte and was the daughter of the late Alfred and Nellie Lewis Long.

Roena was a member of the Ronceverte Church of God and was a retired civilian worker for the U. S. Navy.

She is survived by her husband Cecil E. Piercy; son Timothy Hinkle of Lewisburg; grandchildren Shawn Vincent Hinkle and Kayden Matthew Hinkle; sister, Bonnie Petree (Noel) of Clements, MD.; brothers, Alfred Long II (Karen) of Renick, WV., and Ronnie Long of Front Royal, VA.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday September 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Bob Daniels officiating, interment will follow at the Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville.

The family will receive family and friends on Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Cheryl Murray Lilly

Sep. 11, 1945 – Sep. 12, 2026



Mr. Cheryl Murray Lilly, age 81, of Mount Airy, North Carolina, passed away peacefully September 12, 2026 at his home.

Cheryl was born September 11, 1945, in Cool Ridge, West Virgina, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Josephus "Joe" and Pemel Hutchins Lilly.

Cheryl retired from the Cuyahoga Valley Railway in Cleveland, Ohio, after a career of 35 years, working his way up to a respected supervisor.

Cheryl is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Mrs. Gearlene (Carr) Lilly. He is also survived by two daughters, Tabitha Hernandez (Al), of Mount Airy, and BeLinda Stillwagon (and the late Michael Stillwagon Sr.) of Lowgap; six grandchildren Michael (Amy), Jeremy, Michael Jr (Jill), Sean, Brenden, and Adrianna (Kel); two great-grandchildren, Colton and Amara; sister Dremma Smith (Jackie); brothers Lloyd Keith (Barbara) of Cool Ridge and Jeff Lilly of Cool Ridge; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Shelby Dolleen Bennett of Shady Spring, Wilma Jean Heishman (Spencer) of Timberville, Virginia, and brother Barry Lilly (Mary) of Cool Ridge.

Cheryl grew up in Cool Ridge, West Virginia, and when he was 22 he married his high school sweetheart and they moved to Cleveland, Ohio looking for work. He got a job at the railroad and retired 35 years later.

He loved the Carolinas and dreamed of building a log cabin home. He was a man of all trades, he brought that dream to life by finishing the interior. He took pride in making the banisters from trees on the property. As a fan of the Andy Griffith Show, he chose to retire to the peaceful area where the show was set.

Two of his most favorite things were genealogy since the 90's and drives on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Other hobbies were gardening, side by side riding on his property and in the mountains of WV. He loved photographing mail pouch barns and covered bridges. He photographed all the covered bridges in various states. He was a member of the Covered Bridge Society.

He loved music, classic country, bluegrass, gospel, and the Gaithers were his favorites. He loved his family, and his two dogs Trace and Angel. He will forever be in our hearts and missed dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Moody Funeral Service in Mount Airy, with Dr. Jonathan Casstevens and Reverend Jeffery McDowell officiating. No formal visitation is scheduled at this time.

Online condolences may be made at: www.moodyfuneralservices.com

Shirley Ann Lilly

May 27, 1936 – Sep. 11, 2026



HALIFAX — Shirley Ann Lilly of Halifax, went peacefully to be with the Lord on Friday, September 11, 2026 at the age of 90. She was surrounded by her loving husband of 71 years and her devoted children.

Shirley was born on May 27, 1936 at Itmann, West Virginia to Rev. Ora and Effie Sargent.

Shirley enjoyed reminiscing about her childhood and often told stories of her amazing childhood growing up in Killarney, WV with her two sisters, Gaye and Imogene and her wonderful parents. She attended Stoco High School, Coal City, WV where she was a member of the girls' basketball team for four years and co-captain her senior year. She was a typist for the high school yearbook, Princess in the May Court, President of the Try-Hi-Y club, and Editor of the school newspaper. She was in the National Honor Society for two years. She graduated high school as Senior Class Secretary and the class Salutatorian in 1955.

Shirley met the love of her life, Arnold R. Lilly in high school and they married on September 10, 1955. His Air Force career took them to many places, and they enjoyed living in Tampa, Fla; Charleston, South Carolina; Hahn Air Force Base in Germany; Wichita, KS; Forestville, MD; Beckley, WV; and White Plains, MD for 47 years before moving to Halifax County in 2022.

Besides being a devoted wife and mom to Debbie, Patty, and Eddie, Shirley worked outside the home. Her proficiency in shorthand and typing helped her obtain her first job working in the office at her uncle's oil company in Ashland, KY. She was a purchasing agent at JC Penney for 11 years. She was admissions coordinator at Meridian Nursing Home, LaPlata, MD and Maryland Veteran's Home, Charlotte Hall, MD for a total of 10 years. She was the store manager of Good Ole Boys Racing Collectible Store for 13 years. She retired in 2007.

Shirley enjoyed making crafts and writing poetry. She and Arnie enjoyed attending Lilly Family Reunions, Redskins games and University of Maryland Women's Basketball games together.

She loved coffee ice cream, but her favorite was butter pecan. She enjoyed cup of coffee in the morning and sitting on her porch and talking to her sister, Gaye, on the phone. She loved riding in the car, and the destination did not matter. She loved Hallmark movies and watching cooking shows on TV. She always remembered the birthday and anniversary of family and friends and loved sending and receiving greeting cards.

Family was always the most important thing in the world to her, not only the heritage of her ancestors, but her husband, children, five grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. She loved to be surrounded by family and cooking for them, especially making watergate salad for any occasion.

She was devoted to her husband, Arnie, for 71 years and loved their life together. Although petite and short in stature, Shirley's perseverance and strength are an enduring example for her family.

Shirley is survived by: husband Arnold Rowe Lilly; daughters Deborah Kaye Bychowski and husband Jim; Patricia L. Davis and husband, Tim; and son Edward A. Lilly; grandchildren: Matthew Bychowski and wife, Hannah; Christine Laffoon and husband, Daniel; Mark Bychowski and wife, Megan; Jenny Jones and husband, Adam; Brad Davis and wife Lauren. Her 12 great grandchildren: Carter Jones, Harper Jones, Elijah Laffoon, Micah Laffoon, Jack Laffoon, Marty Laffoon, Benjamin Bychowski, IsaacBychowski, Lucas Bychowski, Keegan Davis, Kehler Davis, and Jordan Davis. Brother in Law: Larry Lilly; sister Virginia Gaye McKinney and husband, Randall. She is also survived by many loved nieces and nephews.

A service of remembrance will be held at 2:00 Monday, September 21, 2026 in the chapel at Brooks Lyon Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 1:00.

In lieu of flowers please consider giving to Amedisys Hospice of Blackstone, 920 S. Main Street, Suites C & D, Blackstone, VA 23824.

Arrangements provided by Brooks Lyon Funeral and Cremation Services, 115 Main Street, South Boston, VA.

Richard K. "Rick" Shrewsbury

Aug. 30, 2026

Richard K. "Rick" Shrewsbury, age 80, of Grandview, WV, passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Michael Herron

Sep. 22, 2026

Michael Herron, age 56, of Dorothy, WV, passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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William Harold VanGilder



Our Hearts are broken even more on September 9, 2026, when the Patriarch, William Harold VanGilder (84) left us to reunited with the love of his life Adaline Marie VanGilder who he was married to for 63 years. He had battled several medical conditions, but most of all a broken heart for many months. He was surrounded by his loving family and left peacefully to join Mom and many other family and friends.

Dad was born on November 9, 1941 in Fairmont, WV to the late Jacob M. VanGilder and Reeva. Brown. Dad was a true Mountaineer, he loved West Virginia. He is survived by his son William (Lisa) and daughters Cathy (Earl), Dawn, and Shelia (Herbie). He loved his 9 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren. Dad loved family get togethers. His brothers Gene (Pam), Ronnie (Mary Ellen) and his sister Mary (Ralph). His brother-in-law Omer Woods (Lucy). He is preceded in death by his loving wife Adaline and his son-in-law Billy Joe Bower. His parents Jacob and Reeva. His brothers Paul, Kenneth, Larry (Punk). His sisters Rose, Patty and Betty Lou, also many nieces, nephews and friends.

He never met a stranger, He always helped his family, friends and neighbors. The phrase "he would give the shirt off his back" was his life example. He taught us that we were to try to help anyone who needed it. Our Dad was the greatest example of how a man is to take care of his family. He worked hard for over 30 years at GM, member of UAW 435. Was a member of Maryland National Guard. Dad also was a troop leader for the Boy Scouts and a coach for Elkton Little League. Dad loved to fish, go crabbing, go hunting and mowing. He also loved to work on vehicles; He always had a project at his barn.

Graveside service will be held 1 PM, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at Cherry Hill Methodist Cemetery, Elkton, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Ruth Ann Burns



Ruth Ann Burns (88) of Fairmont passed away peacefully at Pleasant Acres Christian Haven on Monday, September 28, 2026. She was born on July 29, 1938, in Fairview, WV. She was the daughter of the late John H. and Lorraine Henderson Burns.

Ruth Ann was a faithful member of Oakwood Road Church of Christ. She graduated from Fairview High School, Fairmont State College (University), and West Virginia University. Ruth Ann spent her career as an educator. She started her teaching career in Annapolis, Maryland and Long Island, New York. The majority of her career was as an Assistant Professor of Accounting for 35 years at Fairmont State College (University). She also maintained a private accounting business for many years.

Ruth Ann is survived by her aunt Ann Henderson of Maryland, cousins Pam Washenitz (Frank), and Nancy Lawler (Charlie), of Fairmont; Brenda Lloyd (Allen), Elaine McHenry (Gary), and Alan Henderson (Ellen) of Fairview; Doug Henderson of Texas; and nephew Douglas Henderson of Alabama and their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by special cousins who called her "Aunt Ruthie," Patrick Lawler, Ryan Lawler (Alison), Alexander Lawler, and Mackenzie Lawler.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her aunts and uncles William J. Burns (Doris W. Eager), Mary Lois Retton (Sam), Albert (Bud) Henderson (Betty), and Danny Henderson and his son Geoffrey Henderson.

The family has entrusted the arrangements to Ross Funeral Home. Friends will be received on Thursday, October 1, from noon to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The funeral service will be held in the funeral home on October 2 at 11:00 a.m. with Evangelist Brent Gallagher officiating. A service of committal will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Donations may be made to the Oakwood Church of Christ, 1 Oakwood Road, Fairmont, WV 26554, the Fairview Church of Christ, 18 Darrah Lane, Fairview, WV 26570 or the Alzheimer's Association of West Virginia, 1601 2nd Avenue, Charleston, WV 25387 or www.alz.org/wv.

Condolences sent to www.rossfh.com.

Ross
Funeral Home

Tammy Marie Geldbaugh



Tammy Geldbaugh, 66, passed away peacefully at her home after a long illness. Born on November 15, 1959, in Fairmont, West Virginia, she was the beloved daughter of Emily Geldbaugh and the late Larry "Dick" Geldbaugh.Tammy was a graduate of Fairmont Senior High School and later attended Fairmont State College. Widely known for her pleasant, fun, and vibrant personality, she brought joy to everyone around her. She was a fervent admirer of Elvis Presley and Donny Osmond, finding great happiness in their music throughout her life. An avid animal lover, Tammy had a special fondness for cats and lovingly took in many "fur babies" over the years. She was preceded in death by her dear father, Larry "Dick" Geldbaugh, and her longtime friend and partner, Charles M. Moss.

Tammy leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory, including her mother, Emily Geldbaugh of Land O'Lakes, FL; and her three brothers, Richard Geldbaugh of Fairmont, WV, James Geldbaugh of Land O'Lakes, FL, and Timothy Geldbaugh of Zephyrhills, FL. Also survived by 3 nieces and 2 nephews, 2 great-nieces and 2 great-nephews

A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery, 335 Maple Avenue.

Barbara Benson (formerly King)



Barbara Benson (formerly King), 80, passed away peacefully on August 22, 2026, in Lebanon, Tennessee, lovingly cared for in her final days by her grandson, Jimmey King. Born on November 14, 1945, she was a native of West Virginia and a longtime resident of Benwood and Marion County before relocating to Tennessee.

Barbara brought warmth, laughter, and an easygoing spirit wherever she went. She had a lively passion for bingo, friendly card games, and online puzzles, and she loved filling her home with good music. Above all, she treasured every moment spent surrounded by the family and friends who meant the world to her.

Barbara's memory will be cherished by her surviving family, including her brother, Samuel (Nancy) Benson; her children, Ed King, Tim (Kim) King, Scott King, and Cindy (Tim) Willie; her grandchildren, including Jimmey King, Bobbie (Don Martin) Willie, Dustin (Chassity) King, Holly Montgomery, Tony (Jamie) Evans, Teylor (Rachel) Evans, and Timothy (Audrey) Evans, along with several other cherished grandchildren; as well as many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Eva Benson; her sisters, Flo Harding and Joann Layman; her brother, Buck Benson; her sister-in-law, Nancy Benson; her companion, William Matheny; her grandson, Jamie King; her niece, Linda Layman; her nephews, Cecil and Howard Layman; and her beloved dog, Annie.

In accordance with her wishes, Barbara was cremated and no immediate services will be held. She will be laid to rest alongside family in West Virginia at a later date.

Thomas "Tom" Bruce Henderson



Thomas "Tom" Bruce Henderson, 70, of Bingamon Community, passed away suddenly on September 12, 2026.

Tom was the 2nd son and 5th child of the late Glenn Henderson and the late Martha Ann Ellison Henderson. He attended Monongah Baptist Church.

Tom is survived by daughter, Loran Lowdermilk and her husband Chris and their children: Eden and Owen Lowdermilk. His special joy was the experience of being an engaged and active dad to Loran and Pappy to Eden and Owen. Although, he generously credits Loran's greatest attributes to his late wife, Barbara.

Tom is also survived by daughter, Danielle Jones (Ronnie), his first born, whose accepting and generous nature allowed them to enjoy a special relationship as adults.

Tom is also survived by siblings, his favorite brother, Johnny Henderson; Sharon Husty (Joe), favorite sister, Charlotte Layman (Curt), Marsha Hudkins, Glenna Henderson, and Dee Ella Wallace and their children. He was predeceased by his youngest sister, Kathy Henderson.

Tom was a brick mason and his DNA crossed 3 generations, beginning with his dad, Glenn Henderson and Uncle Guy, then Johnny, Tom and favorite cousin Alan Henderson and then favorite nephew, Tom. In the 1970s and 80s, Hendersons or folks who married into the Hendersons or family friends - all old enough to carry bricks - worked the jobs - whether for a day or for years and Tom worked with all of them: cousins , Curt Henderson (Tom was his favorite cousin), David Henderson, and Doug Salisbury; in-laws, Gene Day and Curt Layman; and friends, like Larry "Fly" Fitzwater, Richard Huskins, and Greg (John) Marsh being the friends who prepared his gravesite for his remains. Their legacy was - even when you traveled afar years later - someone stopped you to talk about those Henderson bricklayers. They always remembered Tom in particular - for his skill, hard work, and personality. In his retirement, he was the go-to person for masonry projects for family and friends including the signs announcing Wothington, WV and, more recently the Green Hills Country Club sign.

He was not all hard work - always a biker, he loved 4-wheeling and picking berries (the ingredient for the famous Barbara cake). He never met a kid that didn't like him and his memory of people, facts, and events was unmatched in the family - always acknowledging birthdays, in particular, with phone calls - whether to family, friends, or their surviving spouses. Everyone knew of his strong opinions. Most could pick up on the Henderson gift of making every dollar count and his favorite color being red. He was his mother's son and honored her tradition of filling the need - more recently in helping Johnny and cousin Pauletta with medical appointments. His legacy is his loyalty to friends and family and their loyalty to him - because he was always in the ready position in times of need.

Shock limits the ability to acknowledge all the lives he touched or that touched him. In lieu of flowers or other material remembrances, please pay it forward in a manner of your choosing - whether befriending someone in need or charitable donation or other method. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.domicofh.com.

Family and friends may visit from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at Domico Funeral Home. Tom will join his Barbara - loved by all - at the Parrish Run Cemetery at a private graveside service with Evangelist Kevin Lough officiating.

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Joseph "Joe" Franklin Luketic



Joseph "Joe" Franklin Luketic, 90, of Fairmont, passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 in the Pleasant Acres Christian Haven Nursing Home in Fairmont. He was born on September 23, 1935 in Marianna, PA, the son of the late Joseph and Sophie Plutch Luketic. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Donna M. "Joe" Luketic.

Joe was a 1953 graduate of Fairview High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army, where he toured during the Korean War. He was a faithful member of Central United Methodist Church, serving as a trustee, usher, and PPR. Joe was a retired Manager of Labor and Employee Relations from Peabody Coal Company, Federal 2 Mine in Blackville, WV with over 25 years of service. He was also a former member of Green Hills Country Club, where he served as the past president for 4 years. Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time in the outdoors. He was an avid sports fan, known for cheering on the Fairmont State University basketball teams.

Joe is survived by his sons, Brian Luketic of Phoenix, AZ, and Kevin (Lois) Luketic of Rivesville, three surviving grandchildren, Justin Luketic of Lexington, KY, Lauren Luketic of Manassas, VA, and Amber (Trent) Luketic of Rivesville, as well as three great-grandchildren, Ethan Luketic, Grayson Gober, and Emberly Heflin of Rivesville. He is also survived by his sister, Phyllis (Bob) Pawich of Bridgeport, WV, special extended family, Rodney (Wilda) Pawich, Mary Jean Pawich, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Joe was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Angela Luketic, brothers, Don (Donna) Luketic, and Ted (Beula) Luketic, sister, Juliann DeVault, and brother-in-law, Bill DeVault.

Memorial contributions may be made in Joe's memory to Central United Methodist Church, 301 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554.

The family has entrusted the arrangement to the Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont. In accordance with Joe's wishes, cremation services will occur. Friends will be received on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 from 10 am until 11 am. The memorial service will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday at 11am with Reverend Brad Bennett officiating. A service of committal will follow in the West Virginia National Cemetery, where full military honors will be rendered by the Marion County Honor Guard. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com.

Ford Funeral Home

Janet Sue Miklasz



Janet Sue Pratt, Miklasz; Worthington, WV

Closed Her Eyes in Death, September 9, 2026, At Ruby Hospital in Morgantown WV. Janet Was Born October 21, 1958, In Fairmont, WV. Daughter Of Robert A Pratt and Donna (Pratt) Rogers.

She Was Preceded in Death by Her Father Robert, Son, Jesse Merl Miklasz, Brother John Pratt and Partner, Pablo Monteon.

She Is Survived by Her Son, Kenneth Miklasz, Mother Donna Rogers, Brother Robert R. Pratt All of Fort Valley Va. Sister-In-Law Bonny Pratt of Morgantown, WV And Sherrie Moore of Worthington, WV Caregiver and Friend.

Janet Was a Graduate of Monongah High School Class Of 1976 and Attended Marshall University. She Was Nominated To Be Selected Among Who's Who Among American Teenagers. She Worked At The Bank In Key West, Florida, Teletech In Morgantown, WV And As A Home Health Caretaker.

She Was First And Foremost A Lover Of Her 3 Dogs. Lil Dude, Oreo And T.Rex Whome She Lovingly Called "My Rexaroo".

Janet Loved Animals And Was Always Taking In Strays. Kittens, Dogs And Even People If They Needed Help. She Loved God's Creation, Camping And Hiking.

Janet Was Not A Jehovahs Witness But Learned From An Early Age That At Romans 6:7'When You Die You Are Acquitted Of Your Sin. And At Revelation 21:4 And He Will Wipe Every Tear From There Eyes, And Death Will Be No More Neither Will Pain Be Anymore. The Former Things Have Passed Away. Since Death And Pain Do Not Exist In The Heavens, We Know Janet Will Be Resurrected Here On Earth And Be Free Of Pain And Fear Of Death, What A Joy That Will Be.

In Keeping with Her Wishes, She Will Be Cremated.

Family And Friends May Gather at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street Fairmont, West Virginia, On Monday, September 21, 2026, From 1:00 PM Until 3:00 PM.

Carpenter & Ford Funeral Home

Don Kent Miller

Don Kent Miller, 85, of Mannington passed away Sunday, August 30, 2026, at his home surrounded by family.



Don was born February 4th, 1941 to the late Don and Martha Miller of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Don was a graduate of Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal Virginia. He also attended West Virginia University where he studied Forestry.

Don discovered early on that he was a natural entrepreneur, a truly smart businessman, an avid fisherman and one heck of a blackjack player. He approached both plan—mitigating losses, maxiwith the exact same standard: unparalleled focus, calculated risk, and flawless strategy. For decades, he built a highly successful career by masterfully following and reading the economy. He possessed a rare ability to analyze data, spot economic trends ahead of the curve, and make bold moves with absolute confidence.

His career started at Westinghouse, where he discovered in less than 1 year that he was destined to follow in his own father's footsteps to become self-employed.

After he and Judy were married in 1963, they moved to Mannington, WV where they opened The Mannington Discount Store, followed by Miller Root and Fur, then Don Miller and Sons Recycling business, a carpet business as well as an antique and estate business. All these led to his biggest bang yet, the Fireworks business, Don created FireworksWV and continued working that until his passing. These businesses were strategically created by Don as "A Miller Enterprise" to continue his legacy with his family. In each venture, he worked side by side with his wife and his children to ensure they were each set up for success.

Don brought that exact same mental precision to his favorite pastime. To Don, blackjack was never a game of mere luck; it was a beautiful blend of mathematics, patience, and unwavering discipline. He studied the game like a science, tracking the deck with the same eagle eye he used for watching stocks, and adding up large totals in his head. He knew exactly when the odds were in his favor, when to hold, and when to double down, earning him the deep respect of pit bosses, dealers, and fellow players alike. He treated life much like a perfectly executed business business and the casino floor mizing wins, and always keeping a cool head under pressure.

Don is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 63 years, Judy (Lane) Miller, who was his constant partner in life's great adventure.

He leaves behind a proud legacy through his children: Carl (Penny) Miller of Mannington; Freeland (Crystal) Miller of Mannington; and Meredith (John)Winston of Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was the deeply loved Pap of Nakell (Bud) Howes of Buckhannon; Alexis (John) Filipeddes of San Francisco; Jace Winston of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Great Grandchildren, Haylee Miller, Hudson Miller, and Heston Miller, all of Mannington; Riley Miller of Carolina, Phosten Howes of Buckhannon and Hayden Parker Miller and Benelli Rose "Peaches" Miller, both of Rachel.

Brother-In-Laws, Rick, Buck and Rob Lane. Sister-In-Law Millie Nichols, Sharon Atha, and Carol Norman as well as several nieces and nephews.

He also leaves behind close friends that are more like family, Jimmy Spade, Andrew Plachta, John Marra, Ronnie Herrick.

Don valued his relationship with many business partners throughout West Virginia as well as his extended firework families throughout the world.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by an infant sister. His grandchildren, Freeland "Bub" Miller of Rachel and Courtney Michelle Miller of Mannington.

While his seat at the end of the table is now empty, the wisdom, financial savvy, and profound love he shared with Judy, his children, his grandchildren, and the state of West Virginia will continue for generations to come. He lived a rich, full life, proving that with the right strategy and a strong mind, you can always beat the odds.

Family and friends may call at Masters Funeral Home, 209 Main St. in Mannington, on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, September 3, 2026, beginning at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow at the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM on 2026-09-02 at Masters Funeral Home, 209 E Main St.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on 2026-09-03 at Masters Funeral Home, 209 E Main St.

Michael Nicholas

Michael "Jive" Nicholas, 72, of Farmington, passed away on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born March 12, 1954 in Fairmont, a son of the late Stanley and Jacqueline Colvin Nicholas.



Mike served our country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He was a proud member of U.M.W.A. Local #1501 and was employed as an electrician and mechanic at Robinson Run Mine where he retired with 34 years of service. Mike loved roasting chickens at his home and was often hired to roast at parties and other events. He also enjoyed camping and fishing, especially going with his brothers to Elkins. He also enjoyed listening to 80's music.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Anthea Gable and her husband Benjamin of Farmington; and Desiree White and her husband Shawn of Fairmont; the love of his life, Patricia Elaine Simmons of Florida; his grandchildren, Zedrick Pownell of Fairmont; Winter Pownell of Farmington; Shawn White II of Fairmont; and Savannah White of Fairmont; his siblings, Stanley "Spark" Nicholas and wife Joyce of Mannington; Thomas Nicholas and wife Mary of Fairmont; Rosalee Nicholas and husband Matthew Morris of Fairmont; and Lois Campbell and husband William of Fairview; nieces and nephews, Jennifer, Nick, Jacqueline, Holly, Laura, Mariah, Thomas, and Alexander; as well as his beloved dog, Rambo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Milak Nicholas.

Friends will be received at Hutson Funeral Home, 3171 Husky Hwy. Farmington, on Saturday, September 12th, from 10:00am until the time of the funeral service at 11:00am. Pastor Don Skidmore will officiate the service. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.hutsonfuneralhomes.com

The Hutson Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nicholas family.

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James Robert Oerly



James Robert Oerly, age 80, of Fairmont, WV, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2026, in Port Orange, FL after years challenged by Parkinson's. Born on September 10, 1945, in Booneville, MO, he was the son of the late Raymond and Emma (Jenry) Oerly.

Jim lived a life defined by devotion to family, unwavering kindness, and laughter. He shared a loving marriage with his wife, Darlene (Corbin) Oerly, for 60 years. Together they built a family rooted in love, adventure and fun.

He is survived by his daughters Sandra (Don) Bennett, Debra (John) Baker, and Janet (Gary) Castle. Jim was a proud grandfather to Robert (Kaylin) Bennett and Hannah and Claire Hobbs, and a delighted great-grandfather to Hudson and Reid Bennett.

He is also survived by his sister Shirley Hein and several nephews and nieces but preceded in death by his siblings William Oerly and Sharon Premer. He was blessed to have many friends who were more like family.

Jim served his country with the U.S. Navy. Afterwards, he began his 40+ years career in construction with G.A. Brown, then had his own business, and lastly retired from Fairmont State University. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Osiris Shriners, serving in multiple leadership roles. While dedicated to their service of making life better for children, he enjoyed the camaraderie, and especially the Motor Corps. He was also a member of the Elk and Moose Lodges.

He set the standard for girl dads! He never missed a game or event to support his daughters in whatever they were doing. He was a 'yes' guy to anyone who needed anything. James was a year-round outdoorsman enjoying all that life had to offer; boating, hunting, snowmobiling, camping, gardening, etc. He also loved sports, cars, animals, motorcycles and collecting hats.

Those who wish to honor James may send donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children at donate.shrinerschildren.org.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone at Halifax Health Hospice Care Center in Port Orange. They went above and beyond to ensure Jim was respected, honored and loved.

Condolences may be sent to the family at aloniascremation.com.

Barbara Jo Moore



Barbara Jo Moore, 87, of Bridgeport and formerly of Fairmont, passed away Monday morning, September 21, 2026, at the Bridgeport Healthcare Center. She was born in Clarksburg on December 17, 1938, a daughter of the late Franke E and Helen Oldroyd Hooper.

She is survived by her son, James "Brad" Moore and his wife Angie of Douglasville, GA; two granddaughters, Kaira Dalton and her husband Tanner, and Kennedy Moore, all of Morgantown; two great-grandchildren, Knox and Ellie Dalton. Her sisters, Sandy (Bill) Miller; Rebecca Miller, and Debbie (Jim) Kinney, all of Bridgeport; her special friends, Holly Williams and Mary Landacre; and numerous nieces and nephews complete her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey L. Moore; and her brothers, Phillip Hooper and Charles "Sonny" Hooper.

Barbara graduated from W-I High School, Class of 1957. She had previously worked at Stone & Thomas in Fairmont; and was the bookkeeper for Washland of Fairmont. She was also President of the Resident Council at Bridgeport Healthcare Center.

Friends will be received at Burnside Funeral Home, 607 S. Virginia Avenue, Bridgeport, on Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 10 - 12:30 p.m., where services will be held at 12:30 p.m. with Chris Kinney presiding. Interment will follow in Bridgeport Cemetery.

Burnside Funeral Home, Bridgeport

Nana Joretta Winter



Nana Joretta Deep Warman Winter, affectionately known throughout her life as "Nana Jo," passed away on September 8, 2026, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Born January 21, 1941, she was the only child of Joseph "Red" Deep and Marjorie Scarford Deep.

A graveside committal service will be held at Lawnwood Cemetery, Callen Ave., Morgantown, on Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM. A full obituary can be view at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.

Hastings Funeral Home

Patricia Pavalok

Patricia Pavalok, 83, passed away peacefully on September 16th 2026. She is survived by her four children. She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed in 2017.

In keeping with Pat's wishes, no services will be held.

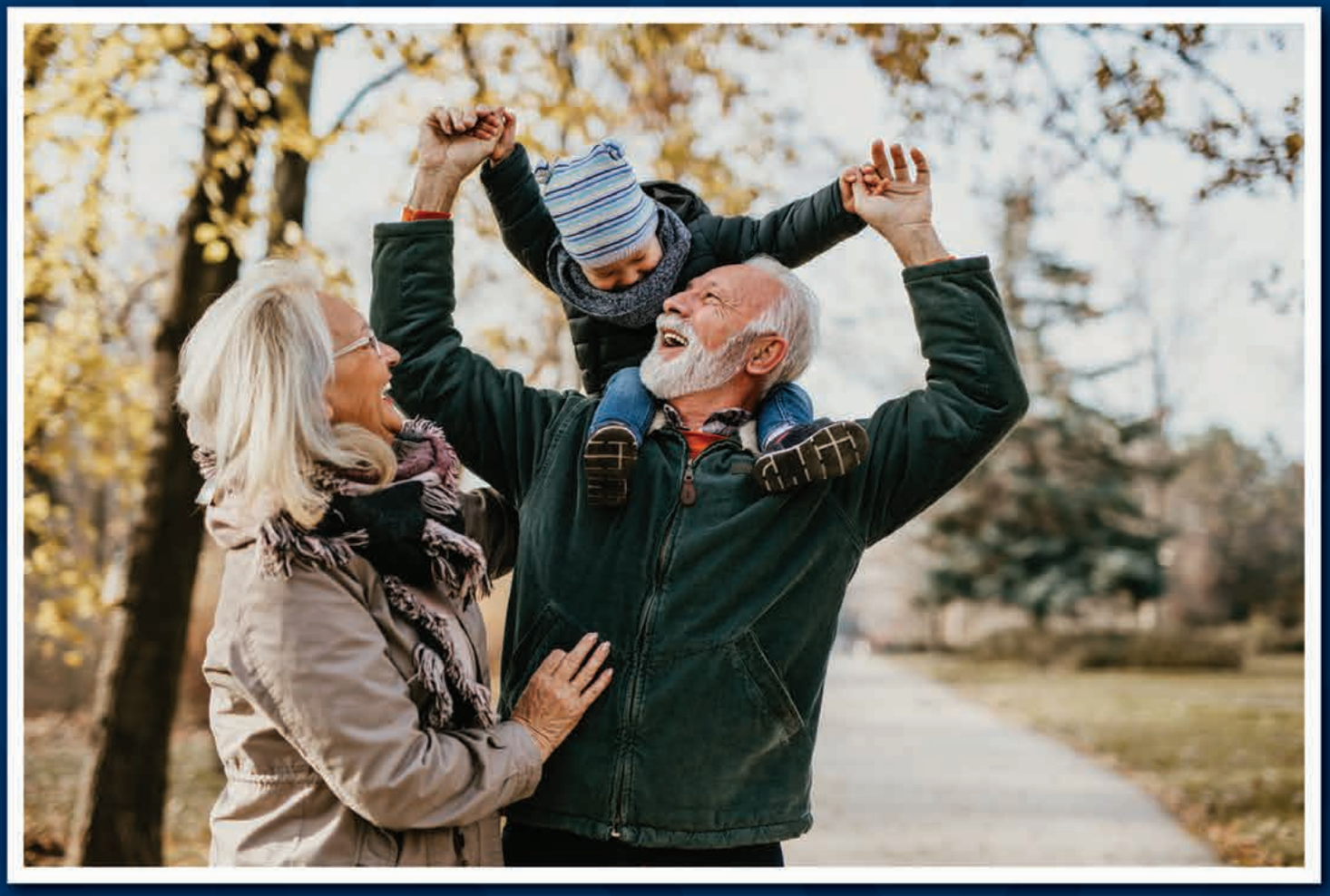
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