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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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James Clayton "J.C." Barrett

Jan. 13, 1930 – Aug. 8, 2026

James Clayton "J.C." Barrett, age 96 and a half, of Bluefield, VA, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Born January 13, 1930, he was a son of the late Theodore Roosevelt Barrett, Sr. and Mary Francis Crockett Barrett.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Mae Barrett; two sisters, Naova Lane and Nancy Sisco; two brothers, Dr. T.R. Barrett, Jr., and Mick Barrett. J.C. was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Yvette Buchanan of Bluefield, VA; his nephew and hunting buddy, Bill Barrett of North Tazewell, VA; grandchildren, BJ Thompson and wife Reagan of Knoxville, TN and Jamie Remines and husband Jared of Roanoke, VA; great-grandchildren, Haley Thompson, Luke Thompson, Lyla Remines, Grady Remines, and Iris Remines. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 PM, Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at



Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA where funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM with Pastor Wes Lambert officiating.

Members of the Tazewell Masonic Lodge #62 A.F. & A.M. will conduct Masonic rites. Interment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA with members of the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard performing military graveside rites.

Relatives and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is honored to serve the Barrett family.

Messages of condolence may be sent to www.peerystclairfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Lee Cooper

Jun. 5, 1931 – Aug. 22, 2026

Robert Lee Cooper, 95, of Rich Creek, Virginia, passed away Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Heritage Hall in Rich Creek, Virginia.

Born June 5, 1931, in Princeton, he was the son of the late Josiah "J.H." Cooper and Tollie Ferrell Cooper.

Robert was a graduate of Princeton High School. After high school, he served in the United States Army and later worked as an electrician.

He thoroughly enjoyed sports and was able to play basketball well into his 80's. He was a Cincinnati Reds Fan.

While Robert had accomplishments, he was most notable for taking care of his mother, who died at the age of 96.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Henry Cooper, Creed Cooper, Johnny Cooper, and an infant brother.

His survivors include



his only cousin, Larry Cooper of Pineville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home, with Rev. Eugene Hazelwood officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Princeton. The family will receive visitors from noon until the service hour.

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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Marvin Darrell Epperson

Jul. 31, 2026

Marvin Darrell Epperson, 56, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2026, with his family by his side.

Born in Bluefield, WV, he was a member of the Bluefield High School class of 1989.

Marvin went on to attend SouthWest Community College in Cedar Bluff, VA and earned his masters in welding, in which he excelled at throughout his career. Besides welding, throughout his career he also worked driving coal trucks, an underground coal miner, and a mechanic.

Marvin was an avid deer hunter, specifically bowhunting. Some of his best memories were deer hunting with his mom, dad, son, and uncle Bob.

He was a loving son to his late parents Fount and Paulette, they shared a very close bond together, he was a proud father and best friend to his son Zack, loving pawpaw to his grandson Briar, loving brother to his sister Lisa, and a devoted husband to his wife of 14 years, Melissa. He always put his family first before himself.

Marvin never met a stranger and had the ability to make friends with people from all walks of life. Marvin recently gave his life to Jesus Christ and was also baptized.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Melissa Epperson, son Zack Epperson and fiancée McKenna Wrobel, grandson Briar Epperson, sister Lisa



Epperson, and cousins Diana Epperson Tyree, Steve Edwards, Greg Aust, Joey Edwards, special friends Michael and Kym Ray, and his beloved dog PupPup. He is preceded in death by his father Fount Epperson, his mother Paulette Epperson, brother Gary Epperson, and uncle Bob Edwards.

Though he is gone, the kindness, laughter, and love he shared with the world will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever celebrated.

Service will be at Cravens-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell, WV on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Family will arrive at 4:30 PM, friends may arrive 5:00-7:00 and the funeral will be at 7:00 PM with Pastor Joey Wright officiating.

In keeping with Marvin's wishes, he will be cremated and ashes spread in his favorite places that held special memories to him, Gary Mountain in McDowell County and the family's property in Pipestem, WV.

Online condolences will be accepted at www.cravens-shires.com

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Mildred Jennings

May 31, 1935 – Aug. 11, 2026

Mildred Houchins Jennings, 91, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

Born May 31, 1935, in Pipestem, she was the daughter of the late Roy J. Houchins and Francis Kirk Houchins.

Mildred was a graduate of Hinton High School. She attended the First Assembly of God in Princeton and was a former employee of Maidenform in Princeton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Cloyde "Mitchell" Jennings; sisters, Betty Jane Foster, Judy Kay Hurst, and Bonnie Marie Benninghove; and an infant brother as well as brothers, Frederick Houchins, and John Houchins.

Those left to cherish her memory include children, Rebecca Graham and partner John Bragg of Pipestem, Belinda Smiley and husband Michael of Princeton, and Lisa Thompson and husband Joseph of Speedway; grandchildren, Jonathan Graham and wife Jennifer, Ashley Whitteker and husband Michael, Samantha Garland and husband Roy, Bethany Browning and husband Hunter; great-granddaughter, Josie Graham; sister,



Carol Bolin and husband Carl of Greenville, SC; brother, Leslie Houchins and wife Cindy of Pipestem; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers at Commonwealth Assisted Living in Cedar Bluff, VA.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday August 17, 2026, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, with Elder Derrick Burress, officiating.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 17, 2026, from 1:00-1:45 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

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

The family has requested, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

It is with tremendous sadness & grief, I announce the passing of my beloved Mother, Mrs. Tommie June (Carter) Johnson.

Tommie June passed away Friday 8/14/26 (87 yrs old), early in the morning after a short illness, even though she had been in ill health since getting Covid in 2022.

Tommie June was born 6/19/1939, in the front bedroom of her home that she grew up in, Bluefield, WV. She was unspoiled & full of pride. She may have been poor growing up (during the end of the Great Depression), but she always held her head up high & dared anyone to judge her or her family. She was the last living member of her large family.

She was the goodness & purpose in my life. She taught me morals, integrity & to treat others with kindness & respect. Her body may have been broken, but she was sharp as a tack & very strong in spirit & her absolute love of Jesus. Anyone who knew Mom loved her slow Southern accent! I would tease her all the time about how she talked, in good fun! She didn't mind, though!

Tommie June was a

Model in her early twenties, a Toe dancer & worked as a manager at the Bluefield Sanitarium, before following my beloved father, Keith Johnson, to Fort Hood during his Military service. She once modeled at an event that Jackie Kennedy (wife of JFK) was attending before she became the First Lady of the US. Jackie Kennedy told my mom how beautiful she was & loved her modeling outfit.

Mom was up to do anything, go anywhere my father got transferred to or for just going on adventures. We all called her The Gypsy of the family!

The neighborhood kids could just walk in the front door for a hug, a kiss & a meal. Mom would hold a big party on Mischief Night so all the kids would stay out of trouble. She was so good that way because she knew the kids were great kids & she wanted the best for them all. They called her "Mrs. J" or "Mom". The neighborhood kids would get on the intercom at the local carnival & wish her a happy birthday every year.

She donated her time for all school events when we were growing

up, collected door to door for the American Heart Association.

As a child, Mom had Rheumatic Fever, missed a year of school & had to learn how to walk again. She was that strong & resilient! She would teach the girls in our neighborhood how to make her famous fudge & other southern recipes. You could go to her if you needed help, share good news, get advice, with no judgement. She always looked for the goodness in everyone. Never a harsh word unless you hurt one of her loved ones. Then she was a lioness to protect her kids!

She loved to do all the yard work & gardening. She was an expert in interior design & she could paint & wallpaper like a pro! There wasn't anything she couldn't do, she was SUPER-WOMAN. I will never live up to her example. Everyone needs a Mother who tells you, you can conquer the world, & be there every single second supporting you in your dreams!

She was predeceased by her parents Thomas Walter Carter, Ruby Lee (Buttrey) Carter, sisters: Fern Lineberry, Charlotte Carter, Priscilla (Cookie) Denny



and her brother Joseph Carter.

She leaves behind her beloved daughter Kimberley Kaye Johnson (Southampton, PA) who took loving care of her the last few years 24/7, and never left her side, and son Christopher Keith Johnson (FL); 2 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Nephews GT & Mark Lineberry (FL), niece Anna Carter (NC); Brothers-in-laws Arnold Johnson (NC) & Randal Johnson (VA).

No services will be held at this time. If you wish to post any messages or memories, please do so. I would love to hear from anyone who had known my Mom's love & affection.

'May Flights of Angels Sing Thee To Thy Rest'- William Shakespeare (Hamlet).

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Steve "Wormy" Johnston

Jun. 3, 1952 – Aug. 25, 2026

Steve "Wormy" Johnston, 74, of Rock, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at his residence.

Born June 3, 1952, in Welch, he was the son of the late Harry V. Johnston and Connie Sizemore Johnston.

Wormy was a coal miner for over 20 years and retired from Double Bonus in Pineville.

He was a very generous man and was always willing to help. He was loved by everyone around him. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Johnston, and Frankie Johnston.

His survivors include his children, Kimberly Bailey and husband Danny of Beckley, and Eric Johnston and wife Belinda of Bluefield; grandchildren, Isabella,

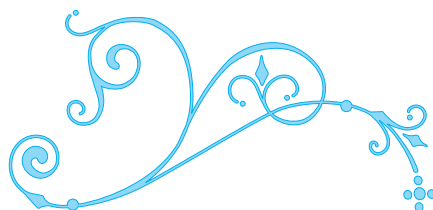


Elena, and Jarrett Bailey, and Konner and Zoey Johnston; sister, Vicki Meadows of Princeton; brothers, Verlin Johnston and wife Mary Ellen of Matoaka, Larry Johnston and wife Donna of Princeton, and Michael Johnston of Kegley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

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BLUEFIELD — James H. (Jimmy) Jones, passed away on July 12, 2026.

Born in 1934 to R.C. "Wimpy" Jones and Violet Gibson Jones.

Jimmy grew up in the Virginia towns of Crab Orchard and Richlands. He graduated from Richlands High School at sixteen and headed to Concord University. While there, he played with the Concord Commanders Orchestra and founded his own jazz group, the Jiving Five. He later earned a master's degree in music from Radford University.

What started as a high school romance in Richlands turned into a secret elopement in 1953. Jimmy, an eighteen-year-old college junior, exchanged vows with Patty Sue Cole, a seventeen-year-old recent high school graduate.

After graduating from Concord University, Jimmy and Pat relocated to Bluefield, Virginia, where Jimmy launched his career as Band Director at Graham High School. Under his talented leadership, the Graham High School band built a legendary legacy, likely holding the record for the most consecutive Division I

James Haskell Jones

1934 – Jul. 12, 2026

ratings at the Southeastern Band Festival. For thirty-six years, Jimmy stood in front of a band or a classroom and changed lives one piece of music, one student, one conversation at a time.

Jim regularly adjudicated and conducted all-state, regional, and county bands across the Eastern Seaboard. Publishers would also send him new music to grade for quality, and instead of pocketing fees, Jimmy negotiated for Graham High School to keep the music.

Jimmy's time at Graham High School was interrupted when he entered the United States Army National Guard at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and later attended the Advanced Basic Armored Officers School. He was activated during the Berlin Crisis and was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant in 1963.

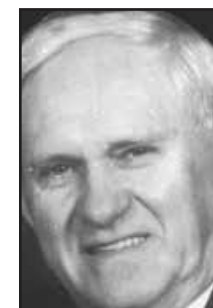
Introduced to golf at age seventeen by his brother Hugo, Jimmy discovered a lifelong obsession. As a founding member of Fincastle Country Club, he proudly held the course record for many years. He later shared this deep passion as the golf coach at Graham High School, where

his former students still fondly recall his lessons on golf and on life, as well as his slightly off-color jokes.

Jimmy's deep commitment to civic duty was central to his life. His leadership in Bluefield, Virginia, began with his election as mayor in 1970—a role he held for ten years—and continued decades later during his tenure on the town council from 2010 to 2019. He was elected to the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors in 1992 and served for twelve years, including a decade as chairman, and later served on the Tazewell County School Board. Endlessly devoted to his community, Jimmy was a passionate advocate with strong ideas for the area's future growth.

Beyond his music career and public service, Jimmy was volunteer choir director and an active member of First United Methodist Church in Bluefield, Virginia.

Jimmy is survived by his daughter Julia, her husband Bachir Mihoubi and stepson Zak Mihoubi of Atlanta, Georgia, and son-in-law Kent Bryson of El Cerrito, California. He is also survived by his granddaughter Chelsey



Bryson of Honolulu, Hawaii and grandson Sam Bryson of Oakland, California, as well as other dearly loved extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, and his daughter, Melanie Bryson.

Jimmy and his family are forever grateful to everyone at Ridge Care Assisted Living Facility for their love, kindness, and care.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of Jimmy's life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at First United Methodist Church, 200 South College Ave., in Bluefield, Virginia. Visitation begins at 11:00 AM to 12 PM, followed by the memorial service from 12:00 PM to 1 PM. Family and friends are warmly invited to share favorite stories and memories.

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Tammy Lynn Phillips Lowrance

Nov. 9, 1957 – Aug. 22, 2026

Tammy Lynn Phillips Lowrance, 68, died Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Hidden Valley Center in Oak Hill.

Born in Welch on November 9, 1957, she was the daughter of the late Carl Phillips and Zelphia Bailey Phillips. Tammy graduated from Iaegeer High School and was employed by the Bank of Iaegeer/Pioneer Community Bank for over 30 years having served as an administrative assistant.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her siblings, Elizabeth Phillips, Johnnie Wolfe, Patricia Abram, David and Luther Phillips.

Those left to cherish her memory, include her loving and devoted daughter Courtney McByde and her two children, Hunter James Siers and Kendall Lynn Siers; one brother, Bill Phillips. Special friends, Kathleen Roberts, Carolyn Wimmer, Donna Stacy, Wanda Burroughs and Sharon Lambert.

On Friday August 28,



2026, at 1:00 P.M., we will celebrate the life of Tammy Phillips Lowrance in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton, with Pastor Daniel Dean officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell. Friends may visit with the family Friday from Noon until the service hour.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Online condolences may be shared with the family via

www.memorialfd.com

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

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Alice "Memaw" Lusk

Dec. 13, 1942 – Jul. 23, 2026

PRINCETON - After a long battle with cancer, Alice "Memaw" Lusk went to the Lord on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

Born December 13, 1942, in Raleigh County, she was the eldest child of the late Charles and Helen Crews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Ralph E. Lusk; her oldest child, Diana "Lynn" Carpenter; two brothers, Wilber and Charles Crews; and three sisters, Karen Crews, Delores "Dolly" Crews, and Tida Crews-Hyduke.

Survivors include her three remaining children, Sheila Lusk of Coaldale, Jeffrey "Jeff" (Sheila) Lusk of Princeton and Delores "Lori" (Michael) Constantino of Bluefield; and one brother, Anthony "Tony" Crews of Morganton, NC. Alice was blessed with seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Alice touched the lives of so many people; she brought sunshine to all of us. She showed us



how to love and will forever be missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Alice Lusk's memory by check to Mercer County Animal Shelter, 961 Shelter Rd, Princeton, WV 24740 or call 304-425-2838 to pay by credit/debit card.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

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

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home

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Willis L. Mathena

May 24, 1939 – Aug. 7, 2026

PRINCETON —Willis L. Mathena, 87, of Raleigh Street, Princeton died peacefully Friday night, August 7, 2026, at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley.

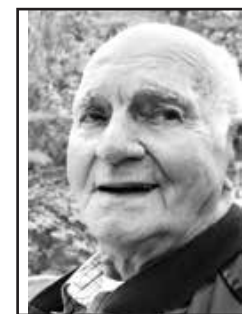
Born May 24, 1939, in Princeton, he was the son of the late Joseph Sidney Mathena & Hazel Blanche Poff Mathena.

Willis began his career with the railroad at a very young age, having worked for both the Virginian & N/ & W Railroad, retiring from the Bluefield shop.

While his health allowed, he enjoyed working in his garden, hunting & fishing, listening to Blue Grass music, reading Zane Gray and watching old westerns. He was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Bonnie Sue Lucado Mathena, son Sidney Mathena, along with seven siblings, Ella Six, Emma Belcher, Ann Bradbury, Basil Mathena, Randolph Mathena, Jessie Morris & Wilford Mathena. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Those left to cherish his memory, three chil-



dren Teresa Harvey & husband Matthew, Jeffrey Mathena, Carolyn Brown & husband Darrell, five grandchildren, Johnathan Mathena & wife Angel, Natasha Culver & husband Jason, Travis Brown, Brianna Harvey & Nathan Brown. Four great grandchildren, Sorin & Faven Mathena, Amelia & Emma Culver.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton, with Pastor Ray Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in Princeton; Friends may visit with the family Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. until the service hour.

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

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Earl "Cookie" Noland Jr.

Oct. 16, 1953 – Aug. 18, 2026

Earl "Cookie" Noland Jr., of Bluefield, WV, passed away peacefully at home on August 18, 2026.

He was born and raised in Bluefield, where he spent his life building a family, career, and legacy that will be remembered by all who knew and loved him. Earl was the son of the late Earl and Edna Joyce Bailey Noland.

He is survived by his partner and the love of his life, Sandy Holbrook, and his younger brother, Clayton Ray Noland.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Noland.

Earl had two children, Jamey Earl Noland (Julia) of Charleston, WV, and Amy Noland (Seth Westfall) of Burlington, KY. He was a proud grandfather to Kaylie Noland, Chase Noland, and Kailey Lay, who brought him tremendous joy and gave him countless memories to treasure.

For most of his career, Earl worked in the bread business, first for Betsy Ross Bakery in Bluefield and later owning his own delivery route, which he serviced throughout Southern West Virginia.

Later in life, he opened his own auto repair business in Bluefield, Cumberland's Finest, that he managed for nearly 20 years. His hard work,



dedication, and independent spirit were qualities that defined him throughout his life.

As a young man, Earl was an avid muscle car and motorcycle enthusiast who certainly knew how to keep the roads hot. He loved the power, sound, and freedom that came with fast cars and motorcycles, which reflected the adventurous spirit he carried throughout his life.

Earl will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He leaves behind a lifetime of memories that will live on in the hearts of his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Though he has passed from this life, the stories, laughter, love, and cherished moments shared with Cookie will remain a lasting part of his family's memories.

Service will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home, Princeton, where friends can visit at noon. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Claybourne Lane Phillips

Sep. 2, 1936 – Aug. 14, 2026

Claybourne Phillips, passed away unexpectedly at home, August 14th, 2026.

Rev. Phillips was born in Lancaster, PA, September 2nd 1936, to Claybourn Phillips and Georgia Cleo Phillips (nee May).

He was married to Mary Alice Phillips (nee Howard), who preceded him in death in 1998.

He served the Lord as a full time pastor from 1959 until 2003, and in part-time ministries in his retirement.

Rev. Phillips is survived by his siblings, Thomas and Robert Phillips, Linda Steckmyer, Judith Wismer, and his children, Marie



Furlong, Steven Phillips, Laird Phillips, Felicia Mitchell. He was proud of his 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

No services will be held and interment will be private.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Betty Jo Snider

Aug. 14, 2026

Betty Jo Snider, 93, of Speedway, died Friday, August 14, 2026, at her home with her loving family by her side.

Full arrangements can be view at www.memorialfd.com

The Snider Family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation Center on Athens Road

in Princeton



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Linda Gail Pennington Wray

Nov. 8, 1940 – Aug. 25, 2026

Linda Gail Pennington Wray, age 85, of Princeton, died on August 25, 2026, at Princeton Health Care Center, following a long illness, surrounded by her loving family. She has fallen asleep in the Lord Jesus and now awaiting His glorious return.

Born November 8, 1940, in Kellysville. She was the youngest of 7 children, from the late Rufus Asbury Pennington and Iva Virginia Ayers Pennington.

Linda was a homemaker and a talented caregiver. She retired from Pro Careers in 2009.

Linda was a 1958 graduate of Oakvale High School. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She was a faithful member of the Advent Christian Church, having served as WHFMS President, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member and Prayer Warrior.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Doyle Wray, four sisters, Sybil Pennington, Doris Hale, Nancy Croy and Phyllis Hager, brother Eugene Pennington.

Survivors include one son Timothy Bruce Wray and wife Sherri;



daughter Karen Farmer and husband William; one granddaughter Tiffany Stafford; two great-granddaughters Leah and Maci Stafford; one brother Randolph Pennington.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Linda Gail Wray, will be held at 4 PM Monday, August 31, 2026, at Fredeking Funeral Service, with Pastor Samuel Walsh and Nathan Thomas officiating.

Friends may visit with the family on Monday from 3 PM until the service time at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Oakvale Cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Princeton Advent Christian Church in her honor.

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

Arrangements by Fredeking Funeral Service, Oakvale.

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Dr. Amanda Acord-Vira

Aug. 25, 2026

Dr. Amanda Acord-Vira, beloved daughter of Frank and Cathy Acord of Beckley, WV, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2026, surrounded by the love she so freely gave throughout her life.

Amanda was a bright, generous soul whose compassion touched everyone she met. Her family and friends knew her as someone who led with her heart a woman whose spirit was unmistakably kind, sincere, and devoted.

Amanda dedicated her career to helping others as a teacher specializing in brain injury rehabilitation and occupational therapy. Her work was not just a profession but a calling. She poured her energy, patience, and empathy into every student she taught, offering hope, dignity, and encouragement to those facing profound challenges.

Her commitment to her field reflected the same unwavering devotion she showed her family.

She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 24 years, Michael T. Vira and their son, Connor Vira.

She was the cherished granddaughter of Delma Boram of Beckley, WV, and was preceded in death by her grandparents Elbert Justice of Fairdale, WV, Chrisabelle Acord, and Frank Acord.

Those left to forever cherish her memory include her siblings, Jennifer Park, husband Dave Park, and niece Jocelyn Park; Aaron Acord, wife Andi Acord,



and nieces Reagan and Emmy Acord, and nephew Micah Acord, and her dear friend Tracy Rice.

She is also survived by her mother and father-in-law, Mike and Debby Vira, who they loved like their own daughter.

Amanda's presence was a gift gentle, generous, and full of light. Her family takes comfort in knowing that everyone who crossed her path saw her true spirit and felt the warmth of her kindness. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to WVU Medicine Hospice, 12 Rousch Drive, Morgantown, WV 26501.

Hastings Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation arrangements. Friends and family will be received at Hastings Funeral Home, 153 Spruce St., Morgantown, on Friday, August 28th from 4:00 PM until the time of the memorial service at 6:00 PM with Pastor Roger Sealey officiating.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.

Kaden Lee Ashby

Aug. 21, 2026

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Kaden Lee Ashby on August 21st, 2026.

The Funeral Service honoring him will be held 6 PM, on Sunday, August 30th, at the United Methodist Temple in Beckley. Visitors

are welcome to show up starting at 2 pm. All those who wish to come out and show their love and support to the family are welcome to attend.

Please continue to check Kaden's obituary page for his full story to be published.

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Mitzi Marlene Bowyer

Jul. 27, 2026

Mitzi Marlene Bowyer, age 74, of Cirtsville, WV, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net

for service details.

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

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Sharon Sue Campbell

Aug. 25, 2026

Sharon Sue Campbell of Crab Orchard, WV, went to be with the Lord on August 25, 2026.

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for service details.

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

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Arbutus Clay

Jul. 29, 2026

Arbutus Clay, age 107, of Glen Daniel, WV, passed away Thursday, July 29, 2026.

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for service details.

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

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Mark Cole

Jul. 29, 2026

Mark Cole, age 59, of Daniels, WV, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

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

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Patricia Coleman

Aug. 5, 2026

Patricia Coleman, age 88, of Daniels, WV, formerly of Beckley, WV, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

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

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Betty Carol Davis

Aug. 6, 2026

Betty Carol Davis, age 73, of Daniels, WV, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

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

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Jerry Dean Dillon

Sep. 21, 1939 – Aug. 24, 2026

Jerry Dean Dillon, known to many as J.D., passed away on August 24, 2026, in Beckley, West Virginia, following a short illness.

He was born on September 21, 1939, in Eccles, West Virginia.

Melton Mortuary and Cremation Center is entrusted with cremation arrangements and are honored to serve the Dillon family.

A celebration of life will be announced by the family at a later

date. To offer words of comfort or a condolence please visit Jerry's tribute page at www.meltonmortuary.com.



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Emma Arbutus Dillon Clay

Apr. 8, 1919 – Jul. 29, 2026

Emma Arbutus Dillon Clay, age 107, of Glen Daniel, WV, passed away at Bowers Hospice House on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Born on April 8, 1919 in Beckley, WV, she was the daughter of the late Quince and Nancy Tyree Dillon.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Quincy Clay and son, Leonard Clay; sisters Mildred Maynor, Margie Williams, Velma Shumate and her brother Harold Dillon.

Arbutus was a graduate of Trap Hill High School and Morris Harvey College (University of Charleston) with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. She received her Masters Degree from the College of Graduate Studies (WVU) in Administration. She was the Principal/Teacher at Dillon Creek and Harpers Creek Schools and finished her teaching career at Eccles Elementary and Junior High

School.

Arbutus was a member of the Raleigh County Education Association and the West Virginia Education Association. She was recognized by the WV Secretary of States' Office for 85 consecutive years of voting.

Arbutus was a very quiet, strong and independent person who enjoyed the simple pleasures in life. She enjoyed yard work, gardening, canning, and working crossword puzzles, but most of all reading her Bible. She was a member of Mattsville Community Church. Her life centered around her family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Nancy Clay Gentry and husband David of Beckley and Lori M. Knight of Glen Daniel; Grandchildren Leonard Clay, II (Katherine) of Palm Coast, FL, Angela Clay of Beckley and Leah-Ann Schmid (Robert, III) of White Oak; great

grandchildren Aaron Clay (Erica), Lacie Clay, Robert Schmid IV, Caleb Schmid and Abigail Schmid and Great-Great Grandson Aiden Clay. Others left to cherish her memory are her nieces, Dr. Nancy Shumate Barton (Dr. James) of GA, Joyce Sweeney of FL, Brenda Anderson, Judy Bailey (Keith) and Margaret Tolliver (Curt), all from the Raleigh County area.

A special thank you to her wonderful caregivers, Patty, Mary, Rosetta, Jennifer, B.J. and Crystal.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Amos E. Quesenberry Peace Chapel of Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home in Beckley, WV on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 1:00 pm., with Garry Hall officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Beckley, WV.

Deputies from the



Raleigh County Sheriff's Department, Aaron Clay and Robert Schmid IV will serve as pallbearers.

In-lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Bowers House, Hospice of Southern WV, Inc. at 454 Cranberry Drive, Beckley, WV 25801.

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

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

Robin Basman Durrett

It is with a profound sense of loss and sorrow that we announce the passing of Robin Basman Durrett, 77, of Beckley, WV.

Born on May 10, 1949, in Charleston, WV, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Jack Basman and Esther Evnitz Basman and was preceded in death by her late husband Charles Allen Durrett.

She was a teacher in Raleigh County Schools for over 25 years, with the majority of her service at Daniels Elementary.

She will be laid to rest beside her parents with a private graveside



service.

You may read her full obituary and send condolences to the family at www.barlowbonsall.com.

Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home, Charleston, WV, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Phyllis Jo Fanning

Aug. 18, 2026

Phyllis Jo Fanning, age 83, of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

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vice details.

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

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James Thomas Harmon Sr.

Aug. 7, 2026

James Thomas Harmon Sr., age 54, of Piney View, WV, passed away on August 7, 2026.

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vice details.

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

Gwendolyn Harris

Aug. 13, 2026

Gwendolyn Harris, age 81, of Daniels, WV, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2026.

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vice details.

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Lola Hatcher

Oct. 24, 1937 – Aug. 3, 2026

MIDWAY — Lola Geraldine Niday Hatcher was born on October 24, 1937 and went to be with the Lord on August 3, 2026, after a short illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband Orville Hatcher, parents George and Carrie Niday, brothers Louis and Bud, sisters Francis and Gloria, daughter in law Shalla Hatcher. She is survived by her brother Morris Niday, sons Ray and Daryl, and daughter in law Barbara Hatcher.

She loved crafting,



sewing, and traveling. She also enjoyed making Christmas candies and fruitcakes.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Pat DeWayne DeHart

Feb. 27, 1933 – Aug. 21, 2026

Pat DeWayne DeHart, 93, of Oak Hill passed away on Friday, August 21, 2026 at the Bowers Hospice House in Beckley after a sudden illness.

Born February 27, 1933 in Fitzpatrick, WV, and was the son of the late Billie Dove (DeHart) Abrams and Darby D. Williams.

He lived a long rewarding life deriving untold satisfaction and pride from first being a faithful son, a dedicated husband, and father. His legacy was only

enhanced by his unfailing lifelong commitment to his community. A 42 year career veteran telephone man that worked tireless hours at the possible detriment to himself and family. Persevering always and focusing on efficiency to include being a Scout Master, Baseball Coach, life long affiliated and motivated Woodrow Wilson Alumni, church member, Lions Club Member, Telephone Pioneer, member of organizations dedicated to

community charity and improvement, and in early years a state National guardsman. He also cherished fond memories of his good times and talks with many extended family and friends from his community and ones scattered across the Country.

Pat was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Betty D. Blevins DeHart; a loving daughter, Jennifer Lynn DeHart; and later in life significant other, Alice White.

His memory will be always cherished by his devoted family his son, Patrick Keith DeHart and wife Mauren; granddaughter, Katie and husband Spencer Edward, one of his best buddies his great grandson, Cameron. Memories are also shared by his grandson, Christopher R. Masterson and wife Maegen; and great granddaughter who was the apple of his eye Hayden; great grandsons and buds, Christopher Jackson and the newest

addition a grandson he had high hopes of being another best bud, Dean.

The family would like to give a special thanks from Pat to all the nurses, staff, and Doctors at Plateau Medical Center in Oak Hill, Raleigh General Hospital, Hospice of Southern WV for there tireless dedication and providing excellent care. Always striving to eliminate pain, anxiety, and fear for patients and family both. Again thank you from Pat and family.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Tyree Funeral Home Chapel, 999 Jones Avenue, Oak Hill, WV, 25901. Burial will follow at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 31, 2026 at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Beckley.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to service at the funeral home in Oak Hill.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes that donations of sympathy be made to the Bowers Hos-



pice House, 454 Cranberry Drive, Beckley WV, 25801 or visit Hospiceofsoutherwv.org

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.tyreefuneralhome.com

The family of Pat DeHart is being cared for by Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill.

**Bobby Dean Lane**

Aug. 22, 2026

Bobby Dean Lane, age 84, of Hampton, VA, formerly of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

uesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Granvil "Odell" Lilly

Jul. 29, 2026

Granvil "Odell" Lilly, age 84, of Coal City, WV, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

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uesenberry.net for service details.

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

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James Quincy Hartsog

May 12, 1933 – Aug. 1, 2026

BECKLEY — James Quincy "Jim" Hartsog, of the Beckley area, left this world peacefully on August 1, 2026. He was born at home on May 12, 1933, in Sophia, West Virginia, the tenth of eleven children of Bessie M. (Taylor) Hartsog and Edward R. Hartsog.

Growing up, Jim was active in 4-H and a natural athlete. He graduated from Sophia high school in 1951 where he played football, basketball, baseball, and softball. He earned a degree in elementary education from Concord College in 1955 and began his teaching career at Sophia Elementary School. He later served as principal of Soak Creek Elementary, then Eccles, Teel, and Coal City elementary schools, spending nineteen years at Coal City before retiring in 1989. He received his master's degree from West Virginia University in 1958, where he played on a softball team with Fred Schaus and Leland Byrd.

Jim married the late Irene Hawkins in December 1958. They were married for ten years and had two daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly. In 1978 he married Betty Toney Hartsog, welcoming her four children—Frank, Seth, Karen, and Greg—into the family. Jim and Betty shared a happy marriage until her passing in August 2021. They loved travel-

ing the United States together, exploring new towns while Betty conducted educational workshops across the country.

Jim took up golf at the age of forty-one and quickly excelled at the game. He was especially proud of the three holes-in-one he scored at Grandview Country Club. In later years he frequently played with Joe Skaff, his late brother John, and the late George Wilson, often noting with satisfaction when his score was lower than his age.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty Toney Hartsog; his stepson, Frank Mann; his parents; and all of his siblings—sisters Jewell Graybeal and Viola St. Clair, and brothers Jarrell, John, Ralph, Dale, Buford, and Elbert Hartsog.

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Hartsog Tieche (Albert) of Nashville, Tennessee, and Kimberly Hartsog Skaff (Greg) of Huntsville, Alabama; Betty's children, Seth Mann (Linda) of Tampa, Florida, Karen Smith (Clinton) of Beckley, and Greg Mann (Rebecca) of Beckley; and his ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM, Saturday, August 8, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home, followed by a service led by Pastor (and family friend) Don Kelly at 1:00 PM.

Michael Scot Randolph

Dec. 6, 1948 – Jul. 27, 2026

Michael Scot Randolph, 77, of Frametown, WV, passed away on Monday, July 27th, 2026, in United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV.

He was born in Weston on December 6th, 1948: son of the late Ashby Randolph and Ruby (Oldaker) Randolph.

On January 25th, 1969, he married Louisa Mae (Bollinger) Randolph, who preceded him in death on December 10th, 2011.

Cherishing Michael's memory are his children: Michelle Schultze of Beckley and David Randolph and wife Laura of Raleigh, NC, grandchild: Alaina Randolph, brothers: Gregory Randolph of Belpre, OH, Stephen T. Randolph of Dover, NH and Jeffrey Randolph of Clarksburg and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife Mae, Michael was preceded in death by a grandson: Brycen Randolph.

Michael was a graduate of Washington Irving High School with the class of 1966 and furthered his education at Glenville State College and received a



bachelor degree in Education. He retired from a career in construction, working for several companies over the years.

He loved to hunt and fish. Michael was an avid gardener and had quite a green thumb. He grew all kinds of vegetables and fruit trees. He will be missed by family and friends.

Michael's wishes for a simple burial with no fanfare will be honored by Hardman Family Funeral Home of Weston at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens of Jane Lew, WV. Online condolences and life stories in memory of Michael may be expressed at hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Hardman Family Funeral Home of Weston considers it an honor and a privilege to serve the family of Michael Scot Randolph.

James "Bubba" McDaniel

Aug. 21, 2026

James "Bubba" McDaniel, 20, of Lanark, WV, passed away tragically in an automobile accident on Friday, August 21, 2026.

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

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Joe "Joab" McIntyre, 67, Fairview School Road, Bolt, WV, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on August 1, 2026.

He was born on December 7, 1958 in Gassaway, WV. Joe, the fifth child and third son of the late Rev. Perry M. and Georgia L. (Hickman) McIntyre, was raised a "Preacher's Kid" and lived various places in West Virginia, making friends wherever he went. When his parents were appointed to Rock Castel Baptist Church in Pineville, WV, Joe met and married Teresa May Worley, the love of his life. They were married on November 21, 1980.

They lived their life together in service to the Lord and touched many lives, especially those of young people while serv-

ing as youth leaders at Breckenridge Missionary Baptist Church in Bolt. He also served as a Deacon at Breckenridge from 2002-2022. He most recently attended Bible Baptist Church, Beckley WV.

Joe worked at and retired from Joy Global - (Komatsu) for 41 years. Joe enjoyed shopping for antiques and toys with Teresa, and was proud to show off his latest find. It was rare to find Joe without a smile on his face. He found joy in life and shared that joy with those around him.

Joe is survived by his mother-in-law Mary Worley; his very special brother-in-law and sister Wayne and Linda Lewis, Terra Alta, WV, sister Dianne Fadal, Waco TX; brother-in-law Phyllip and wife Sherry "Cookie" Worley,

sister-in-law Cheryl and husband Kimmie Hall, brother-in-law Brian and wife Denise Worley, sister-in-law Sherry and husband Chuck Daniels, sisters-in-law Patty McIntyre and Beth McIntyre and cherished bonus son Thomas Cobb. Additionally, Joe had numerous nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. Joe will be missed by his beloved canine companion Ben.

In addition to his parents, Joe is predeceased by his father-in-law Dexter Worley; brothers Mark D McIntyre and Perry M McIntyre Jr; brothers-in-law Kim Worley and Mitchell Fadal.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Bible Baptist Church, 2071 Robert C. Byrd Dr, Beckley, WV, with Pas-



tors Sam Green and Dewy Lowe officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 12 pm until service time. Interment will be at the Worley Family Cemetery in Bolt.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts can be sent to Hospice of Southern West Virginia, PO Box 1472, Beckley WV 25802 or Hospice of Garrett County, PO Box 271, Oakland, MD 21550

Arrangements by Calfee Funeral Home.

Calfee Funeral Home

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Donna Miller

Aug. 24, 2026

It is with a heavy heart the family of Donna Marie Darlington Miller of Daniels announces her passing. Donna died on August 24th.

Her funeral will be Saturday, August 29th at 2:00pm in the First Baptist Church on Neville St. The family is receiving friends at 11:00 am. The burial will follow in the Blue



Ridge Memorial Gardens at Prosperity.

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Thomas Dwight Okes

Aug. 18, 2026

Thomas Dwight Okes, 81, of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away on August 18, 2026.

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Kaiden Radford

Jan. 10, 2005 – Aug. 21, 2026

Services for Kaiden Radford, will be on Friday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m., at the Maple Fork Baptist Church, 1288 Maple

Fork Road, Mount Hope, WV 25880. The visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Brandon M. Morris

Sep. 14, 1984 – Jul. 24, 2026

PALM COAST — With heavy hearts and profound love, we announce the passing of our beloved Brandon Morris, who was born on September 14, 1984, in Beckley, West Virginia, and was called home on July 24, 2026, in Palm Coast, Florida.

Brandon was a loving fiancé, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and loyal friend whose presence brought warmth and laughter wherever he went. He was known for his infectious smile, great sense of humor, and protective spirit. Brandon had a way of making people feel safe, loved, and accepted. His generous heart and unwavering love for his family will forever remain a part of those who knew him.

He attended Woodrow Wilson High School and later built a career in hospitality and as a laborer in the con-

struction industry, where he operated forklifts and took great pride in his hard work and dedication. Brandon approached life with determination, resilience, and a willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

When Brandon wasn't working, he loved spending time fishing on any "creek" in southern West Virginia where he found peace and relaxation in the outdoors. He also enjoyed shooting pool with family and friends creating unforgettable memories. Whether by casting a line, lining up the perfect shot on the pool table, or simply enjoying the company of those he loved, Brandon treasured every moment spent with family and friends.

Brandon was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Helen Morris; his grandpar-

ents, Charles and Mary Barber; and his brother-in-law, Alfred "Les" Taylor.

He leaves to cherish his memory his father, Carlos Morris; loving fiancée, Jennifer Pearce; his son, Aydrean (Aleese) Hunt; his daughter, Eva Pearce-Morris; and Ace Pearce-Morris. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Traci (LaSalle) Barber-Thompson and Ericka Taylor; his cousins who were more like sisters, Tiffany (Myron) Stevens-Nelson and Brandi Dow (James Singleton); his cousin who was like a brother, Dedrick James; his cherished niece, Tierra Taylor; his beloved nephew, Sterling "Spanky" Nelson; and the big homie Lee "Weezel" Smith; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever hold his



memory close to their hearts.

Although Brandon's time with us was far too short, the love he shared, the laughter he inspired, and the lives he touched will continue to live on. His memory will be carried forward in every smile, every shared story, and every act of kindness done in his honor.

A memorial service will be held from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on 2026-08-29 at New River Park, Shelter #2.

Judith Kay Heath Motley

Jun. 11, 1946 – Aug. 19, 2026

Judith Kay Heath Motley, age 80, of Westfield, North Carolina, passed away at her home on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on June 11, 1946, in Mead, WV, she was the youngest daughter of a family of eleven children, to the late James H. Heath and Naomi Tiller Heath.

Mrs. Motley spent her childhood in Mead and Mabscott, WV. She spent many of her favorite years in Grandview, WV, with her husband and daughters. Mrs. Motley enjoyed spending time with her family, and loved her precious time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Motley was preceded in death by her siblings, Billy Heath, James "Jimmy" Heath, Monzella Heath McKinney, Betty Heath Italiano, Norma Heath Hatfield, Richard "Dick" Heath, Darvis Heath, Patty Heath Reed and Jack Heath.

Survivors left to cherish her memory include her devoted husband of nearly 63 years, Carrol William Motley; two loving daughters, Karen Renee Motley Mullins and fiancé Kevin Boggs of Union, WV, and Stephanie Motley Whittington and husband Terry of Pilot Mountain, NC; four grandchildren,



Autumn Herndon and husband Samuel, Dylan Mullins and wife Porsha, Avery Whittington, and Alexis Whittington; five great grandchildren, Collins Herndon, Claire Herndon, Caislyn Herndon, Caiden Mullins, and Eleanor Mullins; bonus grandchildren, Dylan and Mikayla Boggs; a brother Dean Heath and wife Therese of Reidsville, VA. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Committal services will be held at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum B. in Beckley, WV on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 2:00 PM, with Rev. Ron Chamblin officiating. Burial will follow at the cemetery.

Family members will serve as pallbearers.

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.

Connie Rose

Aug. 25, 2026

Connie Rose, age 71, of Daniels, WV, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

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vice details.

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

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James Sutphin

Aug. 13, 2026

James Sutphin, age 92, of Daniels, WV, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2026.

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vice details.

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

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Julia Simpson

Aug. 20, 2026

Julia Simpson, age 76, of Fitzpatrick, WV, passed away Thursday, August 20, 2026.

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vice details.

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

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Alice Turner

Aug. 17, 2026

Alice Turner, age 76, of Shady Spring, WV, passed away Monday, August 17, 2026.

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vice details.

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

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Katrina Joyce Pulliam

Feb. 22, 1953 – Aug. 11, 2026

Katrina J. Pulliam, 73, of Germantown, Tennessee, passed away on August 11, 2026, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP).

Katrina was born in Huntington, WV, to Norman E. Bias and Naomi Bias, and moved to Beckley in 1964.

She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1971 and went on to become an ultrasonographer and administrator at Professional Medical Ultrasonics. From the company's founding in 1980, she played an important role in growing the practice and expanding its services across southern W.V.

Katrina retired in 2012 when she and her husband, Dr. Robert P. "Bob" Pulliam, relocated to Germantown, Tennessee, to be closer to their grandchildren. Katrina and Bob were married in 1991 and shared a life filled with family, theater, and

countless adventures.

Katrina's greatest joy was her family. She was an active and devoted mother and grandmother who loved nothing more than playing and spending time with her grandchildren. She took them to Disney World, the theater, and many trips for ice cream. She was especially proud of her children and their accomplishments, including their college graduations.

Katrina was known for being smart, fiercely loyal, generous, and was a woman who loved experiencing life. Katrina and Bob traveled extensively, visiting every continent except Antarctica. Among their most memorable adventures were a trip to South Africa (Victoria Falls), a cruise around southeast Asia, and attending The Open at St Andrews in 2010. Some of her happiest travels were the many trips to Disney World with her family and friends. Katrina also had a particular love for

musical theater, enjoying productions locally and on Broadway.

After moving to Germantown, Katrina and Bob became active members of Living Hope Church, where Katrina volunteered with the church's ministries and found a community of faith and friendship that became an important part of her life and supported her after Bob's passing.

Katrina is survived by her son, Todd (Lisa) Garten; daughter, Amy (Kevin) Johnson; and her beloved grandchildren, Caitlyn, Hannah, Ian, and Ryley Grace, along with Bob's children, Dr. Samantha (Judith) Pulliam, Kimberly Pulliam, and Stephen (Elisa) Pulliam, four grandchildren, and great-grandson. She is also survived by her sister, Dana (Bert) Grant; her brother, Paul (Robin) Norman Bias; and her mother, Naomi Bias.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert P. "Bob" Pulliam;



her father, Norman E. Bias; and her brother, Russell "Rusty" Gordon Bias.

Katrina leaves behind a family who will remember her not only for all she did for them, but for the way she made them feel loved, supported, and important.

Services will be held Tuesday, August 18, at Calfee Funeral Home in Beckley, WV, with visitation at 4pm and Memorial Service at 5pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her honor to CurePSP at psp.org.

Virgil Edwin Willey

Jul. 17, 1950 – Aug. 20, 2026

OAKHILL — Virgil Edwin "Eddie" Willey, 76, of Oakhill, WV, passed away August 20, 2026.

Born July 17, 1950, in Milford, Delaware to the late Herman Virgil Willey and the late Yvonne Ann Marrel Willey.

Eddie enjoyed reading Zane Grey Western books, hunting, and fishing.

In addition to his parents, Eddie was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Mary Elizabeth Willey, and sister, Bonnie Jean Willey.

Eddie's family includes his loving wife, Patricia Sue Willey; children, Maggie Cochran, Heather Graham, and Angela Willey; grandchildren, Devin Wriston, Tyler Graham, and Hayley Graham; great-grandchildren, Topanga Wriston, Waylon Graham, Walter Graham, and Colton Wriston; extend-



ed family and friends.

A Graveside Service to celebrate the life of Virgil Edwin "Eddie" Willey will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley, with Pastor Carlos Hodge officiating, with burial to follow.

Online condolences and other information can be found by visiting www.blueridgefuneralhomebeckley.com

Blue Ridge Funeral Home and Cremations, 5251 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Beckley, is honored to serve the family.

Ella Long

Aug. 8, 2026

Ella Long, age 77, of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2026.

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William Clifford Hensley

Aug. 18, 2026

William Clifford Hensley, age 87 of Crab Orchard, WV, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

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Betty Lou Mays

Aug. 8, 2026

Betty Lou Mays, age 89, of Beckley, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

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Nancy Jarrell

Aug. 7, 2026

Nancy Jarrell, age 73, of Beckley, WV, passed away Friday, August 7, 2026.

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Dr. Rita E Meadows

May 10, 1945 – Aug. 20, 2026

ROEBUCK — Dr. Rita E Meadows passed away on August 20, 2026, in Roebuck, SC, at 81.

She was a professor at Southeastern University and the University of South Florida.

She leaves behind brothers Howard J Meadows, Jr., Robert Meadows (Regina), and Curtis Meadows (Donna).

Visitation is at 12:30PM followed by funeral service at



2:00PM on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, 5251 Robert C Byrd Dr., Beckley, WV.

Kenneth Andrew (Drew) Scott

Jun. 15, 1979 – Aug. 6, 2026

MINNEAPOLIS — With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Kenneth Andrew (Drew) Scott, who died on August 6, 2026 at the age of 47. Drew was born June 15, 1979 in Beckley, WV. He was a graduate of Shady Spring High School and WVU School of Engineering. Drew was a member of Grandview Christian Church.

While living in California he was employed at Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi Wines in Lodi, CA. After moving to Minneapolis, MN, he was employed at Hawkins, Inc. where he was Project Manager.

Drew had a way of making the world around him brighter. He radiated kindness, love, and an unmistakable energy for life. He was truly a friend to everyone, because Drew genuinely cared about people. If someone needed help, he was there and always gener-

ous with his time, his energy, and his heart.

Drew had a remarkable gift for bringing people together. He was the one who made things happen - organizing the fun, creating reasons to gather, and making sure everyone felt welcome and included. Whether it was family, friends, neighbors or kids, Drew turned ordinary moments into lasting memories. He understood that some of the best parts of life are simply being together, and he gave the people around him countless moments they will carry with them forever.

Above all else, Drew loved his children. They were the center of his world and his greatest joy. The love he had for them was boundless, and nothing mattered more to him than being their dad.

Drew leaves behind an extraordinary number of people who loved him. Those left behind

include his children Emily, Nora and Charlie and their mother Toni. Other survivors include his parents Kenneth M. Scott and Jo DeLancey Scott, sister Andrea Lester and husband J.D., brother Christopher Scott and Joni Surgeon, niece Madison McNiff and husband Jack, and nephew Isaac Lester. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles and cousins.

His kindness, generosity, and enthusiasm for life touched more people than he could ever have known. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the love and joy he gave so freely.

Memorial service and celebration of life was held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 in Minneapolis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 1 p.m. with visitation from 11:30 to time of service at Grandview



Christian Church.

Following the service family and friends are invited to gather for a celebration of life in the Family Life Center at Grandview Christian Church to share stories, remember Drew and celebrate a life that meant so much to so many.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you honor Drew by carrying forward the kindness and generosity he showed so freely: bring people together, help someone who needs it, create some fun, and make a memory with the people you love.

Lisa Ann Shockley

Dec. 2, 1965 – Aug. 25, 2026

BROOKVILLE — Lisa Ann Shockley, of Brookville, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

Lisa was the loving daughter of Charlotte Szabo. Her family was the center of her world, and she is survived by her mother, Charlotte, and her loving and devoted son, Zach Shockley, and his wife, Emily. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Josh Shockley, and her father, Joe Szabo. Her legacy lives on through her cherished grandchildren, Marissa (Steven) Schrodi, Grace Shockley, Eli Shockley and Liv Sease, Crew Shockley, and Callahan Shockley, as well as her great-grandchild, Cooper Schrodi, all of whom she was so proud of. She is also survived by her brother, Michael Moore; her sister, Maria, and husband Peter Agostinelli; her nieces, Amber Johnson, Sophia (Elena Orlando) Agostinelli, Olivia (Joe) Bailey, and Charlotte (Xavier Haenz) Moore;



and her nephews, Luciano (Natalia) Agostinelli and Dan (Emily) Moore.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, James Kelly Moore (survived by his wife, Jane) and Mark Moore (survived by his wife, Lynne).

Her family extends their deepest gratitude to her dear best friend of many years, Karen Booso. Karen was a wonderful, unwavering friend who took exceptional, loving care of Lisa. Lisa's great sense of humor, laughter, and love for her family will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her. "WE LOVE YOU IT"



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Joan Hanley Burns

Joan Hanley Burns, 97, Fairmont State University after 14 years as the Supervisor of the Medical Laboratory Technician Program.



Hanley and was born in Mannington, WV on September 12, 1928, the youngest daughter of nine children, seven girls and two boys. She was the only living member of her family.

She was married to Jim Burns on May 30, 1952. They were married until his death on March 15, 1993, and they were the parents of eight children, Kathy Jacquez (Lemuel), Pat Burns (Anastasia), Susan Cole (Tom), Peggy Eckert, Michael Burns (Janie), Daniel Burns (Ann), Robert Burns (Gary), and Dr. William Burns (Beth); 17 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

Joan was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. She graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology and later returned to earn her Master's Degree in Health Education with an emphasis in Medical Technology. She retired from

After her children graduated from college and she was retired, Joan began to volunteer by taking cancer patients to treatments, as a Eucharistic Minister for St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, and at Fairmont General Hospital. She belonged to several organizations including the Friends of the Library, where she served as a past president, Ladies of the Knights of Columbus, Ladies of the Elks, Red Cross Volunteer, and was past president of the Fairmont General Hospital Volunteers. Joan also belonged to two bridge clubs, was a member of the Lifelong Learner Red Hats, and West Virginia Travel Club. Joan traveled both in the states and in Europe.

Joan has donated her body to the Human Gift Registry at West Virginia University. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.domicofh.com.

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Patsy DeChristopher

Patsy DeChristopher, a cherished member of the Star City community, passed peacefully on August 3, 2026,



at Mon Health Medical Center. Born on March 13, 1938, in Frosolone, Italy, to the late John and Domenica "Maggie" DeChristopher, Patsy moved to the United States with his family as a child and was raised in Fairmont, WV, a place he always called home.

As the beloved husband of the late Joan S. DeChristopher, Patsy filled his years with love and laughter, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him. A proud member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Star City since his marriage in 1965, he was deeply rooted in his faith and community.

Patsy was proud of his education, having attended Miller School and Fairmont Senior High School, where he often exclaimed, "West side is the best side!" He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1959, cherishing his time stationed at Rammer Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, where he enjoyed a memorable encounter with the soon-to-be baseball legend Roberto Clemente. This ignited his lifelong passion for sports, particularly baseball, where he remained an ardent supporter of the NY Yankees and Notre Dame teams.

A dedicated coach, Patsy inspired generations of little leaguers in Morgantown, guiding his own children, John and Lyn, while nurturing a love for the game in others. His role as a Bailiff under Justice Larry V. Starcher and Judge Russell M. Clawges, Jr. cemented his place in the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, from which he retired with pride.

Patsy's fierce love for his family and friends was evident to all. He is survived by his children, John (Connie Brady), Perri (Chuck Porter), and Lynette (Tracie DeFreitas), along with his beloved grandchildren, Sydney and Chase Porter. He also leaves behind a treasured nephew, Christopher Casino (Mechelle Cooley), and their children, Danielle and Anthony.

In recognition of the bonds that enriched his life, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to his dear friends Bill and Maggie Maraney, who were like family, and to Michiele Maxwell for her compassionate care and companionship and many trips to his favorite, Eat n Park during his later years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Fri. Aug. 7, 2026 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Star City. Patsy was laid to rest beside his beloved Joan at East Oak Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Ursula's Food Pantry, PO Box 18, Pursglove, WV 26546.

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Terry Lea Kave

Terry Lea Kave, 68, of Fairmont, West Virginia, passed away on July 28, 2026. Born, raised, and a lifelong resident



of Fairmont, Terry was known for her kind heart, gentle spirit, and unwavering love for her family.

Terry was the type of person who could brighten a room simply by being in it. She was loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her and was rarely seen without a smile. She found joy in the simple things—watching the hummingbirds at the feeder, creating beautiful handmade crafts, and spending countless hours crocheting, tatting, and making intricate beaded keepsakes for those she loved. Her favorite color was purple, a reflection of the warmth and vibrancy she brought to the lives of others. Her love for animals—especially cats—was one of her defining qualities, and her beloved companion, Nacho, brought her endless comfort and happiness. Terry was taken far too soon at just 68

years old, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories that will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her daughter, Heidi Handley and husband, Beau, of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Isla Handley and Jackson Handley; her son, Kris Kave and wife, Lorri, of Morgantown; grandchildren, Koen Kave and Lyza Kave; her brother, Mark Feltz; her very special cousin and lifelong friend, Cathy Parlett; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gregory Kave; her mother, Waneta Feltz; her father, Jack Feltz; and her aunt, Mary Feather.

In accordance with Terry's wishes, no formal services will be held. Her family will celebrate her life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marion County Humane Society in Terry's memory, honoring her lifelong love of animals. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kave family.

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Aretta Louise Kisner

Aretta Louise Biddle Kisner, 87, of Sistersville WV went home to be with the Lord on August 12, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Retta was born in Fairmont WV on March 5, 1939. Daughter of the late Claude E and Gladys Vandegrift Biddle. She graduated from East Fairmont High School in 1958, working at G.C. Murphy Co. in her junior and senior years.

Retta met and married the love of her life Rex A Kisner. They were happily married for 68 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Hobbies were at one time sewing, reading and making floral arrangements. She loved her travels with Rex to Pigeon Forge TN and the many gospel and bluegrass concerts in KY, OH, and of course her beloved WV.

Retta attended Friendly United Methodist Church where she made use of her floral arranging hobby. She loved the Lord, her church family and discussing the Bible.

Retta is preceded in death by her parents: her sisters, Viola Rogers and husband Ray:

Sandy Garlow and husband Charles, sister-law Mary Goff and husband Eugene.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Rex Kisner of Sistersville WV: son, Steve Kisner (Susan) of Paden City WV: daughter, Shelley Maxwell (David) of Sistersville WV, granddaughter, Jessica Owens (Mike) of Paden City WV and great grandchildren Kale and Evann and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends will be received at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant St, Fairmont WV 26554 on August 17, 2026, from 11:00 am until the time of service at 1:00 pm. Pastor Jon Fox and Pastor Jim Zinn will be presiding.

Interment will follow at the Mt. Zion Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Retta's name can be made to Friendly United Methodist Church PO Box 73 Friendly WV 26146.

Expressions of sympathy can be extended to the family at www.carpenterandford.com

Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kisner family.



Barbara Ann Rider

Barbara Ann Rider passed away peacefully in her home on July 28th. Barbara was born on August 15th, 1938, at home on Hopewell



Road in Fairmont to caring parents, Mary Beatrice Chadwell Lemley and Harmon Bud Lemley. She grew up on Fairmont's East Side where she made numerous lifelong friendships. Barbara attended East Fairmont High School and graduated as a member of the class of 1956. While in High School Barbara would be set up on a blind date and meet Daniel Marion Rider who would become her loving husband and lifelong companion. She would go on to earn her teaching degree from Fairmont State University in 1960.

Barbara would be an outstanding educator and leave a lasting impression on numerous students over the course of her time at East Fairmont High School, Fairmont Senior High School, Miller Middle School, and Fairmont Catholic. During her time as an educator she paid for her husband Dan to attend Pharmacy School, and thereafter they started Rider Pharmacy in 1967 which would go on to be a staple of the community for over 50 years. Barbara took the lead on running the gift shop portion of the Rider Pharmacy business participant in both of these clubs from their found-

ing until her passing.

Barbara is preceded by her daughter Jennifer Christine Rider and her parents Mary Beatrice Chadwell Lemley and Harmon Bud Lemley.

Barbara is survived by a large and beloved family including her husband Daniel Marion Rider, her son Christopher Scott Rider and his wife Maria Munoz Rider, her son Jonathan Michael Rider and his wife Heather Lee Macdonald Rider, her son Todd Daniel Lemley Rider and his partner Tara Elise Slusher, her sister Mary Jane Lemley Shackelford, and her six grandchildren Gatsby Quintan Hayes Rider, and worked tirelessly to maintain a beautiful selection of gifts and décor which delighted the community.

Barbara and Dan would build a close-knit loving family throughout their lives and maintain the strongest friendships which anyone could hope to have. Barbara would also be an active pillar of the

community for her entire life having been involved in the United Way, the Women's League, the Chamber of Commerce, and was an active local business advocate with the local government. Barbara would be a long-time member of a supper club which was held with a close circle of her dearest friends and would co-found a book club in 1997. Barbara would be an enthusiastic Jason Scott Rider, Aidan Palmer Rider, Dylan Patrick Macdonald Rider, Emily Claire Rider, Marley Brooke Rider.

Barbara Rider regularly reflected on and spoke fondly of the countless friends and family members which helped to give her life joy and purpose, often remarking on how blessed she was to have so many loved ones. She lived a beautiful life of kindness, charm, and grace. Her natural spark and personal warmth touched a thousand hearts and she will be remembered with

love by all who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gateway United Methodist Church, 301 Diamond Street, Fairmont, WV 26554 or to the East Fairmont High School Foundation, 1993 Airport Road, Fairmont, WV 26554.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont WV 26554. Friends and family will be received on Sunday, August 2, 2026 from 1p.m. until 6p.m. and again on Monday, August 3, 2026 from 9a.m. until 10a.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Monday at 10a.m. with Reverend Nici Masters as celebrant. A graveside service will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Fairmont. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com.



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Lucille Ann Sellers

Lucille Ann Sellers, 76, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

Born on August 4, 1949, Lucille dedicated her life to education, serving students, teachers and families throughout her distinguished 33-year career.

She graduated from East Fairmont High School before earning her Bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College. She later received a Master of Science in Education and completed additional post-graduate studies while serving as Supervisor of Career Technical and Adult Education, as well as Vocational and Special Education, for Loudin County Public Schools in Northern Virginia.

Throughout her career, Lucille developed, coordinated, and revised curriculum for numerous educational programs. She served as a liaison with the Virginia State Supervisors of Curriculum and was widely respected for her leadership and commitment to educational excellence. Among her many accomplishments, she established a Teacher Cadet Program for high school seniors, provided professional development and training for teachers, and a Family Life Education Program for students in grades kindergarten through tenth grade.

After 33 years of dedicated service, Lucille retired, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to benefit educators and students alike.

Above all, Lucille cherished her family. She was the daughter of the late Ralph A. Sellers I and Philomena "Florence" Sellers of Fairmont. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Frank and Lucia Sellers, and Antonio and Filomena Rizzo.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Mary Frances Sellers Reynolds, and brother-in-law, Richard A. Reynolds I.

Lucille is lovingly remembered by her brother, Dr. Ralph A. Sellers, II, and his wife, Diane Chapman Sellers; her sister, Annette M. Sellers Waugaman and her husband, Greg A. Waugaman; and by her many beloved nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Lucille will be remembered for her love of colorful flowers, her generosity, her lifelong dedication to education, her quiet leadership, and the positive influence she had on countless students, teachers, colleagues, and family members.

A Memorial Mass for Lucille will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Fairmont at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

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Warder Ansley Shaver

Warder "Woody" Ansley Shaver, 85, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2026. Woody was the youngest son



of the late Herb and Rose Shaver of Monumental. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Edith Cooper Shaver; his son, Jeffrey Don Shaver; his sister-in-law, Carolyn Shaver; and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Barbara and Dwayne Reynolds. He is survived by his children, Bryan (Missy) Shaver, Jewell (Satish) Rajanala, and Kristin (Dall) Floyd; his brother, Charles Shaver of Milton; and his brother-in-law, Donald (Janie) Cooper of Mannington. Woody was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren: Daniel, Emma, Jacob, John, Nate, and Savanna Shaver; Grant and Ansley Rajanala; and Leigha and Christian Floyd. He was also blessed with a great-grandson, Eric Shaver. After graduating from Barrackville High School in 1958, Woody served his country as a U.S. Army Specialist in Nuclear Weapons. Following his military service, he spent one year as a West Virginia State Trooper before earning a degree in Mining Engineering from West Virginia University. He then embarked on a distinguished career in the coal industry, ultimately retiring from Consol Coal Company in 1996. Following retirement, Woody embraced his lifelong

love of travel. An adventurous spirit, he visited all 50 states and explored 44 countries around the world. Woody was also a member of Fairmont Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M. and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), finding in both a connection to enduring brotherhood, cherished traditions, and the legacy of those who came before him. From the coal mines of West Virginia to destinations around the globe, Woody lived a life defined by hard work, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for the people and places he encountered along the way. And loved spending time in the sunshine with friends in Pharr, Texas. The family will receive friends at Ford Funeral Home, 201 Columbia St., Fairmont, WV 26554, on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 12 noon until 3 p.m. The funeral service will take place in the funeral home at 3 p.m. with Pastor Cheryl George officiating. Interment will follow at Monumental Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Monumental Cemetery, 648 Monumental Road, Fairmont, WV 26559. Pallbearers are grandsons Daniel, Jacob, Nate, and John Shaver, Grant Rajanala, and Christian Floyd. Full military honors will be conducted by the Marion County Veteran's Council. The family has entrusted arrangements to Ford Funeral Home, 201 Columbia St., Fairmont, WV 26554. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com.

Priscilla L. Stull

Mecca - Priscilla Stull, 85, passed away Thursday July 30, 2026 at Shepherd of the Valley in Howland.



Harold and Genevieve Baker.

Priscilla was born on February 11, 1941, in Mannington, WV the daughter of the late Harold and Genevieve Baker. She was a 1959 graduate of Mannington High School. Shortly after high school, she married the love of her life, William Louis Stull Sr., on October 18, 1960 in Winchester, VA and began their family together.

She was a proud homemaker who was always there for her family. Once her children were out of school, she worked at Walmart for many years. She enjoyed watching the animals outside, especially the birds and the cows. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Priscilla will be deeply missed by her loving children, Linda Miller, Craig Stull, Tracy (Matthew) Miller, and Phillip (Amy) Stull; grandchild-

dren Justin, Vincent, Bradley, Trish, Shelby, Katie, Emma (Ashton) Hall, and Olivia; great-grandson, Weston; and brother, Harold "Dick" (Janet) Stull.

Besides parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, William Stull, who passed away on January 19, 2015; sons, Michael R. Stull, and William Stull Jr.; grandchildren, Aleena and Michael R. Stull II.

Family and friends may visit from 6-8:00PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at Lane Funeral Homes Shafer-Winans Chapel, located at 164 N. High St. in Cortland. Funeral services will take place at 12:00PM on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at West Mecca Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Mecca Township Fire Department in Priscilla's memory.

Family and friends may send their heartfelt condolences by visiting www.lanefuneralhomes.com



James Randolph Urbaniak

Durham NC - James R. Urbaniak, Distinguished Virginia Flowers Baker Professor and Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at Duke, emeritus, retired, passed away on July 18, 2026.

Jim was born in Fairmont, West Virginia on May 15, 1936 to Cecil and Patricia Urbaniak.

Cecil was born in Poland and Patricia in Lexington, Kentucky. Jim was the middle child with a brother Joe (now deceased) one year older and a sister, Cecily, nine years younger. Jim graduated valedictorian, was all-state in football, and lettered in basketball and track at West Fairmont Senior High.

Jim was recruited by the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant with a football scholarship to the University of Kentucky where he lettered three years. He was one of the top three pass receivers in the SEC, All-SEC Scholastic Awardee, recipient of the WHAS-TV Award for All Around Value to the team. He graduated with High Distinction from the University of Kentucky.

Jim then attended Duke University Medical School, graduating in 1962. He then completed an Orthopaedic residency at Duke in 1969, with a tour of duty from 1963-1965 serving in the U.S. Navy as the Attending Physician to the United States Congress and Supreme Court.

Jim joined the Duke Orthopaedic faculty in 1969 and was awarded the Distinguished Virginia Flowers Baker Chair and served as the Chief of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery from 1985-2002. His academic accomplishments and contributions in Orthopaedic Surgery are legendary. He pioneered research and clinical microsurgery in reconstruction of musculoskeletal disorders. He

replanted more than 1500 amputated body parts. His major contribution was the pioneering treatment of avascular necrosis of the femoral head by free vascularized fibular grafting. He and his team performed more than 3500 of these procedures to salvage hips in young patients. He presented more than 400 lectures in 40 countries, published over 300 articles in peer reviewed scientific journals, and authored 14 textbooks. He mentored more than 400 residents and 200 fellows, many of whom were international.

Jim received many awards for his contributions and leadership. Among them are: Kentucky Colonel, American Orthopaedic Association (AOA), American British Canadian Travel Fellow (ABC Fellow), American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Distinguished Achievement Award, Kappa Delta Award for Outstanding Research, Distinguished Southern Orthopaedic Surgeon, International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) Pioneer Award, Duke Orthopaedic Teaching Award (awarded twice), William Anlyan Lifetime Achievement Award, American College of Surgeons Elmir Nix Award for Ethics and Sheen Award for Lifetime Achievement, Master Surgeon by Duke Department of Surgery and Duke Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation Lifetime Service Award, the Bristol-Myers Squibb/Zimmer Award for Distinguished Achievement in Orthopaedics, the establishment of the James R. Urbaniak Chair, and the dedication of the James R. Urbaniak Sports Science Institute at Duke.

Jim served as President and Chair of the Board of several national and international organizations including: American Orthopaedic Asso-

ciation, American Society for Surgery of the Hand, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, Eastern Orthopaedic Association, International Federation for Societies of Surgeons of the Hand, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation, and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

Jim's contributions to life go far beyond his pioneer work in microsurgical reconstruction of the musculoskeletal system. He was beloved by his trainees and colleagues for his compassionate care of his patients, sense of humor, moral integrity, kindness and respect for others. He committed tireless investment and elevation of those around him. His calm demeanor made him approachable by all, and he had tremendous impact on the lives of his many trainees, colleagues and patients!

For decades he worked with Duke Athletics and the Sports Medicine team in the care of upper extremity injuries of Duke athletes. He played a pivotal role in introducing multidisciplinary care to athletes, ensuring they received the most comprehensive and effective treatment. He was an avid Duke fan and for 65 years he did not miss a Duke football or basketball home game unless he was out of town or in the operating room.

Jim treasured precious time with his family, swimming and fishing at the North Carolina beaches in the summer, skiing in the Colorado mountains in winter and traveling, especially to historic sights, and golfing.

Jim's enduring legacy continues and is disseminated through the numerous physicians he trained and mentored and the countless patients' lives that have been impacted by his compassionate care. One of his favorite quotes was

"a patient cares more about how much you care than how much you know". He lived out this quote not only by his words but also by his actions which spoke louder than his words. It is impossible to list the endless caring gestures and sometimes quite extraordinary things he did for his patients and their families, the residents and fellows and their families, his own family, friends, neighbors, and simply anyone he met. He cared not only about whatever orthopaedic concern there was and was a master at diagnosing and treating, but he also cared about every aspect of the person. His life was defined by humility and selflessness - always having the deepest empathy for others and always willing to put the well-being of others before his own as evidenced by the sleepless nights spent in the operating room only to appear in clinic the next day cheerfully greeting the staff and the patients and giving them his complete and unparalleled attention, expertise and skill. The saying among the orthopaedic residents at Duke "we stand on the shoulders of giants" could not be more appropriate in describing how Jim Urbaniak (the greatest of giants) affected those around him - always elevating others - enabling them to achieve and succeed because of his guidance and belief in them.

He leaves behind his Piedmont family who feel his loss with a profound sense of grief - a family made up of faculty and all orthopaedic surgeons who ever trained at Duke. This is a family not by blood or even by shared experiences but is rather a family because of the love he had for each Piedmont Society member and their family, and the love he fostered within that community. There is no doubt that the values and lessons he instilled in this society will improve the lives of thousands of

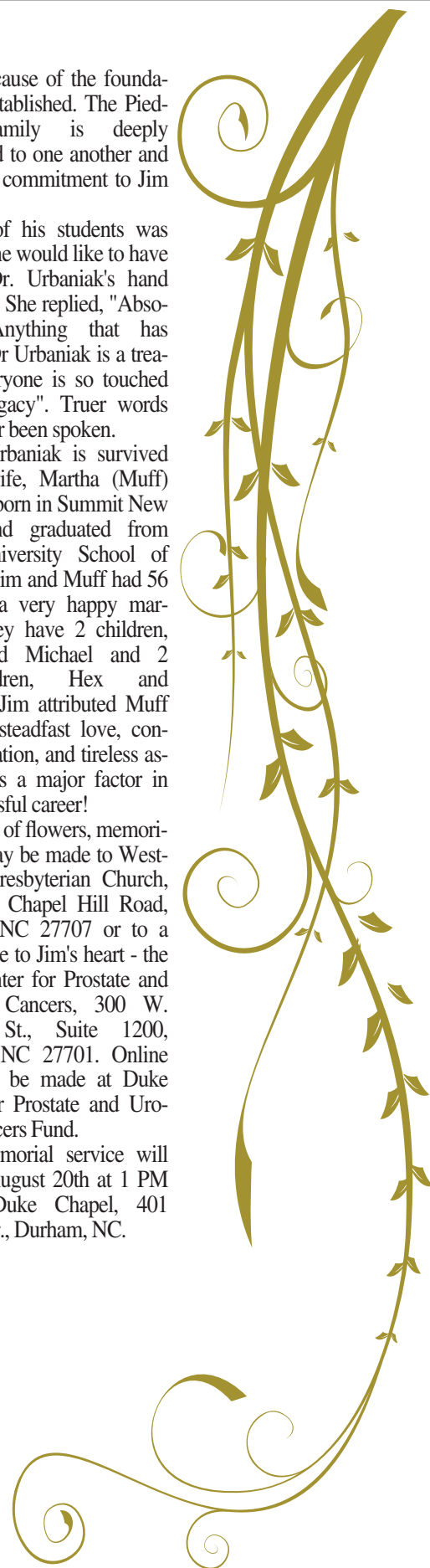
others because of the foundation he established. The Piedmont family is deeply committed to one another and owes that commitment to Jim and Muff.

One of his students was asked if she would like to have any of Dr. Urbaniak's hand textbooks. She replied, "Absolutely! Anything that has touched Dr Urbaniak is a treasure. Everyone is so touched by his legacy". Truer words have never been spoken.

Dr. Urbaniak is survived by his wife, Martha (Muff) who was born in Summit New Jersey and graduated from Duke University School of Nursing. Jim and Muff had 56 years of a very happy marriage. They have 2 children, Kathi and Michael and 2 grandchildren, Hex and Grayson. Jim attributed Muff with her steadfast love, constant elevation, and tireless assistance as a major factor in his successful career!

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3639 Old Chapel Hill Road, Durham, NC 27707 or to a cause close to Jim's heart - the Duke Center for Prostate and Urologic Cancers, 300 W. Morgan St., Suite 1200, Durham, NC 27701. Online gifts may be made at Duke Center for Prostate and Urologic Cancers Fund.

A memorial service will be held August 20th at 1 PM at the Duke Chapel, 401 Chapel Dr., Durham, NC.



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