EVA ROSE DARNELL (’40)

Eva Rose Darnell, of Liberty, passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at her home. She was 101.

She graduated from Campbellsville College in 1940 with a degree in education and began teaching third grade in a one-room schoolhouse. She taught school for thirty-eight years.

Born on October 27, 1920, in Casey County, KY, she was the daughter of the late Elvin and Sophia Whitis Mays. She was the widow of the late James H. Darnell.

She is survived by a grandson, Steven (Heather) Brown of Liberty; a granddaughter, Jamie (Scott) Price of Liberty; six great-grandsons, Will (Shelby), Noah, Reece, Alex, Adam, and Andrew; a great-granddaughter, Caroline Harrison; and one great-great-grandson, Preston.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by a daughter, Alice Brown; a sister, Velma Griffin; and two brothers, Louis Mays and Robert Mays.

The funeral service will be held at 1pmET on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11-1 on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Will Hatter, Noah Brown, Reece Brown, Alex Price, Adam Price, Andrew Price, Scott Price, and Buel Dean McDonald.

Memorial contributions may take the form of donations to Liberty United Methodist Church.

LOUISE THARP MORGAN (’41)
Louise Morgan, 97, of Hoopeston, IL, formerly of Rossville, IL, passed away at 1:44 A.M. Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at her home. She was born January 5, 1924, in Bradfordsville, KY, the daughter of Bluford and Mattie (Evans) Tharp. She married Felix Morgan on September 19, 1942 in Gilpin, KY. He survives.

She is also survived by one daughter, Brenda (Gary) Weinard of Hoopeston; one son, Terry (Barbara) Morgan of Hoopeston; four sisters, Beulah Burchell of Bradfordsville, KY, Bobbie Lee Zottman of Lebanon, KY, Wanda Marlow of Bradfordsville, KY, and Mary Rita (Fred) McClure of Bradfordsville, KY; five grandchildren, Kevin (Rhonda) Weinard, Brian Weinard, Matthew (Gina) Morgan, Lea Morgan, and Quentin (Mary) Morgan, eleven great grandchildren, seven great – great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and two special cousins, Betty Kincheloe and Anne Mardis both of Campbellsville, KY.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Louise taught school in a one room schoolhouse. She then helped her husband on the farm. She was a member of the Rossville Church of Christ. Louise loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Rossville Church of Christ or the Donor’s Choice.

ANNA MARGRET ZIMMERMAN ('47)

ZIMMERMAN, Anna Margaret Sanders Zimmerman, daughter of Sam Edd and Bertha Hunt Sanders, was born February 5, 1930 in Indianapolis, IN, and died November 16, 2021 after a short illness, in Dallas, TX, where she had lived for over fifty years. After early years in Campbellsville, KY and high school graduation at 15 in Louisville, KY, followed by graduation from Campbellsville College and Western Kentucky State College, in 1948 she began teaching in Shepherdsville, KY, where she met James R. Zimmerman. Marrying him at the end of 1950, she later joined him in Germany, where she taught in U.S. Army schools in Stuttgart and Mannheim, and where their daughter Joann was born. Upon their return to Kentucky and civilian life, she continued her career as a fourth-grade teacher, first for fourteen years at Mary Todd Elementary in Lexington, during which time she earned a M.Ed. from the University of Kentucky, and then in Texas for over twenty years at Spring Creek Elementary in the Richardson Independent
School District. Always a reader, she was involved in many book-related activities, from Great Books to local book clubs, play-reading groups, and Great Decisions. For decades, she was a competitive fencer, in Lexington and Dallas. She was a founding member of the Richardson Unitarian Universalist Church, and was a long-term volunteer for Network of Community Ministries. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by her daughter Joann Zimmerman and her son-in-law Charles Spurgeon, of Austin, as well as by devoted and loving friends including Arlton White and Grace Morrison. By her request, there will be no services or memorials.

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FRANCES W. MURRAY ('53)

Frances White Murray, age 87, born August 23, 1933 in Hazel, KY passed away Friday, August 6, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. She was a resident of Jacksonville, Florida from 1977 until 2018. She moved to Marianna with her husband, Rev. A. Darrel Murray to live with their son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Shelley.

She served in churches with her husband working in the church office and often leading music from 1960 until 2016 in Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Gainesville and Largo. Fran Murray served at the Florida Baptist Convention for two executive directors as their assistants for over 25 years. She was a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

She loved music, helping organize church events, dinners, word search puzzles, and especially her children and grandchildren. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A. Darrel Murray; parents, Layman and Naomi White; brother, James White of Murray, KY; sister, Betty Dale of Hazel, KY and daughter, Deborah Lynn.
Frances is survived by her brother, John White (Oneida) of Murray, KY; son, Michael and his wife, Shelley; daughter, Jeanne Murray; grandchildren, Jason and his wife Amy, Tyson, and Hannah, as well as seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 3 P.M. Monday, August 9, 2021 at Marianna Chapel Funeral Home with Pastor Michael Murray officiating. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens with Marianna Chapel Funeral Home directing.

REV. PRESTON SILER (’57)

Reverend Preston Siler

Shepherdsville - Reverend Preston Gail Siler, age 82, of Shepherdsville, Kentucky returned to his Heavenly Father on Friday, January 14, 2022. Reverend Siler was born in McNairy, Tennessee on August 18, 1939 to the late Curtis Siler and Alice (McNeal) Siler. He was a bivocational minister, where he preached at Thixton Lane Baptist Church and worked as labor relations at Ford Motor Company where he retired after 30 plus years of service. Reverend Siler was a veteran of the United States Army. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Martha Black; and brothers, Wayne Siler, and William "Buck" Siler.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rachael (Teasler) Siler; son, Greg Siler (Renee); daughter; Gail Hayes (Col. Edward); grandchildren, Adam Hayes, Annabelle Hayes; sister, Mary
Bryan (Franklin); brother, Nelson Siler (Donna); and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A private viewing will be held at a later date in Oxford, Mississippi at Waller Funeral Home with burial in Yellow Leaf Baptist Church Cemetery.

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DR. WILLIAM JACKSON FRITT'S (’60)

Dr. William Jackson "Jack" Fritts was born April 15, 1940 in Knoxville, Tennessee to Ernest and Evelyn Fritts. He died peacefully March 26, 2020 after a long nine-year battle with Parkinson's disease. Dr. Fritts surrendered to the ministry while in college. Upon completion of his Junior year he went to East St. Louis, Illinois as a Summer Missionary with the Southern Baptist Convention. He worked in Vacation Bible Schools and preached when he had the opportunity. He stayed in the area when he felt God calling him to pastor a small mission church. This is where he met his wife of 58 years, Erma Faye Troyer Fritts. Later he and Faye were appointed by the Home Mission Board of the Convention to serve as Missionaries to Northern Illinois to start new churches and mentor pastors of existing churches. However, his heart was to pastor and preach in a local church. During his ministry he led his churches to start three Spanish speaking
churches. In order to be as prepared as possible to preach the Gospel, he finished his college
degree in Kentucky where he pastored a small church. Knowing a theological education was top
priority he planned to attend The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky, but God
had other plans. As graduation drew near, he felt God leading him to Ft. Worth, Texas and
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity and later both
his Masters and Doctorate of Theology. He was also given the opportunity to do post graduate
work at Queens College in Oxford, England. His ministry has included churches in Illinois,
Kentucky and Texas. In East Texas he pastored both First Baptist, Marshall and Oakland Heights
Baptist in Longview. Doctor Fritts retired from the pastorate after serving Southern Baptist
churches for 56 years. Following his retirement, he continued preaching as an interim pastor and
did pulpit supply for several churches until his health began to fail. Dr. Fritts served as a Trustee
on the Boards of both East Texas Baptist University and The Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. His other denominational service included work on various
associational, state, convention committees, and boards. Dr. Fritts was preceded in death by his
parents, Ernest and Evelyn Fritts. He is survived by his wife, Erma Faye Fritts, one son Douglas
Jackson Fritts and daughter Jennifer Anne Fritts-Johnson. Also, three grandsons, Matthew
Jackson Fritts, LCpl Caleb Michael Fritts, USMC, and Payton Alexander Johnson. The family
extends a Special Thank You to the staff of Longview Hill Nursing Home for the excellent care
they provided Dr. Fritts during this last year. Suggested family donations may be made in Dr.
Fritts memory to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st ST. Suite 800, Miami, Florida, The
Oakland Heights Baptist Building Fund or charity of choice. Due to the current national health
crisis, the family is having private graveside services at Rosewood Park. Cemetery Details
Rosewood Park 1884 FM 1844 Longview, TX, 75605

PRISCILLA COOPER BADGETT (’62)
Priscilla Cooper Badgett, 78, wife of Joseph C. Badgett, Jr., passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. She was born in Creston, Kentucky on May 27, 1943 to the late Everett and Beatrice Redford Cooper. She graduated from Liberty High School in 1958, from Campbellsville College with a BS in 1962 (on her 19th birthday), and from Eastern Kentucky State College with an MA in 1967. She was a teacher in the Hardin and Franklin County school systems for six years before her children were born. She was then a substitute teacher for the Franklin County school system for many years. More recently, she enjoyed her work as Page Supervisor for the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Priscilla attended Creston Baptist Church in her younger years and was saved and baptized during college, becoming a member of Campbellsville Baptist Church. After moving to Frankfort, she belonged to Thornhill Baptist Church for many years, where she sang in the choir and was a part of the puppet ministry. At the time of her death, she was a member of Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church and the GAP Sunday school class.

Priscilla's hobbies included working the crossword puzzle in the paper every day, dish collecting, and attending any and all performances, ballgames, etc. by her children, nieces, and nephews. She loved music and musicals, her flowers, and especially keeping up with her friends, old and new.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughters, Jill (Joel) Van Tassel of Lexington, and Julie Badgett of Richmond; her sisters, Agnes Cooper of Allen Park, MI, Barbara Goode of Frankfort, and Patricia "Patty" (Kent) Emerson of Dunnville; her brother, David Cooper of Creston; her sister-in-law, Carole Kruse of Frankfort; her brother-in-law, Dr. Tom Badgett (Rachel) of Louisville; her sister-in-law, Ruth Ann (Bob) Shaw of Frankfort; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant sister, Wanda Fay Cooper; her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Peggy Cooper; her brother, Kenneth Cooper; her brother-in-law, Frank Goode; and her nephew, Jeffrey Cooper.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Clark Legacy Center, Versailles Rd., with Rev. Todd Lester officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9:00am until the time of service on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Clark Legacy Center, Versailles Rd. Online condolences may be expressed at
Kirby Lowell Kinman, 82, passed away on August 21, 2021 at his son's home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Kirby received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Ky. He also completed 2 years at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. Kirby planted and led North Avenue Baptist Church as its pastor for 10 years. At the time of his death, he was an active member of Three Oaks Bible Chapel where he enjoyed being a member of the choir. Kirby loved his family. He and his wife Beverly hosted their grandchildren every summer for a week of Granny Camp. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, reading and nature. Every day from 12-3, he would faithfully listen to The Rush Limbaugh Show. Kirby had a special Christmas tradition where he would give a T-shirt with a humorous saying to every family member that was applicable to their unique personality. He was an entrepreneur and owned Equity Recording Company in Atlanta, Ga. for many years. After closing Equity Recording Company, he enjoyed a more simple life of painting.

Kirby was preceded in death by his daughter, Esther Lyn Bullock.

He is survived by his wife Beverly Ruth Kinman, his three children, Jeffry Nathanael Kinman and his wife Angie Kinman, Darryl Andrew Kinman and his wife Grace Kinman, Laura Kay
Reeves and her husband Terry Reeves. He has fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service to honor and celebrate the life of Kirby Lowell Kinman on November 6, 2021 at 3:30pm at Three Oaks Chapel in Macon, Ga. The street address is 3350 Avondale Mill Rd. Services will be held outdoors.

RONALD W. SANDIDGE ('62)

Rev. Ronald W. Sandidge, age 79, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021 at the home of his daughter in West Lafayette, Indiana. Ron entered this life on October 29, 1941 in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of Woodrow Wilson Sandidge and Bretia Mae (Enis) Stumbaugh. He was raised by his aunt and uncle, Hubert and Lara Atwell in Hart County, Kentucky. He was a 1958 graduate of Hart Memorial High School. In 1962, Ron graduated from Campbellsville University, as well as, Wisconsin School of Banking in 1980. He spent seven years as a teacher before entering the banking field from which he retired in 2003 after 34 years. Ron was ordained into the ministry on his 20th birthday. He spent over 50 years pastoring churches in Kentucky and Indiana. Ron enjoyed working in the yard and garden, attending estate auctions, collecting glassware and working crossword puzzles. Ronald was united in marriage to Jean Milby on June 20, 1964 in Gabe, Kentucky. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary five days prior to his death. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Annette Sandidge- Deno and her husband, Tim of West Lafayette, IN; his son, David Sandidge and his wife, Olivia of Indianapolis, IN; his grandchildren, Abigail, Parker, and Alexis Deno and Mia and Mallory Sandidge; his sisters, Janeen Moberley of Cape Coral, FL, Portia Marksbury of Cox's Creek, KY and Claudia Catherine Ayers of Parkersburg, WV; his brother, Eric Scott Stumbaugh and his wife, Donna of Oro Valley, AR and his numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Jonathan Edward Sandidge; his father and mother, Woodrow Wilson Sandidge and Bretia Mae (Enis) Stumbaugh; his aunt, uncle and cousin, Hubert and Lara Atwell and Reggie Atwell with whom he was raised as a brother. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 2, 2021, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana.
Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 2, 2021, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery, Vevay, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

WINFRED CLARK ('63)

Winfred Clark entered this life on January 28, 1943 in the Freedom Community of Wayne County and departed on January 11, 2022 at the home of his daughter in Somerset, Kentucky at the age of 78.

He was the youngest of seven children born of Grant and Ada Jones Clark. Winfred was a graduate of Wayne County High School and attended Campbellsville University.

Winfred met his wife Clotine Phillips Clark, of the Mt. View Community in McCreary County and were married on December 27, 1963 in Dayton, Ohio. This marriage of 56 years produced two children, Cindy Denney (husband, Mike) and Jeff Clark; six grandsons, Corey Mounce (and Sydney), Connor Denney, Clark Denney, Dylan Clark, Cole Clark (and Heather), and Ricky Clark; two great-grandsons, Lucas and Levi Mounce; and his loyal companion Rudy.

Winfred began working at the Stearns Company and later worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers until he retired at the age of 60. As a young man, he accepted Christ as his Savior and joined Freedom Baptist Church. He was a member of East Somerset Baptist Church.
Winfred is survived by a brother, Grant Clark, Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a sister, Stella Clark of Somerset, Kentucky; brother-in-law Wayne Phillips (wife, Patsy); 3 sisters-in-law, Julie Phillips, Kathy Phillips, and Debbie Phillips; as well as 37 nieces and nephews.

Winfred is preceded in death by his parents; his beautiful wife Clotine, a grandson, Dakota Clark; A brother, Noble Clark, 3 sisters Zella Spurlock and her husband John, Tonie Clark, Mertie Jones, and many members of his beloved Phillips Family.

Winfred was known for his humor, honesty, and loyalty. He loved his family dearly and his grandsons and great grandsons were his pride and joy. He loved the outdoors and spoke often of time spent with his wife and the Phillips family enjoying memories of camping, fishing, and hunting.

His earthly presence will be missed and his memory will always be cherished.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the chapel of Pine Knot Funeral Home with Bro. Darvie Fenison and Bro. Dale Rose officiating. Burial is to follow in the Mt. View Cemetery. The family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday after 10:00 am until service time.

Pine Knot Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

MAURICE MARIE HUDSON ('67)
Maurice Marie Hudson February 3, 1949 – October 1, 2021 Maurice "Marci" Hudson was born on February 3, 1949 in Celina, Ohio to Eugene Dull and Lorna Griffis Dull. She departed this earthly life to gain her eternal rest on October 1, 2021, at her home near Bailey. Marci graduated from Blue Creek High School, Haviland, Ohio in 1968. She attended Campbellsville College from 1985 – 1988. She attended nursing school in 1992. Marci traveled with her close friend, Sue Coon as an evangelist and puppeteer in the 1980's. In 2002 they moved to North Carolina, buying a dog breeding and grooming business. Marci was the breeder, and Sue was the groomer. Marci retired in early 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Lorna Dull; brothers, Jack Dull and Steve Dull, and her sisters, Lori Dull Matthews and Diana Dull Stoller. Marci is survived by her brother, Rick Dull. Cherished memories are left to her best friend of forty-five years, Sue Coon; friends, Ellen Robinson of Apex, Brenna Turner of Apex, and her family friend, a true sister in Christ, Rosalyn Knight of Bailey, and her hospice nurse, Diana Worrells of Tarboro. God looked around His garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful; He always takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So, he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for parts of us went with you the day God called you home.

JOSEPH E SPARKS ('67)
Joseph E. Sparks, 78, of Breeding, Kentucky, died September 7, 2021 at the Harrison Springs Health Campus in Corydon, Indiana.

He was born August 22, 1943 to the late J.E. and Christine Sparks. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn Dudley Sparks and a brother, Willard Sparks.

He was a retired Hardin County High School Chemistry teacher and a Microbiologist for the state of Kentucky. Joe’s father, J.E. Sparks, along with Frank Lancaster and others, were founding members of the Duo-County Telephone Co-Op and at the time of Joe’s death, he was the oldest member of the Board of Directors. Joe was a World War II Historian, avid duck and turkey hunter, along with his friend Jimmy Nell, and past President of Kentucky League of Sportsmen.

Survivors include:

His Sister – Gayle Crain (Jim) of Greenville, IN

His Nephew – Cabe Crain (Denise) of Greenville, IN

A Sister-in-law – Betty Sparks of Elizabethtown, KY

One Niece – Julie Meadows of Elizabethtown, KY

Special friend and neighbor – James Murphy of Breeding

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be on Friday, November 5, 2021 starting at 10:00 A.M. with a Celebration of Joe’s Life following at 11:00 A.M. at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home.
In lieu of flowers, donations to the Marilyn Dudley Sparks Scholarship Fund at Lindsey Wilson College would be appreciated and can be left at the funeral home or mailed to Lindsey Wilson College, 210 Lindsey Wilson Street, Columbia, Kentucky 42728.

MAX HEATH (’69)


He is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Ann Sullivan, also of Campbellsville, a son Jason, of Louisville and nephews Ricky Heath of Chicago and Chad Heath of Greensburg.

He retired in 2008 as vice-president, postal/acquisitions of Landmark Community Newspapers, Shelbyville, KY, where he had resided since 1980.

For 22 years he was executive editor responsible for recruiting, training, and news quality improvement for 54 paid weekly and daily newspapers in 13 states with over 300,000 paid circulation. For 23 years he was circulation director as well, helping grow paid circulation and training circulation managers.

He was a self-styled “country editor” who edited and managed non-daily newspapers in KY and IN and served as regional manager for numerous LCNI properties.

Heath served 35 years as chair of the Postal Committee of the National Newspaper Association and wrote a monthly Postal Tips column for Publisher's Auxiliary. He was named to the Postal Service Mailer's Technical Advisory Committee representing NNA from 1989 to 2017.

He received the NNA President's Award in 1989 and 1997, Ambassador Award in 1992, and coveted Amos Award for service to community newspapers in 1994. He conducted seminars on "Maximizing Postal Savings and Delivery" for newspaper associations and groups for 25 years.
He was general manager of News Publishing Company, Tell City, Indiana, and editor of The Perry County News from 1975-80. In 1978 The News was awarded "Blue Ribbon Weekly" for best non-daily in Indiana by the Hoosier State Press Association.

Heath worked more than 10 years as a journalist in his hometown of Campbellsville. He was managing editor of the semiweekly Central Kentucky News-Journal in 1974-75, and editor & general manager of The NewsJournal from 1971-74 and part of 1969.

From 1969-71, he served in the Army as an information specialist in Alabama and Thailand, where he was editor of the newspaper for U.S. Army Support Thailand.

From 1965-69, he worked his way through Campbellsville University (which gave him a Distinguished Alumnus award in 1987). He was sports editor and news editor of the Central Kentucky News. In 1968, KPA awarded him Best Sports Page in KY. Prior to that, he was a sportswriter for The News-Journal in high school. He also edited his high school newspaper. He free-lanced for The Courier-Journal from 1969-75.

Heath has served as president of the Kentucky Press Association; Louisville chapter of Society of Professional Journalists; the United Way of Perry County, IN; the Perry County Unit, American Cancer Society; director of the Tell City Kiwanis Club; and the Hoosier State Press Association.

He was named to the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 1996. He was given LCNI's first President's Award for Outstanding Service in 1990. He received the Edwards M. Templin award from KPA in 1992 for service to the community. He was named KPA's Most Valuable Member in 1985 and 1988 and earned a 110% Award in 1983. He was also a Kentucky Colonel.

The Hoosier State Press Association gave him its Distinguished Service Award in January 2006, as did the Wisconsin Newspaper Association in 2010 and the Ohio News Media Association in 2019. The Institute for Rural Journalism and the Bluegrass Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists in Lexington KY presented Heath with the Al Smith Award for public service through community journalism in July 2012.

Heath was a member of Southeast Christian Church, where he volunteered as an usher for over 20 years and served on the operating and publishing boards of The Southeast Outlook, a weekly newspaper.

He enjoyed the sport of harness racing since his days as sports editor and partnered on KY Sire Stakes winners on both the pace and trot gaits. He and Ruth Ann enjoyed traveling, and visited
21 Caribbean islands, Hawaii and Taiwan, and many states with NNA conventions. They enjoyed country music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s, and attended many concerts. He was a University of Louisville and Cincinnati Reds fan. A life highlight was attending every major league baseball park with Jason, and pride in him being an Eagle Scout.

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JANICE F. ELMORE (’71)

Mrs. Janice Faye Elmore, 76, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, November 24, 2021, from her residence in Lebanon, Indiana. She was born October 15, 1945, in Pulaski County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Harold Wilson Varney and Doris Lucille (Spears) Gaddis.

On August 10, 1963, she was united in marriage to Lewis J. Elmore in Pulaski County, Kentucky; he survives.

Raised in Pulaski County, Janice was a graduate of Eubank High School. She studied music at Campbellsville College and worked as a music teacher in Fayette County, Kentucky. Janice was a faithful steward of God and a devoted member of the Lebanon Rock Church. Having a servant's heart, she fostered two boys and helped with women in crisis. Janice enjoyed writing in her spare time.

Survivors include her husband: Lewis Elmore of Lebanon; two foster children, Anthony and Timothy Straine; daughter, Sherry (Matt) Harvan of Sheffield Village, Ohio; two grandchildren, Megan and David Harvan; siblings, Fredia (Leroy) Rice of Lexington, Kentucky, Sharlene Childress of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, Elizabeth Gaddis of Muncie, Indiana, Charles...
Gaddis of Muncie, Indiana, Glen (Suzy) Varney, Phillip (Jacci) Varney, Regina Theilman, Dena (Stuart) Brooks; many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Janice was preceded in death by two brothers, William Gaddis and David Gaddis.

Funeral Services are planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will follow services at Dover Cemetery in Dover, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed in Janice's memory to the Lebanon Rock Church. Online condolences: myersmortuary.com

MARILYN JEFFRIES (’72)

Marilyn Morgan Jeffries, age 72, passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022, at Harrodsburg Health and Rehabilitation.

Born September 19, 1949, in Danville, KY, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Elsie Godsey Morgan. Marilyn was a retired school teacher. She taught special education for many years, having worked at Liberty Middle School and Phillips Elementary. Marilyn obtained her Bachelor’s Degree from Campbellsville University and her Masters and Rank I both from EKU. She loved her students and also her grandchildren. Marilyn was a member of the Knifley Christian Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Jennifer (Mitch) Phillips of Liberty and Jessica (Brad) Mattingly of Lawrenceburg; brother, Randall (Naney) Morgan of Trenton, KY; eight grandchildren, Chase Cruse, Hallie Kate Phillips, Lincoln Phillips, Drake Cruse, Kaitlin Phillips,
Kennedy Phillips, Emorie Mattingly, and Eliana Mattingly; two great-grandchildren, Carson and Avery; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Paul Jeffries, who passed away on September 21, 2021; and a granddaughter, Eden Hope Mattingly.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Marty Shackelford officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Shriners Hospital for Children.

CHARLES T BRUNER ('75)

Charles (Tom) Bruner

February 6, 1953 - September 5, 2021

Charleston, South Carolina - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Charles Thomas "Tom" Bruner on September 5, 2021 at the age of 68 in South Carolina.

Tom was born in Rockford, Illinois. He graduated from Seneca High School in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1971. He continued his education at Campbellsville College and the University of Louisville, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Education. Tom later found he had a passion for social services and completed two master's degrees related to counseling and psychology. He worked for twenty years as a hospital administrator at various locations, and co-founded the Hospice program in Hardin County, Kentucky.
As a survivor of fibrosarcoma, a rare form of cancer, Tom knew how precious life could be and that tomorrow is never guaranteed. He was not one to simply, "go with the flow" – Tom was the first to speak up in the face of injustice. He believed in standing up for the underdog and in thoughtfully (zealously) questioning authority. He had a quick and infectious sense of humor and a never-ending thirst for knowledge. Tom was an avid reader. He kept track of the number of books he read each year, just so he could outdo himself the next.

Tom deeply loved and cherished his family and is survived by his wife, Nivia Bruner, and children: Lindsay Bruner Van Shellenbeck, Kristen Hyden, Troy Gibson Sr., and Kristina McDonald, as well as his sister, Judy Braden, niece Molly, nephew Jacob, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas L. Bruner and Wanda Trosper Bruner.

A private funeral service will be held for close family and friends in South Carolina. Donations can be made in Tom's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

MARGARET FRIEDMAN VAUGHAN ('75)

Margaret Friedman Vaughan died on September 14, 2021. She was surrounded through the end by the family she nurtured for 67 years as a wife, mother, sister, and friend.

A native of Trenton, MI, Margaret was truly a product of the Civil Rights Movement. A dedicated feminist, she spent much of her life bridging religious and social divides, and championing social justice in all its forms. She left an indelible impact on each of the many places she called home, and the many lives she touched.

Margaret was the first person in her family to graduate with a Bachelor's which she earned at Campbellsville College. She spent a decade working as a social worker and nursing home administrator in Louisville, KY. While her children were young, she pursued a Masters of Health Care Administration from Webster University.

As a self-taught seamstress, she sewed her own clothing, made quilts for family and friends, and even fashioned a set of Torah robes for Congregation Micah in Nashville, TN. For 7 years,
Margaret owned and operated HandWorks, a needlepoint and cross-stitch store, on Fountain Square Park in Bowling Green, KY. During this time, she continued her religious education, attending a para-Rabbinic program at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, OH.

Margaret returned to Vanderbilt University in 2001 to pursue a Masters in Divinity. Drawing on her personal history, and her experiences of building interfaith and Jewish communities in the rural South, Margaret embarked on her second career as a Jewish educator and synagogue administrator.

Margaret was wholly devoted to the philosophy of Reform Judaism, and the full inclusion of interfaith couples in all aspects of Jewish life. She was a founding member and leader of Congregation Am Shalom in Bowling Green, KY and Congregation Micah in Nashville, TN. Over the course of 15 years, she served in professional leadership roles for Rockdale Temple (Cincinnati, OH), Congregation Beth Elohim (Brooklyn, NY), Temple Sholom (Chicago, IL), and United Hebrew Congregation (St. Louis, MO) where she provided leadership and was able to counsel individuals, families, and interfaith couples on how to incorporate Judaism into their lives.

Margaret’s dedication to the Jewish community was surpassed only by her dedication to her family and friends, for whom she was a source of constant strength. Her friendship continuously withstood the tests of time and distance. More than once she nursed loved ones back to health, sat with friends grieving unimaginable loss, and never hesitated to travel any lengths necessary to help a friend in need.

Her loss will be felt enormously by those who knew her. Graveside service will be private and a public memorial service will be held and live streamed from United Hebrew Congregation in St. Louis. Links will be made available in due time.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with Jewish tradition, please consider making a gift to your local house of worship, United Hebrew Congregation or Hospice of Chattanooga in honor of her memory.

ROBERT GRANVILLE MEFFORD  (a’76)
Robert Granville "Gran" Mefford, age 66, of the Perry Park community, passed away peacefully at his home, on Friday, September 17, 2021.

He was born November 18, 1954, in Madison, IN, to the late Charles S. and Emma Lou Nevil Mefford. Gran attended both Campbellsville University and Georgetown College before receiving his Masters of Guidance and Counseling from the University of Louisville. He began his more than 30-year career during the 1976-1977 school year at Carroll County Middle School, where he taught and coached middle and high school basketball, baseball, and football. He later transferred to Owen County High School for the 1987-1988 school year where he served as the guidance counselor, girls golf coach, and boys basketball coach for 14 years. After retirement he served at the Perry Park Golf Resort for fifteen years, becoming the Director of Golf. Most recently, he took up coaching again for the Owen County High School Boys Golf team, of which his grandson was a member. Gran was a coach and friend to many and loved listening to 70's music.

He is survived by his wife, June Shouse Mefford; his sons, Bradley (Dr. Melissa) Mefford and Byron (Becky) Mefford; his grandchildren, Ira June, Rudy Rae, Malachi Caleb, Judah Byron, and Ezekiel Robert; his twin brother, Randy Mefford; as well as a host of extended family and friends.

McDonald & New Funeral Homes are in charge of arrangements. Family will receive friends at the Seminary Street location on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, from 2 - 5 pm. Funeral services will follow at 5 pm. We respectfully request masks be worn for all services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Owen County Boys Golf Team or Owen County Boys Basketball Team.

PAMELA D. SPENCE ('76)

Pamela Dawn Spence passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021 at New Life Hospice in Lorain, following a lengthy illness. Pam was born August 23, 1954 in Fairview Park.
She was a graduate of Midview High School and Campbellsville University. She spent her working career in banking and retired in 2020 from Achieve Credit Union. Pam was a member of North Eaton Baptist Church. She served in many roles at the church and was the pianist there for over 50 years. Pam was an avid reader and would often be found with a book in her hands.

Survivors include her brother, Phil Spence; nephew, Brian Spence (Sarah) and great niece and great nephew Layla and Dekker.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Frances Spence.

A memorial service will be held at North Eaton Baptist Church, 12109 South Reed Road, Eaton Township, on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 12 p.m. Reverend Dave Gardner, pastor, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to North Eaton Baptist Church www.northeatonbaptist.com/giving/.

MICHAEL RAY SAPP (’78)

Michael Ray Sapp, of Knifley, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at the University of Kentucky Hospital. He was 71.

Mike graduated from Casey County High School and received a bachelor's degree from Campbellsville College. In 1969, he began his career in the police force as a radio dispatcher then became an officer with the Campbellsville City Police, followed by the Taylor County Metro Police as a motorcycle officer. He then joined the Kentucky State Police.

He retired from KSP in 2012 as a Lieutenant Colonel after over thirty-two dedicated years of service. He was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church. He enjoyed golfing, boating, and
Born on January 2, 1950, in Casey County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Earnie and Willivena Wethington Sapp.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Floyd Sapp of Knifley, who he wed on January 22, 1972; two sons, Michael Ray Sapp of Danville and Matthew Ted (Jessica) Sapp of Danville; two grandsons, Tyler and Austin Sapp; two brothers, Douglas Earnie (Linda) Sapp of Clovis, New Mexico and Coakley Dean (Yvonne) Sapp of Danville; and two sisters, Elizabeth Ann (Quinton) Walls of Martinsville, Indiana and Nancy Lee (Dwight) Dearringer of Casey County.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST on Friday, November 26, 2021, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at 11amET on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Jimmy Dale Cox officiating. Burial will follow in St. Bernard Cemetery with rites held by the Kentucky State Police Honor Guard.

Pallbearers will be members of the Kentucky State Police.

Honorary pallbearers will be his two grandsons, Tyler Sapp and Austin Sapp.

Memorial contributions may take the form of donations to Trooper Island at P.O. Box 473, Albany, KY 42602 In Memory of Michael Ray Sapp.

McKinney-Brown Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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NORMA JO MURLEY (’87)
Norma Jo Murley of Burkesville, Kentucky passed away Friday, June 25, 2021, at her home having attained the age of 73 years, 8 months and 16 days.

Jo was born October 9, 1947, to the late James Norman & Mary Ruth (Butler) Murley. She was a long-standing and dedicated member of Holy Cross Catholic Church serving as church musician for many years. She was a devoted follower of Jesus and her life was evidence of that calling. She lived each day by loving God and other people. She saw the image of God in every person and was committed to honoring the uniqueness and dignity of all. Her favorite scripture was Ezekiel 36:26: “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone...and give you a heart of flesh.”

She was a 1965 graduate of Cumberland County High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Sociology from Campbellsville College in 1970. Jo was a retired Social Worker serving 27 years for the Kentucky Department of Human Resources. She worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of countless children and families. More recently, she worked for Kentucky Community and Technical College at the Albany and Russell Springs campuses, assisting students through Project Beam: Bringing Education and Achievement to Migrants. Jo was self-taught to fluency in the Spanish language, which contributed to her students’ success. She assisted immigrant families in their transitions to life in the United Stated and pursuit of citizenship. She also worked for the Clinton Center Library in Albany, Kentucky. In 1997 she helped to establish “We Care of Cumberland County” in memory of Shirley Davis Anderson who died of cancer. “We Care” continues to financially support cancer patients of Cumberland County for gas and food expenses when traveling to doctor appointments or cancer treatments. She was also a strong supporter of Coe Ridge preservation initiatives and looked forward to the Coe Ridge Family Reunion each year.
She was a well-known author within the region, publishing original poetry and children’s books. For many years she penned the column, Jo’s Bookmark, appearing weekly in the Cumberland County News often filled with her creative writings and featured spotlights of her beloved Cumberland Countians. She was gifted in many ways and used her creativity to encourage and inspire others. Jo was a renaissance woman—she wrote exquisitely, read voraciously, composed cantatas, savored wonderful music, blessed others through her melodic voice and accompanied herself by playing the piano or guitar, loved nature and animals, served the downtrodden, and took beautiful and unique photographs. She enjoyed researching her ancestral heritage as well as the history of Cumberland County. She was a caretaker of memories, particularly for her large extended family. She loved children and was “Aunt Jo” to many; she truly enjoyed giving to others.

She is survived by three sisters and one brother, Susan (Randall) Davidson of Scottsville, Kentucky, Deborah (Sam) Keen of Burkesville, Kentucky, Judy (Mark) Knowles of Shelbyville, Kentucky, and Tim (Lisa) Murley of Bowling Green, Kentucky; seven nephews and one niece, Todd (Claudine) Davidson of Burkesville, Kentucky, Joey (April) Davidson, Brady (Lacey) Murley, and Joe (Cara) Murley of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Joshua (Sierra) Knowles of Shelbyville, Kentucky, Lucas (Kelly) Davidson, Nashville, Tennessee, Andrew (Kristen) Keen of Lascassas, Tennessee, and Leigh (Tyler) Beevers of Bloomington, Indiana; nine great nieces and four great nephews, Taylor (Marshall) Henson and Allie (Trent) Thomas of Burkesville, Kentucky, Tanner (Macy) Davidson, Caroline Davidson, Amelia Murley, Lyla Jo Murley, and Raylee Murley of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Ada Knowles of Shelbyville, Kentucky, Seth Kestranek and Sammy Kestranek of Bloomington, Indiana, Warner Davidson, Smith Davidson, and Sloan Davidson of Nashville, Tennessee; three great-great nieces, Adilyn Henson, Berkley Henson, and Razzie Thomas of Burkesville, Kentucky; one great-great nephew to be born in August 2021 and one great-great niece or nephew to be born in November 2021; two special cousins Jim (Barbara) Murley of Burkesville, Kentucky and Donna (Jerry) Karr of Richmond, Kentucky and their families: Aja, AJ, Rue, and Oscar Jacobi and Sara, Josh, Hanah, Hope, and Eli Moore of Richmond, Kentucky, Chris and Kristin Murley of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Rachel, Brent, Anne-Kelly, Cora, and Stockton McDaris of Burkesville, Kentucky, Kris, Megan, Myla, and Tilly Karr of Washington, D.C., and many more cherished family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved uncle and aunt, Bill and Arilla Murley.
Norris-New Funeral Home in Burkesville, Kentucky was honored to be in charge of the arrangements. The funeral was conducted on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Memory Chapel of Norris-New Funeral Home in Burkesville. Father Ajay, Hon. Lanny E. Judd officiating. Obituary read by Leigh Anne. Special singing by Rachel McDaris, Tanner Davidson, and Tim Murley. Casket bearers were Joe Murley, Lucas Davidson, Brady Murley, Joey Davidson, Andrew Keen, Leigh Beevers. Honorary casket bearers were, Lanny and Patsy Judd, Jim Murley, Soug Butler, Bobby Butler, Randall Davidson, Lisa Murley, Mark Knowles, Sam Keen, Rita Gosser. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Stockton Family Cemetery Fund or Holy Cross Catholic Church, Burkesville, Kentucky.

A private mass was conducted at 1:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The world is diminished by its loss of Norma Jo, but, like a firefly in the night, her brilliance has illuminated the world around her for this moment in time. Her works and her words remain, calling us all to live better, to love one another better, and to cultivate beauty whenever and wherever we can.

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CINDY WOOD DENTON ('90)

Cindy Wood Denton of Charlestown, Indiana, formerly of Campbellsville, daughter of the late Noel Wood and Barbara Gertrude Walters Wood Pike, was born July 26, 1963 in Taylor County,
Kentucky. She died at 2:56 A.M., Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in Jeffersonville, Indiana.  
Age: 58

She professed faith in Christ and attended Hill City Church.

She was a graduate of Campbellsville University and worked as a Social Worker.

Cindy was known as a kind and affectionate person. She loved her fur babies, reading, writing and riding roller coasters, but more importantly loved the Lord, and had a special relationship with her grandchildren and siblings whom she loved dearly.

Cindy is survived by three sons: Maurice Haskins of Clarksville, Indiana, Shon Haskins and wife, Brandie, and Andrew Wood and wife, Ashley of Jeffersonville, Indiana, ten grandchildren: Kendall Dunn, Breanna Haskins, Caelan Haskins, Anthony Haskins, Kiarra Haskins, Jasmine Haskins, Mila Haskins, Taea Pasco, Jaden Wood, and Melody Wood; one brother and one sister: Tommy Peppers and Donna Benningfield of Campbellsville; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Cindy was also preceded in death by two sisters: Mary Ann Peppers and Bonnie Rae Peppers.

JOHN MITCHEL OWEN “BAM” CARNEY ('91)

John Mitchel Owen “Bam” Carney of Campbellsville, son of June Gabehart Carney and the late Ronnie “Don” Carney, was born September 30, 1969 in Taylor County, Kentucky. He died at 7:02 A.M., Saturday, July 17, 2021 in Lexington.  
Age: 51

He professed faith in Christ and was a member of 3 Trees Church.

Bam was an educator, having taught and coached at Taylor County, Campbellsville Independent, and Washington County School Systems.
He was elected in 2009 as a State Representative in the 51st District where he served until his passing.

Bam is survived by two sons: Chase Carney of Seattle, Washington and Ethan Carney of Campbellsville, his mother, June Carney of Campbellsville; four brothers and sisters: LaDonna Willis and husband, Tony of Columbia, Shane Carney and wife, Pam of Casey Creek, Mark Carney and wife, Kelly, and Amy Farmer and husband, Mark of Campbellsville; seven nieces and nephews: Keri Burton and husband, Ryan, Kyle Willis, Shanna Carney, Daniel Carney, Shelby Hinton and husband, Jordan, Mackenzie Carney, and Kylee Farmer; several aunts and uncles and many other relatives and friends.

TILFORD A. EWING III ('91)

LOUISVILLE - Tilford Anderson Ewing, III, 72, passed away surrounded by his loving family on September 15, 2021.

He was born on February 6, 1949, in Miami, Florida to the late Margaret Jane Ewing (Horkits) and Tilford A. Ewing, Jr. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his fur baby, Cookie; aunt, Nancy H. Ewing "Tootsie"; sister, Virginia E. Martin; brother, John P. Ewing, Sr.

He graduated from Atherton High School in 1968. He received a Bachelor of Science from Campbellsville College. He was a retired Staff Sergeant with the Army Reserve with the 5010th Army Hospital, where he was activated for service for Operation Desert Storm. He held many jobs, which he loved dearly but most loved working for family owned, Oscar Ewing Dairy. He had a true passion and love for anything Kentucky Athletics. He was a former member of Douglass Boulevard Christian Church.

He is survived by, sister-in-law, Libby Ewing; brother-in-law, Arthur G. Martin, Jr; niece, Ashley E. Case (Brandon); nephews, John P. Ewing, Jr. (Ashley), Arthur G. Martin, III, David E. Martin;
great nieces, Brooklyn Case, Amelia Case, Claire Ewing, Caroline Ewing; great nephew, Zachary Martin.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m., Monday at the funeral home, with Entombment to follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

JOSEPH R. BLAND ('97)

Joseph Raymond Bland crossed into his heavenly home on August 11, 2021, at CHI St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY at 3:15 p.m. Joseph, a precious Child of God, loving Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Uncle, and Cousin, who was loved by many was born to Cheryl Fowler Bland and the late Joseph Ernest Bland at Springview Hospital in Lebanon, KY on May 12, 1975. He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Ernest Bland (Ernie); younger brother, Stephen Paul Bland; father-in-law, Rev. Gene Crowder; maternal grandparents, Ray and Eva Fowler; paternal grandparents, Paul and Clara Bland; uncles James Timothy Fowler, Ben Bland, Paul Wilbur Bland, and a nephew Joseph Tyler Bland. He is survived by his bride of 26 years, Mary Crowder Bland; One daughter, Kendall Marie Bland Lyvers (Cody); a grandson, Graham Joseph arriving in March of 2022, Two sons, Andrew Ewing Bland and Haden Joseph Bland; His mother, Cheryl Bland; His youngest brother, James Michael Bland; four nephews, Benjamin, Timothy, Aiden, and Caleb; one niece, Claire; mother-in-law, Mabel Crowder; two sisters-in-law, Cynthia Chadwick (Les) and Suzanne Crowder; and a host of uncles, aunts, and cousins that meant the world to him.

He was an energetic child that loved playing with his brothers and cousins, fishing, playing basketball, and baseball. In High school he played basketball and was privileged to have played on the 1993 Kentucky State winning basketball team from Marion County. He did this all while working full-time at Higdon’s Foodtown from the age of 16 until he graduated from college. He attended Campbellsville University and majored in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting. At the university, he met his lovely bride, Mary Crowder Bland. Beginning as friends, true love took over and they started dating six months later. Never to be separated again.
They were married on July 22, 1995, at Maysville Baptist church by Mary’s father Rev. D. Gene Crowder. Those days were full of schoolwork and part-time jobs as they continued moving happily forward. Joseph graduated Magna Cum Laude from Campbellsville University in 1997 with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting. His first post graduate job was as a plant accountant at American Greetings in Bardstown, KY. He and his bride moved to Bardstown to settle in and have a family. Kendall Marie was born on June 13, 1998. She was the apple of his eye and very soon became is best friend. Since that day they have been inseparable. In 2007, our family was blessed with a bouncing baby boy, Andrew Ewing who loved his daddy so much. In 2010, our family was complete when Haden Joseph arrived bringing so much joy with his amazing hugs.

In 2000, Joseph was recruited by Norton Healthcare and decided to further his career in Healthcare Finance. There he climbed the corporate ladder eventually becoming the Accounting Manager for Norton Medical Group. He was on his way to fulfilling his dreams when on his way home on November 24, 2015, he was struck by a large box truck while driving home. It was a near fatal car accident that left Joseph barely alive and paralyzed from the waist down. He spent four months in Fraizer and arrived home to begin his new life. Though he was unable to continue working at Norton, Joseph used his accounting and management background to venture back into the world of business through entrepreneurial opportunities. He was so proud to be a franchise owner in the retail and restaurant markets. Joseph was most excited to be able to help the communities and its citizens where each of the businesses are located. Each will be a true legacy of his Christ-like love for others. Even with health challenges, Joseph continued to be God’s light to so many. He was a great encourager who looked for opportunities to help others whenever he could. Without fail, he was always ready with a smile and hug for each person he met. Funeral services for Mr. Joseph Raymond Bland will be 11:00 am Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Parkway Baptist Church. Dr. James Carroll and Rev. Hornback will officiate. Interment will be in Bardstown Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home. Additional visitation will be at Parkway Baptist Church on Tuesday after 9:00 am until time of the funeral service. The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Bluegrass Christian Academy of Bardstown. The Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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CLINT BRAME ('08)
Clint Brame, 35, of Madisonville, KY died on Friday, Sept. 10 while whitewater rafting in West Virginia.

A native of Hopkinsville, he was born January 9, 1986. Clint was a graduate of Hopkinsville High School, Campbellsville University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Clint was currently serving as the Associate Pastor at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Hanson. Clint had worked for HR Ministries out of Princeton and still volunteered to assist the ministry. Clint had a desire to spread God’s word and did so, not only with his everyday life, but also while taking part in Mission Trips to Panama, Brazil, Canada, Amsterdam, Montana, New Mexico and Memphis, Tennessee. Clint was a servant leader who focused on his love for Jesus.

Survivors include his father, David (Samantha) Brame of Herndon; his mother, Jo Anne Brame of Hopkinsville his wife, Amanda Brame of Madisonville; his daughter, Elizabeth Brame of the home; his brothers, Nathan (Mary Lynn) Brame of Newstead and Mitch Brame of Herndon; and his niece, Charleston Brame.

Memorial contributions are suggested to HR Ministries, P.O. Box 311, Princeton, KY, 42445 or www.hrministries.net; Binghampton Community Church, P.O. Box 11093, Memphis, TN, 38111 or www.binghampton.org; or a scholarship fund for his daughter Elizabeth Brame (More information will be coming soon on this). Please take time to look at the ministries listed above as they were important to Clint.

Funeral services will be noon Saturday, Sept. 18 at First Baptist Church in Hopkinsville with Brother Harrell Riley and Brother Gary Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Cemetery in LaFayette. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Hopkinsville and Saturday from 10 a.m. until the funeral hour at First Baptist Church.

Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
Dr. Wesley "Wes" Vaughn Carter, 31, of Harrodsburg, husband of Ariel Darnell Carter, died Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at Haggin Memorial Hospital in Harrodsburg.

Born Oct. 16, 1989, in Knoxville, Tennessee, he was the son of Dr. Michael Vaughn and Debra Ann Wellman Carter.

Wes's focus on education far exceeded many of his same generation. Coming from a home steeped in higher education, he gained five academic degrees and was nearing the completion of yet another. These honors include four from Campbellsville University, where his father was president from 1999 until 2020. Campbellsville University degrees: Bachelor of Science in Political Science; Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing; Master of Management and Leadership and a Master of Theology.

He graduated with his Doctor of Business Administration and Marketing from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a post-doctorate in Sports Industry Essentials from Columbia University, New York, New York, and, was in the final stages of a Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He never stopped learning.
An effervescent personality, Wes combined his extensive education with an entrepreneurial spirit in business and organizational development. He started several private businesses and most recently was the director of new business development for Sky Systemz. Previously, he was an associate vice president for Campbellsville University, where he developed the Conover Education Center in Harrodsburg. And, he was the inspiring officer at CU who initiated the university Church Outreach program, which carried hundreds of student Christian musicians and speakers into churches throughout Kentucky. His legacy will remain strong with each of these success stories spreading across the Commonwealth and beyond.

Wes sought to share his fervor in education, establishing concepts from work-ready certificate training to post-graduate chiropractic programs. In addition to his administrative work at the Conover Education Center, Wes had served as a university instructor in business and theology.

Wes filled several lifetimes in his brief time on earth. Always moving throughout his community. His energy level beyond compare. His enthusiasm was recognized in 2020 when the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce presented Wes with the Bob Martin Community Spirit Award.

In his commitment to community, Wes often was behind the scenes in the development of projects and campaigns, especially those which gave second chances to individuals who were neglected by society. He was a member of Rotary International, Faith Healthcare, Mercer Transformation, YMCA Wilderness Trace and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Junction City. Wes Carter always was about changing lives for the better.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by a son, Grant Robert Carter; his brother, Dr. Eric Michael (Courtney) Carter of Danville; his sister, Alicia Ann (Chris) Shea of Franklin, Tennessee; his maternal grandparents, Sam and Doris Wellman of Campbellsville; and many other friends and relatives.

A celebration of life, led by friends and colleagues, Dr. Choe Sergent and Dr. Ted Taylor, was Saturday, May 8, at Junction City First Baptist Church, 3860 US-127 South, Danville KY 40422.
Memorials are suggested to Junction City First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 246, Junction City, KY 40440.

SPC PARKER MCCORVEY (‘18)

SPC Parker McCorvey was born on October 31, 1995 to Becky Salsbury and Al McCorvey in Albany, Georgia. He married Rosemary Flores on July 15, 2017 and the two settled in Parker’s hometown of Campbellsville, Kentucky. On Thursday, November 25, 2021, Parker was called home to be with the Lord at the age of 26.

Parker devoted his life to loving those around him in a way that will far outlive him. He protected all those he held dear with a humble nobility and quiet strength. Never taking a day for granted, Parker found joy and peace in God’s creation and woke up each morning with a thirst for adventure. He captivated everyone he encountered with a contagious spirit and kind disposition. Parker generously served others and spent his final years sacrificially serving his country. It is with that same spirit of generosity that Parker desired to help those in need with the gift of organ donation. Parker’s wife, Rosemary, was the light of his life. Their love and devotion to one another shined with a radiance that continues to inspire. Above all else, Parker professed faith in Jesus Christ and strove to glorify Him in everything he did.

Parker is survived by his wife, Rosie McCorvey of Campbellsville; his mother, Becky David Salsbury and stepfather, Kyle; his father, Al McCorvey; one sister and two brothers: Lainey Underwood and husband, Brandon, Lake Salsbury and wife, Alisha, and Ethan Salsbury; one niece, Magnolia Underwood; his grandmother, Elaine David; and many other beloved family and friends. Parker is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Henry David; paternal grandfather, H.L. “Buddy” McCorvey and paternal grandmother, Ann McCorvey.
Kevin Matthew "Matt" Cockrell, 41, of Frankfort, went to be with the Lord Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021. He was born March 6, 1980, in Springfield, Ohio to Debbie Free Davis and the late Kevin Eversizor. On June 12, 2021, he married his best friend, Carly L. Terrell. Matt was an alumnus of Morehead State University, Georgetown College and Campbellsville University. He earned a Rank I Masters of Art in School Improvement and taught Art at Martha Layne Collins High School, where he was also the former girls golf coach. Matt was a Kentucky Colonel and a member of the Kentucky and National Art Educators Associations. He received the secondary level Art Educator of the year in 2019. Matt touched so many students' lives and left a lasting impression on them. He enjoyed traveling and seeing the historical sights and visiting the National Parks. Matt liked to play golf, camp and he always worked to improve his art program. He also attended Buckrun Baptist Church in Frankfort. Matt was a loving teacher, husband, brother, son, uncle and friend. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tiny and Dewey Free and Dick and Ruth Eversizor as well as his four-legged friends, Percy and Sully. In addition to his wife, Matt is survived by his mother, Debbie (Tom) Davis; his father, Dave (Amy) Cockrell; sisters, Nicole Cockrell and Tara (Gabe) Weaver; a brother, Sean (Mary Claire) Cockrell; a stepbrother, Adam Davis; his mother-in-law, Terry Terrell; his father-in-law, Kevin (Brenda) Terrell; sisters-in-law Tera (Jason) Watts and Jessica (Joe) Marks; brother-in-law, Justin (Bethany) Watkins; nieces and nephews, Isaac, Seth, Jonah, Kiya, Ainsley, Ember, Haylee, Zachary, Sydnee, Addyson, Kennedy, Hattie and Mollie; and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral will be 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Church of Christ in Bainbridge, Ohio, with Sean Cockrell and Troy Villars officiating. Following the service, Matt will be laid to rest in Bainbridge Cemetery. Friends may visit with Matt's family from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Those attending the service should wear a facemask and observe social distancing. A memorial service will be held at Martha Layne Collins High School in Shelbyville, Saturday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martha Layne Collins High School Art fund, 801 Discovery Blvd. Shelbyville, KY 40065
The Smith-Moore-Ebright Funeral Home, Bainbridge, is in charge of arrangements.

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ROGER DAVIS

Roger Davis, of Horse Cave, Ky., former member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees for 12 years, died Dec. 19, 2021. He was 88.

“Roger Davis was one of my closest friends in the world,” Dr. Kenneth W. Winters, former president of Campbellsville University, said. “He and I were like brothers. If I’d had a brother, I wouldn’t have had a better one than Roger.” Both Winters and Davis served in the United States Army and Army Reserves together.

“He and I almost went into the insurance business together, but before the paperwork was signed, he and I were called up in the Berlin crisis,” Winters said.

Dr. Frank Cheatham, former senior vice president for academic affairs at Campbellsville University, said Davis was a “kind and gentle individual who took the role as trustee seriously.”

Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations, once served on the Board of Trustees with Davis.

“Roger was involved in several key decisions that were made in that era that solidified the strong foundation of Christian higher education upon which CU continues to advance,” Chowning said.

He is preceded in death by his son, Brad Davis; his parents, Carmen and Roseline Davis; and two sisters, Nelva and June. Survivors include his wife of 68 years; Judy Davis; and his daughter, Karen Davis.
Richard Downey, 83, known to many as Dick, — a deacon, educational leader, teacher, mentor, beloved family member, and friend, passed peacefully to his eternal reward early on July 17, 2021, his daughter, Meaghan’s, birthday. He had been in Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Braselton for a short while.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 27, 1938, along with his twin brother Bob, the middle children in a family of four boys of Headley and Helen Bennett Downey. He graduated from Ann Arbor High School as an outstanding football star and was awarded a football scholarship to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Soon he met his future wife of 61 years, Carol. He studied special education and became, first a teacher, then a mid-level administrator, after which he completed his Ph.D with two majors in Educational Administration and Special Education Administration. After a few years of university teaching as an assistant professor at Northern Illinois University, the family moved to Georgia where Dick made a name for himself in service to children with disabilities and their families in the northern 22 counties of Georgia as Special Education Director for the Northeast CESA, a regional state educational agency. Following this, he served as Special Education Director for Duval and Palm Beach counties in Florida, Marana School District in Arizona and eventually Gwinnett County in Georgia. Throughout his distinguished career in public education and after he retired, he taught as an adjunct at Southern Illinois University, North Georgia College (now University), the University of Georgia, Brenau University, and Campbellsville University in KY. Following his public school retirement in 2001, Dick was asked to assume the chairmanship of the Department of Education at Midway College in Kentucky where he lead the department in gaining their national accreditation. Dick had several honors and awards during his years in education. Perhaps the one of which he was most proud was being named Special Education Director of the Year in Georgia because it was done by the vote of his colleagues.
throughout the state. He was a member of many organizations dealing with needs of children with special needs and school administration.

Soon after his retirement, Dick, with counsel and spiritual direction of his good friend, Father Al Jowdy, felt that God was calling him to the diaconate in the Catholic faith. He continued a year of discernment with the Archdiocese of Atlanta and with the move to Kentucky, was allowed to finish the final 4 years of formation with the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. Following his ordination, Deacon Dick served the people of St. Leo’s Parish in Versailles, KY and worked with an outreach organization in the far eastern counties of KY for one year. In the final move back to Georgia, Dick was assigned as a deacon at St. Lawrence Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia until he retired due to health reasons. Dick’s life was one of service to others and that was something he loved to do. He truly treasured working with families, serving at Mass, counseling young couples, and writing and preaching his homilies and from the reaction of members of the parish, they were very well received and appreciated.

Deacon Dick was a kind and gentle soul and very important to him was his family which consisted of his wife Carol, oldest son Christopher Paul who preceded him in death in 2015, his beloved daughter, Meaghan, and his youngest son, Stephen, grandson Brayden, his brother David (Kathy) and two brothers who preceded him in death, twin brother Bob and older brother Harold, all who he held dearly in his heart. He made friends with all that he met and those with whom he worked, believed him to be a good leader, a wise decision maker, and more importantly to him, a good friend.

Dick loved anything outdoors and was an avid football fan, especially if they were Wolverines, (Michigan) or Bulldogs (Georgia). In his later years, due to his limitations of a stroke suffered in 2011, he became an even more avid reader and was almost permanently attached to his Kindle.

Funeral services will be at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Visitation with be at 10:00 at the church followed by Mass at 11:00. Committal will follow immediately in the Columbarium in the courtyard at St. Lawrence.
Paula Blanton Foster of Greensburg, the daughter of the late Paul and Lyda (Ball) Blanton, passed away Thursday in Campbellsville at the Taylor Regional Hospital. She was 74 years of age.

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Campbellsville Christian Church.

She was a retired teacher, having taught in Marion County, St. Catharine College and Campbellsville University and later became a Chemical Dependence Counselor and a real estate agent.

Paula enjoyed decorating, buying and flipping houses, yoga and walking her dog Sophie.

Survivors include her daughter: Katie Moss and husband Tracy of Campbellsville; two brothers: Larry Blanton and wife Sandy and Roger Blanton, both of Indiana; two grandchildren: Lauren Moss and Tyler Moss and wife Shelby all of Campbellsville, four great-grandchildren: Evie and Indi Durrett, Jake and Heidi Moss; her former spouse: H.L. Foster and a host of other relatives and friends.

PHILIP HANNA
Philip L. Hanna, 82, was born August 12, 1939 in Houston, Texas. He passed away on November 13, 2021 in Southlake, Texas, surrounded by his family.

Philip graduated in 1963 from Baylor University with a B.A. in History and Philosophy and in 1971 from the University of Hawaii with an M.A. in Political Science. After a tour of duty in Vietnam, he had a 23 year career as a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel while serving as Director of Intelligence, 23rd Air Division, Tactical Air Command, Tyndall AFB, Florida. After retiring from the Air Force, Philip spent four years as Director of Admissions at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, KY. He then returned to his first love of teaching as a Government Instructor at Vernon College in Vernon, Texas where he finished his career retiring in 2005.

Philip’s Christian faith was of utmost importance to him. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at the age of 13. He had the opportunity to serve many churches as youth pastor and to lead summer youth revivals as a student at Baylor University. He was ordained as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, Panama City, FL and continued to serve in that capacity in subsequent churches. He was a long time member of The Gideons International, and conducted jail/prison ministries for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Lee Hanna and Allien Nave Hanna. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carole Sullivan Hanna, his son, Marc Alyn Hanna and wife, Libba McKeithen Hanna of Southlake, TX; his daughter, Brooke Hanna Justis and husband Patrick Evans Justis of St. Louis; grandchildren, Reagan Hanna Bellflower and husband Andrew
L. D. Kennedy, minister, author and educator, was born October 17, 1924 and died January 27, 2022 at the age of 97 in Brownsville, TN. He was the son of Fate and Lubie White Kennedy. L. D. committed his life to Jesus at the age of 7. In March of 1946, he was ordained to preach by the Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Milan, TN. He pastored churches in Tennessee, Texas, and Kentucky and did direct mission work in the U.S., Brazil, Israel, Mexico and Canada. L. D. was passionate about sharing his love of Jesus and living out his faith in God, even leading Bible studies at Sugar Creek assisted living while a resident there. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed gardening, reading, spending time with family and friends and traveling.

Educational attainments included B.A. from Union University, 1949; B.D. and M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955 and 1968; M.A. from Memphis University in 1965; additional graduate work from the University of Kentucky, 1967-1969 and Morehead State University, 1969. Mr. Kennedy loved preaching and led 148 church revivals over the years.

From 1965 to 1987, Kennedy taught on the faculty of Campbellsville College in KY and was faculty advisor to the The Campus Tymes. He was an associate professor and chairman of the college’s Literature, Languages, and Library Science department. In 1988, he published his autobiographical book Treasure in Earthen Vessels.
Mr. Kennedy had over 270 articles, sermons, and poems published in 56 periodicals including Christianity Today, Home Life, Southern Baptist Educator, Baptist Program, The Deacon, Proclaim, Mature Living, and Baptist Bulletin Service.

Mr. Kennedy was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Louise Newman Kennedy. He loved Louise dearly and was indebted to her for the many sacrifices she made for him and his ministry over the years. Survivors include his children; Silvia Seares (Rick) of Prescott, AZ; Mark Kennedy (Julie) of Summit, MS; Karis Moore (Carl) of Overland Park, KS and Joel Kennedy of Henderson, KY. His grandchildren are Justin Hamerlinck (Antoinette), Megan Segraves (Joe), Ryan Moore and Evan Kennedy. He has two great-grandchildren, Piper and Asher.

Funeral services were conducted by L. D.’s nephew, Rev. Roger Alford, on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM, with visitation preceding, from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM at the Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, TN. A private burial followed in the Edith Cemetery, Ripley, TN. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideon’s International for Memorial Bibles, P. O. Box 544, Brownsville, TN or the Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, TN 38063.

Our family is forever grateful to all the dedicated staff of Sugar Creek Senior Living. Their loving care and friendship over the last six years has been exceptional. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Lea & Simmons Funeral Home in Brownsville, TN.

JAMES PIRKLE JR.

Dr. James “Jimmy” Pirkle Jr. passed from this life April 30, 2020. He lived with
Alzheimer’s disease in later years and lost a short battle with corona-virus.

He was born September 10, 1940, in Chattanooga, TN. A graduate of Red Bank High School, he attended Middle Valley Baptist Church and enjoyed singing in a quarter, before moving to Newport News, VA and meeting his wife.

He was predeceased by parents: James and Ruth (Trotter) Pirkle and brother, Michael.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Joan (Pritchett); brother, Jerry; sister, Debbie Evenson; sister-in-law, Dyanne Lathan; nephews, Chris Pirkle, Jonathan Wilson, John and Travis Campbell; niece, Jennifer Speers; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Jimmy obtained a Ph. D in education, with roles from a teacher, principal, superintendent, university director, dean and assistant professor. His last position was at Longwood University in VA. A survivor of childhood polio, Jimmy ran the London Marathon several times. He was active in drama, authored two books, excelled at public speaking, loved music, art and inspiring children to reach for their dreams. He was an avid jogger. Curiosity drove him to seek new adventures, travel frequently and work for the Department of DOD schools. He never met a stranger and sought to enjoy life to it’s fullest. He leaves behind a lifetime of joyous enthusiasm and loving memories.

GARY STRANGE

Gary Strange 73, of Campbellsville, son of the late Clyde and Catherine Strange, was born January 20, 1948 in Jefferson County, Kentucky and died on December 28, 2021 in Campbellsville.

He professed faith in Christ and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.
Gary grew up in Louisville where he graduated from Male High School. He coached football at Manuel High School, Campbellsville Independent Schools and Campbellsville University. He was a local businessman and educator.

Gary united in marriage to Diana Morris on August 1, 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Strange of Campbellsville; three sons: Jim Strange and wife, Charis of Severn, Maryland; Matt Strange of Campbellsville; and Clint Strange and wife, Lauren of Nashville; one grandson, Atticus Strange of Severn, Maryland; one sister, Judy Walsh of Bardstown; one brother, Allan Strange of Louisville and many other family and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by one sister, Sherrill Bere and one brother, Neal Strange.

J.W. “JAY” ORR

J W Orr, Jr. was 81 years young and resided in Sapulpa, OK. He went Home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 22, 2021, after a long, hard-fought battle with Parkinsons.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandy Orr, his three daughters Laurie (Tom) Jorgensen of Kansas City, KS; Tracy (Brady) Born of Sapulpa, OK; and Jenny (LeRoy) Twisdale of Texarkana, TX, grandchildren: Kylie Jorgensen, Zeke and Braden Born, and Parker and Hudson Twisdale; his favorite nephew, Mike (Cathie) Sheppard, and sister-in-law MaryAnn (David) Kirkpatrick.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents James Michael and Myrta Roberson, George W. and Mattie Orr; his parents, J W and Alene Orr; siblings, Nilla Kathryn and Sonny Boy Orr, and Bonnie Jo Sheppard; and niece, Monica Averill.
Jay had a witty sense of humor and love for people which laid the foundation for his successful careers in ministry and Christian education. He never met a stranger, and everywhere he went there was somebody who knew him. He was a hard worker, very driven and could sell ice cubes to an Eskimo. He was a proud Okie from Muskogee, graduating from Central High School. He went on to Oklahoma Baptist University, and finished his education with a Masters degree from Western Kentucky University.

Although his very first job was selling peanuts at the ballpark at age 9, after college he started out in insurance. After ranching with Sandy’s family for several years, he surrendered to the ministry, which became his passion. The colleges he served at include: Hannibal LaGrange College, Campbellsville College, East Texas Baptist University and Brewton-Parker College. His pastorates include: Dover Baptist Church, Forsyth Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Palatine, as well as many interim pastorates while working for the colleges and during retirement.

In his retirement, he spent his days enjoying time with his “beautiful bride” and playing many, many rounds of golf.

Jay’s first love was his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, closely followed by his wife and family, and of course, OU football. Boomer!

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to Parkinson Research Foundation and John 3:16 Mission in Tulsa.

The memorial service for Jay will be at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Sapulpa (200 S Elm St, Sapulpa, OK 74066)

DR. JEAN M.E.G. OOSTENS
Dr. Jean M.E.G. Oostens, 89, of Columbia, Kentucky, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at 4:40 a.m. at TJ Health/Columbia Emergency Room.

Dr. Oostens was born in Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium, on Nov. 14, 1932, to the late Eugène and Marie Polet Oostens. He studied at the University of Louvain (Belgium), where he received masters degrees in electrical engineering and physics. He later earned a doctorate in sciences from the University of Paris (France) for his work on Alpha-Proton Scattering using Saturne.

Oostens' love for research and teaching led him to many laboratories and research universities over a career spanning four decades, including Saclay (France), Brookhaven National Laboratory (New York), Los Alamos (New Mexico), Upsala College (New Jersey), University of California at Los Angeles, Illinois Institute of Technology, Cincinnati University, Lindsey Wilson College, and finally Campbellsville University. His research centered on nuclear particles and physics, subjects for which he could describe in infinitesimal detail. In retirement, he remained active in central Kentucky working with science teachers in both homeschools and the public schools, teaching fundamentals of physics and providing experiments for young students.

Multilingual, he was fluent in French and English, and read Dutch, German, Italian, and Latin. An enthusiastic self-starter, always with a smile, he easily made friends with everyone he met. One of his joys was to collect old radios, of which he maintained close to 50, some dating back to radio's earliest days.

Oostens was married to the former Yolande Wittamer for 43 years. She predeceased him in 2017. The couple had no children.

Surviving him is one sister, Annette Bouffioux; sister-in-law Nadine Oostens; nieces Pascale, Véronique, Manuela, Laurence, and Paula Bouffioux, as well as Muriel and Anne Oostens; and nephews Michael Oostens and Alexandre Wittamer, all in Belgium.

Funeral mass was held Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church with Father Patrick Dolan officiating.

Burial was in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery in Campbellsville.