

# Resolution passes to allow public comment

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Public comment will be allowed during Warren County committee meetings after a resolution was passed requiring it. The resolution was

passed Monday night by the full Warren County Commission. It states visitors to committee meetings will be allowed to speak. It passed 23-1. Commissioner Michael Martin voted against it. Martin lies at the heart of the reason for the measure

to be considered. During a county Health and Welfare Committee meeting May 8 to discuss Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center, he refused to allow a visitor to speak. As chairman at that time, he had the authority to ignore the visitor.

According to the resolution passed Monday, a “period of time for public comment at each and every committee meeting” will be allowed by the chairman of that committee. However, the resolution does not outline how much time will be given or when.

The “chairperson of each committee shall make a good-faith effort to permit and incorporate the public comment of each visitor to the meeting, yet shall also be charged with avoiding undue delay and shall be vested with the authority

to suspend public comment when the chairperson determines it is necessary.” No other county commissioners have refused to recognize a visitor and allow them to speak during committee meetings.

## OBITUARIES

### Braxton Riley Moody, 19

Braxton Riley Moody, 19, of McMinnville was born Aug. 6, 1998 and passed away June 15 as the result of an auto accident. Braxton graduated from Whitmore High School in 2016. He completed necessary classes in order to graduate early so he could begin working toward his goals. He was employed at Real Stone Veneers of Tennessee and aspired to become a game warden. He attended Bybee Branch Church of Christ in McMinnville.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Jackie and Linda Moody.

Survivors include his parents, Brian and Becky Bowman Moody of Pikeville, sister Brea Moody of McMinnville, the love of his life, Ally Locke of McMinnville, grandparents Bobby Bowman and Agnes Cagle, both of Dunlap, several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. Braxton was so loved by everyone who knew him and will be sorely missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bybee Branch Church of Christ, 1165 Old Smithville Hwy, McMinnville, 37110 and condolences can be sent to Brian and Becky Moody, 4510 Old State Hwy 28, Dunlap, TN 37327.

There will be no services at this time and the family requests your continued prayers. Ewton Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Dunlap, (423)-949-2112, is in charge of arrangements. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) June 20, 2018

### Theresa Sue Cunningham, 61

Theresa Sue Cunningham, 61, a McMinnville resident and Van Buren County native, was born Sept. 29, 1956 and died June 11 at Kindred Hospital following a sudden illness. She was a retired nurse with Raintree Manor and daughter of the late Roy and Sarah Jane Garrett Cruise. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband Kenneth Cunningham; and brother Manuel Cruise.

Mrs. Cunningham is survived by daughters Sara Dodd and Melissa Tate, both of McMinnville; seven grandchildren, Tiara Dodd (Ethan Mendez), Ranson Dodd, Gabriel Tate, Pacey Tate, Pennye Tate, Allie Key and Devin Key (Merissa Chapman); brother Ray (Angie) Cruise of Dechard; sisters June Marie (Terry) Thompson of Manchester and Theresa Ward of Atlanta, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at High’s Chapel. Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. Saturday until the time of service at High’s. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 473-2137. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) June 20, 2018



### William Magness Jordan, 93

Mr. William Magness Jordan, 93, of McMinnville died peacefully Sunday, June 17, at his residence with his loved ones around him.

He was born July 11, 1924, in Hamilton County, was the co-owner of Jordan & Bell Contractors, a member of Shellsford Baptist Church where he previously served as a deacon, served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II, was a Prisoner of War, member of Warren Masonic Lodge 125, VFW Post 5064, and American Legion Post 173. Mr. Jordan was preceded in death by parents William Albert and Chloe Phillips Jordan, first wife Geneva Hughes Jordan, son David Michael Jordan, sister Helen Eilene Davis, and a step-grandson Matthew Robinson.

Survivors include his wife Betty Jo Jordan, children Ann (Joe) Grissom, Martin Lee (Diane) Jordan and Ralph Mitchell Jordan all of McMinnville, daughter-in-law Deborah Jordan, step-son Bobby (Paulette) Robinson, step-daughter Robbie (Don) Hitchcock, grandchildren Leslie Wanamaker, Jeff Grissom, Mitchell Grissom, Jeanette Bond, Clint Jordan, Jacob Jordan, Martin Lee Jr., Matthew Jordan, Mark Jordan, Magness Jordan, Mary Jordan, and Ruth Petrey, and step-grandson Donnie Hitchcock. A host of great-grandchildren and family friends also survive.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Ricky Lee will officiate. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery. Military grave rites will be administered by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. The Jordan family will receive friends Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to Caris Hospice. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com).

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 473-6606. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) June 20, 2018

### Winford Eugene “Gene” Pelham, 82

Mr. Winford Eugene “Gene” Pelham, 82, of McMinnville died Sunday, June 17, at St. Thomas River Park Hospital.

He was born Oct. 6, 1935, in Warren County, was a retired construction superintendent with Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), served in the Tennessee National Guard, and was a member of Smartt First Baptist Church. Mr. Pelham was preceded in death by his parents Vance and Fannie Lela Simmons, wife of 65 years Mary Edith Shockley Pelham, sister Liza Pelham, and brothers James Pelham, Frenchie Pelham, H.T. “Zeke” Pelham, and Tommy Pelham.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law Ed and Karen Pelham and Mark and Tammy Pelham, grandchildren Bradley (Ashley) Pelham, Shawn (Corrina) Pelham, and Heather (Ryan) Perris, great-grandchildren Colton and Collins Pelham, Olive Pelham, Kayla Perris, and Cameron James Perris, and brothers Paris (Rhonda) Pelham and Troy (Barbara) Pelham. Several nieces, nephews, family members, and friends also survive.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Dennis Deweese will officiate. Interment will follow at Morrison Cemetery. The Pelham family will receive friends Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com).

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### Robert Robinson, 81

Robert Robinson, 81, a Murfreesboro resident and Franklin County native was born Oct. 20, 1936 and died June 9 at Boulevard Terrace.

He was a retired employee of McMinnville City Public Works, member of Clark United Methodist Church, and son of the late Lee and Lillie Bell Jones Robinson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife Yvonne Marie Hancock Robinson; brothers James Thomas Jones, Willie Robertson, Donald Robertson and Earl Jones; and sister Pearlina Ikeard.

Mr. Robinson is survived by sisters, Birda Thomas of Murfreesboro, Lillie Mae Martin of Detroit, Mich., and Carolyn Sue Cummings of Murfreesboro; devoted nieces, Misty Watkins and Chris Martin, both of Murfreesboro; and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside service and inurnment will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Riverside Cemetery with Jerry Rutledge to officiate. There will be no service or visitation at High’s. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

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### Roy Glynn Blanton, 69

Mr. Roy Glynn Blanton, 69, of Spencer passed away Tuesday, June 19, with his loving family at his bedside from an extended illness.

Mr. Blanton was born Aug. 23, 1948 in Spencer to Roy Martin Blanton and Lola Mae Yates Blanton, who preceded him in death. He was a lifelong resident of Spencer and a member of Welchland Baptist Church. Mr. Blanton was a pipe layer and a longtime employee of Flat Rock Construction.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by son Roy Glynn Blanton Jr. and brother Coy Yates.

He is survived by his loving wife Darlene Blanton of Spencer, sons Charles (Tina) Blanton and Joel (Felicia) Blanton, both of Spencer, daughter Tracy (Ricky King) Blanton of McMinnville, eight grandchildren Shelby, Elaina, Samantha, Ethan, Breonna, Veronica, Dylan and Kellie, and great-grandchild Lukas.

There will be no visitation or services at the funeral home. The family will have a private memorial service at a later date. Online condolences may be made at [www.laynefuneralhome.com](http://www.laynefuneralhome.com).

Layne Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Spencer in charge of arrangements. *Southern Standard* (McMinnville, Tenn.) June 20, 2018

### Brown Hardcastle, 88

Brown Hardcastle, 88, a Nashville resident and Warren County native, was born June 12, 1930 and died June 18 at The Lodge at Natchez Trace following an extended illness.

He was a United States Army veteran of Korea, member of Central Church of Christ, and son of the late Benjamin Roy and Veta Mai Vanhooser Hardcastle. Mr. Hardcastle was married Aug. 20, 1956 to Mary Charles Edwards Hardcastle, who preceded him in death. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by brother Floyd Hardcastle; and sisters Evelyn Martin, Roy Mai Warren, Melba Davis and Dorothy Cook.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Julie Hardcastle of Kingston Springs and Michael and Laura Hardcastle of Burlington, N.C.; grandchildren, Hannah Hardcastle and Alex Hardcastle; sister and brother-in-law, Elsie and Muriel Harris of Manchester; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, at High’s Chapel with Ben Bailey and Steve Stubblefield to officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery with military grave rites conducted by American Legion Post 173 and VFW Post 5064. Visitation will be 9 a.m. Wednesday until the time of service at High’s.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Central Church of Christ. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lucky CIC Meet The Candidates Event & Auction**

Lucky CIC Meet the Candidates event and auction is Saturday, June 23 at 5pm. Prater's BBQ and Dr. Pepper products will be available for purchase. The proceeds are going toward upgrades of community center playgrounds. For more information contact Russell Pedigo at 931-273-1394.

**Providence Baptist Church VBS 2018**

Providence Baptist Church's 2018 VBS will begin June 18-22, at 6:00-8:30 nightly. Classes for babies, youth and adults. For more information call 931-934-2745.

**Friendship Cemetery Decoration Day**

Friendship Cemetery Decoration Day is June 23. For info call 931-808-0503.

**Fundraiser Benefit for Reverend Doug Martin**

Fundraiser Benefit for Reverend Doug Martin will be Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 12 Noon to 3:30pm at the McMinnville Civic Center. Reverend Martin was involved in a car accident, and he has not been able to return back to work. Come listen to some of the local pastors & local choirs! We will be selling food for the benefit.

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