

OBITUARIES

Brandon Aaron Blakey

Brandon Aaron Blakey, 41, Elizabethtown, passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Baptist Health Hardin, in Elizabethtown.

He was born in Elizabethtown on June 29, 1980, son of Gary and Mary Aaron Blakey. He was a graduate of Central Hardin High School and was a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. Before starting a family, he played, wrote, produced and recorded his own music. He attended French Valley Methodist Church, of Russell Springs, and College Heights Methodist Church, in Elizabethtown.

He married Kayla Lawless on September 11, 2019, on Cocoa Beach. They have one son born to their union. Brandon was a good son, a loving husband and a devoted dad.

He is survived by his wife, Kayla; their son, Carson Dean Blakey; mother, Mary Aaron Blakey; sister, Janna (Carl) Watt, Jacksonville, Florida; nieces, Natalie Watt, North Carolina, and Cara Watt, Colorado; uncles, David (Vickie) Blakey, Dennis (Dana) Blakey, Lonnie Blakey, Keith (Gina) Blakey, and Junior (Deidre) Blakey; aunt, Belinda (Bill) Hoover; father-in-law, Steve Lawless; mother-in-law, Angie Lawless; sisters-in-law, Renee (Timmy) George, Melissa (Mick) Burton, and Ashley (Phillip) Wilkerson, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Dean Blakey; paternal grandparents, Rev. L.G. and Reba Blakey, and his maternal grandparents, Philip and Alice Aaron.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., CST, Sunday, June 12, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, in Russell Springs, with Rev. David Blair officiating. Musical selections were performed by The Blakey Quartet. Burial followed in Blakey Cemetery at Hayes Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gideons International or to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org.

Fred James Brown

Fred James Brown, 88, formerly of Columbia, KY passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022 at his home in Jamestown after a long illness.

He was born on April 16, 1934 in the Millerfield Community to George Alvin and Willa Belle Shepherd Brown. He grew up with a sister, Mildred Emerson and a brother, Buster Brown. As a young man he served in the US Army. Upon returning from the US Army, he attended Lindsey Wilson College. He went on to work for General Telephone of KY and retired with over 28 years of service.

At age, 28 he married his wife of 59 years, Betty Bruton Brown. Together they served in many areas of Christian ministry. They were very active in their home church, Trinity United Methodist Church. He taught an adult Sunday School class for many years and Betty acted as his support. They were also active in the choir. They loved their church and served in many more roles during their years there. They were very active in the Gideon Organization and Uganda Counseling and Support Services. They were true servants of Christ.

He is survived by his two daughters, Beth Ann Johnson (Rodney) and Shelley Smith (Jonathan) both of Jamestown; four grandchildren, Macey Johnson Gosser (Dustin), Morgan Johnson, Colby Smith, and Jackson Smith; a sister-in-law, Nelda Bruton Dockins; four loving and devoted caregivers, Faye Cook, Adalene Cochran, Brenda Hernandez, and Diana Reece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and wife.

Funeral services were held 2:00 pm Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with burial in Haven Hill Cemetery. Full Military Honors were provided by VFW Post 6097.

Rev. William Davenport and Rev. Steve Pescosolido officiated and pallbearers were Sammy Blair, Charles Cole, Steve McKinney, Rick Wilson, Wes Irvin and Louis McQueary.

Please send memorial donations to Gideon's International or Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Dr. Somerset, KY 42503.



Kathy J. Haynes-Ellis

Kathy J. Haynes-Ellis, 68, Russell Springs, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at Fair Oaks Health and Rehabilitation, in Jamestown.

Born July 30, 1953, in Somerset, she was a daughter of the late Willie and Betty Watkins Haynes. She was a former clerk at South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. She turned a hobby of growing flowers and herbs into a business of making handcrafted bath and body products, which she aptly named "Preserving Thyme." She was also a member of the Sheltoewe Artisan Guild. In her free time, she enjoyed boating and being out on the lake. She was an animal-lover and enjoyed all of her "critters." She also had a deep love for her family and she will be missed by all that knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Ellis, Russell Springs, whom she wed on January 1, 1993; a daughter, Heather Stevens, Lexington; a son, Mark Ellis, Jr., Pasco, Washington; two sisters, Vicky (and Kevin) Cordell, Somerset, and Tamara Diamond, Middlesboro, and six grandchildren, Soren Quinata, Jacqueline Ellis, Gianna Ellis, Mark Ellis, III, Asher Stevens White, and Isabella Ellis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-mother, Violet Haynes, and her father-in-law, Herb Ellis.

A Memorial Service was held 4:00 PM, CST, Sunday, June 12, 2022, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 250 French Valley Court, in Russell Springs, with Bro. Doug Couch officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. These donations will be used to provide an Appreciation Dinner for the employees of Fair Oaks Health and Rehabilitation, in gratitude for the excellent care they provided to Kathy. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1011, Russell Springs, KY 42642.

Bernard Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Tammy LaFavers

Tammy LaFavers, 57, Jamestown, passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Russell County Hospital. Funeral services were held 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Bro. Ronnie Hamilton officiating. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations of sympathy be made to offset funeral expenses.

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Kimberly "Kim" Foley

Kimberly "Kim" Foley, 58, Somerset, passed away June 5, 2022. She worked for over 20 years as a pharmacy technician caring and nurturing her loyal customers. She was an avid UK fan, loved making crafts, cooking for her family and going camping. Her favorite pastime was spending time with her family and grandchildren. She will be truly missed and will forever live in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Todd, and sister, Connie Hall.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her loving and devoted husband, Jeff Foley; daughter, Celestee Godby; son, Brandon (Bryanna) Hunley; daughters she called her own, Khari Gaskins and Rebecca (Jeremiah) Thompson; grandchildren, Cameron Johnson, Asa Woodcock, Natalie Woodcock, Hunter Thompson and Wyatt Thompson; mother, Margaret Todd, and mother-in-law, Erdena Foley.

A Celebration of Life was held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Potter's Place Church, 5370 KY 914, Somerset, KY 42501. Interment was in Poplar Grove Cemetery, 4173 N Hwy 127 Russell Springs, KY. Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions, Southwest Louisville Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



Financial Focus

CRYPTO: INVESTMENT OR SPECULATION?

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But "invest" may not be the right word – because, in many ways, cryptocurrencies, or "crypto" for short, are more speculation than investment.

But what's really the difference between a speculator and an investor? Probably the main factor is the differing views of time. A true investor is in it for the long term, building a portfolio that, over many years, can eventually provide the financial resources to achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But speculators want to see results, in the form of big gains, right now – and they're often willing to take big risks to achieve these outcomes.

There's also the difference in knowledge. Investors know that they're buying shares of stock in a company that manufactures products or provides services. But many speculators in cryptocurrency don't fully comprehend what they're buying – because crypto just isn't that easy to understand. Cryptocurrency is a digital asset, and cryptocurrency transactions only exist as digital entries on a blockchain, with the "block" essentially being just a collection of information, or digital ledgers. But even knowing this doesn't necessarily provide a clear picture to many of those entering the crypto world.

In addition to time and understanding, two other elements help define cryptocurrency's speculative nature:

Volatility – Cryptocurrencies are subject to truly astonishing price swings, with big gains followed by enormous losses – sometimes within a matter of hours. What's behind this type of volatility? Actually, several factors are involved. For one thing, the price of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies depends heavily on supply and demand – and the demand can skyrocket when media outlets and crypto "celebrities" tout a particular offering. Furthermore, speculators will bet on crypto prices moving up or down, and these bets can trigger a rush on buying and selling, again leading to the rapid price movements. And many purchasers of crypto, especially young people, want to see big profits quickly, so when they lose large amounts, which is common, they often simply quit the market, contributing to the volatility.

Lack of regulation – When you invest in the traditional financial markets, your transactions are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the firms with which you invest are typically overseen by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Other agencies are also involved in regulating various investments. These regulating bodies work to ensure the basic fairness of the financial markets and to prevent and investigate fraud. But cryptocurrency exchanges are essentially unregulated, and this lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of "scam" exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices. This "Wild West" scenario should be of concern to anyone putting money in crypto.

The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it's certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, caveat emptor – "let the buyer beware."

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Hidden Treasures with Love SEEDS OF DIVISION

Inside the ranks of the Baptist religion, there are 23 subdivisions. In America, there are Free Will Baptist, Pentecostal Free Will Baptist, Primitive Baptist, Progressive Baptist, Seven Day Baptist, and the list goes on and on. I am not picking on the Baptist. The other protestant religions are too numerous to list. Religions and church organizations have done more to divide the body of Christ than all hell itself!

I am not proud to report that there are divisions in the pentecostal outreach. I have separated myself from all organized religion. Some organizations are allowing homosexual pastors, beer drinking deacons, and female pastors, and while some have been known to molest children! I am not writing to cause more confusion, but to educate those who will someday search for the strait gate and the narrow way leading to life!

Mt-7-14-Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Sincerity is as a search engine that identifies the crippling effects of false religion sewing seeds of division. Sincerity will enhance your capability of finding the short gate and the narrow way and sincerity obeys the commandments of God.

Jn-5-39-Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Why should we search?

Mt-13-44-Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Such treasure will never be found watching Gunsmoke on TV.

Hos-4-6-My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

The strait and narrow way have been hid in a maze of religious ideologies. We should remove Gunsmoke from our homes and search for the hidden strait and narrow way.

1-Cor--1-10-Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Sincerity will enhance our capability of finding the hidden Kingdom of heaven.

Mt-24-11-And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

So easy a child could understand.

Seeds of Division by Mike Willen with Love!