

Kayden Melson, 14

Kayden Melson of Campbellsville, son of Jonathan Melson and Amanda Pierce, was born on Monday, July 18, 2011 in Campbellsville and departed this life on Tuesday March 10, 2026 due to an automobile accident. He was 14 years, 7 months, and 23 days of age.

Kayden was a freshman in high school and was homeschooled. He would light up any room and was always making everyone laugh. He had such a big heart and brought so much joy to the people around him. He enjoyed music, hanging out with his friends, and playing with all his siblings.

Kayden is survived by his mother: Amanda Pierce of Campbellsville; his father: Jonathan Melson and his fiancé, Courtney Pickett of Greensburg; his brothers and sisters: Alex Arnett, Jaden Pierce, Dawson Corbin, Jacob Price, Zoey Melson, Oaklee Melson, Kensley Melson, Valerie Pickett, Carter Pickett; his grandparents: Joe and Peggy Nelson of Greensburg, Brenda Murrell of Jamestown, Lee Melson of Jamestown, Daniel and Christy Pickett of Green County; his great-grandparents: Steve and Reta Pickett; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded



Kayden Melson

in death by his sister: Katelyn Hamblin in 2006; his grandfather: Timmy Pierce; and a great-grandfather: Hershel Melson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home with burial in the Warf Cemetery. Bro. Nathan Rayburn officiated.

Pallbearers: Jonathan Melson, Tristan Davis, Ryan Skaggs, Aiden Pickett, Cody Pickett, Dawson Corbin, Nathan Paul Rybicki.

Honorary pallbearers: Jacob Price, Jayden Pierce, Alex Arnett, Joe Nelson, Rodney Melson, Billy Melson.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Family Burial Fund which can be made at the funeral home or Community Trust Bank.

Larry W. Colburn, 74

Larry W. Colburn, age 74 of Fishersville, Spencer County, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2026 surrounded by his loving family. Larry was born on April 13, 1951 to the late Rudolph and Myrl Katherine Lee Colburn in Bowling Green, Warren County.

Larry graduated from Western High School Class of 1969 and attended Eastern Kentucky University. Larry's entire life was centered around service as he was a member of the City of Louisville Fire Department, Louisville Police Department, Jefferson County Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department with a combination of over 50 plus years. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and a member of the Blue Knights Kentucky VII, a police motorcycle club.

Larry loved old classic cars, enjoyed showing his cars and competing in many car shows. He enjoyed being on the water, where he spent many hours with his family at his beachfront residence in Florida and lake house on Barren River Lake.

In addition to his parents, Larry is preceded in death by his

former wife and mother of their children, Deborah Colburn who passed in 2020.

Larry leaves to cherish his memory, his loving children, Christopher W. Colburn (Tennya) and Brandie Colburn-Blake (Terry); grandchildren, Nicholas Fuller, Aubrey Colburn, Taylor-Grace Blake and Alex Colburn; his four legged child, Gracie Ann; siblings, Mike Colburn (Margaret) and Brenda Colburn Benson; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions, East Louisville Chapel, 235 Juneau Drive, Louisville.

A funeral service to celebrate Larry's life will be there on Friday, March 20 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Bloyd-Perkins Cemetery in Summersville, at the corner of Perkins Cemetery Road and Hudgins Rd at 2 p.m. ET.

For more information locally, contact Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Bro. Wilburn Bonta, 76

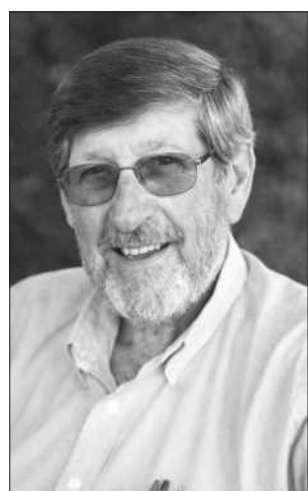
Bro. Wilburn Bonta of Green County, son of the late William Clarence Bonta and Stella Pauline Wright Bonta, was born on Thursday, October 13, 1949 in Green County and departed this life on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. He was 76 years, 4 months, and 28 days of age.

He had made a profession of faith as a 13-year-old boy at New Salem Baptist Church. He went on to be a pastor for 51 years, including many years at Greasy Creek Baptist Church and was the Director of Missions for the Russell Creek and East Lynn Baptist Associations. He was also a member of the Green County Ministerial Association. Bro. Bonta was a true leader of the community and was proud to share the gospel with anyone he came to know. Over the years, he has led many to Christ and served the community with high honor. He was also the Chaplain for the Greensburg/Green County Fire and Rescue Squad and a member of the Farm Bureau Board.

He raised a family out on their farm in Donansburg, and worked cattle, cut tobacco, and rolled hay for many years. He loved to spend time with his kids and grandchildren and always had a good story to tell. There wasn't a family Bro. Bonta didn't know and could always tell you who was related to who. He was gifted with a spirit of wisdom and always used his talents to glorify God.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years: Connie Whitlow Bonta of Green County, having united in marriage on June 19, 1971.

Other survivors include his two sons



Bro. Wilburn Bonta

and daughters-in-law James and Erin Bonta, Mark and Lindsey Bonta all of Green County; eight grandchildren: Will Bonta, Whitley Bonta, Ty Bonta, Hayden Bonta, Waylon Bonta, Caleb Bonta, Willow Bonta, and soon to be born, Caroline Bonta all of Green County; a sister: Suvada Arnett of Green County; in-laws: Reta and Steve Pickett, Shelia Pearman, Rodney and Rita Whitlow, Rodger and Bea Whitlow; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers: Winfred Bonta, William "Bill" Bonta; two sisters: Marilyn Simpson, Joyce Simpson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 15, 2026 at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home with burial in the New Salem Cemetery. Bro. Mark Bonta, Bro. James Bonta, and Bro. Jim Collision officiated.

The family had requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Gideon Bible Fund or the New Salem Cemetery Fund which can both be made at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Will Bonta, Whitley Bonta, Ty Bonta, Hayden Bonta, Waylon Bonta, Caleb Bonta, Willow Bonta, John Woodhouse.

Yolanda Gilkeson, 63

Yolanda Gilkeson, age 63, of Greensburg, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at Norton's Hosparus Inpatient Care Center in Louisville. She was born in Galesburg, Illinois on November 13, 1962.

Yolanda was of the Christian Faith, and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald James Allen, and Elizabeth K. Bush; one brother, Robert Lewis Bragg.

She is survived by three children, Page Turner, Macy Gilkeson (Tyler Carson), both of Campbellsville, and Walsh Ennis of Ponder, Texas; six grandchil-

dren, Blayne Davis, Brayce Davis, Kyreece Turner, Brynzlee Turner, Rowen Carson, and Saylor Carson, all of Campbellsville; four siblings, Donna Bender of Altoona, PA, Kathy Walker (WL) of Summersville, Sandra Walkup (Johnnie) of Black Gnat, and Ronnadeane Bertram of Horse Cave; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Honoring Yolanda's wishes, cremation was chosen by the family. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Winn Funeral Home is honored to assist the family with these arrangements. Condolences may be expressed online at www.winnfuneralhome.com

Judy Ann Genton Swihart, 71

Judy Ann Genton Swihart, age 71, of Campbellsville, formerly of Mt. Sherman, passed away, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at Baptist Health Hardin in Elizabethtown.

She loved gardening, baking, being out in nature, watching Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Hummingbirds and spending every summer at the lake.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Mildred Gregory Genton and a brother, Gary Genton.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Swihart of Campbellsville; a daughter, Cole (Kaitlyn) Swihart of Louisville; two sisters, Wanda Raines of Louisville and Becky Moody of Texas; two



brothers, Marc Genton of Greensburg and Ronnie (Kay) Genton of Lexington.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 10, at Dixon-Rogers Funeral Home in Magnolia with Bro. Joe Milby officiating. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery.

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FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

What If?
What if it all works out? What if everything is destined to work out for the best? We often fret over minor inconveniences that, in the long run, make no difference or even work out for the best. Instead of complaining about the many things that don't work perfectly or don't fall into your plans, why not consider that there may be a larger plan at work here, and even if you don't immediately see what that plan is, it's usually best to go with the flow and try to make your plans fit in with the new developments, whatever they may be. There are examples of this virtually every day. An unplanned detour or simply getting lost can oftentimes lead to unexpected discoveries. The many things that break or fail to function properly give us the opportunity to get rid of stuff we don't really need or to find something better. Even accidents and illnesses can sometimes lead to better outcomes. Vigor grows through a wound and heartbreak is often the thing which keeps us coming back to God.
-Christopher Simon

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Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1