

Rufus Sullivan, 90

Mr. Rufus Sullivan, age 90, passed away May 2 at the Tender Touch Senior Living in Elizabethtown. He was born March 22, 1937 in Harlan County, to the late Jonas and Malinda Caldwell Sullivan. He had made a profession of faith in Christ and attended Tru Way Ministries. He was preceded in

death by his wife, Wilma Arlene Sullivan, in 2023. Survivors include one son: Jonice Michael Sullivan; two grandchildren: Kim Sullivan and Christopher Sullivan; two great-grandchildren: Tyler Sullivan and Kaitlyn Sullivan; three great-great grandchildren: Kane Sullivan, Oakley

Sullivan and Mason Sullivan; two sisters: Gertrude and Merley; plus a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one son, David Mitchell Sullivan. There will be no public services. Arrangements are under the direction of Gupton-Landrum Funeral Home.

Joseph Wayne Caven, 69

Mr. Joseph Wayne Caven of Glasgow, formerly of Green County, son of the late William Cyril and Margaret Marie Matney Caven, was born on March 17, 1957 in Green County, Kentucky. He departed this life on Saturday, May 2, 2026 in Glasgow, having attained the age of 69 years, one month and 16 days. He was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Blaydes Caven, on November 17, 2025. Survivors include one daughter: Monica McGavin of Cave City; one son: Joey Caven (Teisha) of Greensburg; seven grandchildren; three sisters: Lynda Collins (Kerry) of Campbellsville, Judy Huffman of Greensburg and Margarette Elizabeth Caven of Louisville;

plus a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Caven. The funeral services were held Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at the Gupton-Landrum Funeral Home with burial in the Macedonia Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gupton-Landrum Funeral Home.

George Johnson, Jr., 92

Mr. George Johnson Jr. was born on March 28, 1934 in Green County, to the late Willie Clarence Johnson and Rosie Taylor Johnson. He departed this life Friday, May 1, 2026 at Ohio State University East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, having attained the age of 92 years, 1 month and 3 days. Junior made a profession of faith in Christ at an early age. He served faithfully at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, actively singing in the Men's Choir. He knew who Christ was to him and lived by that throughout his entire life. He would always say, "God has been good to me. Yes, God has been good to me. He has blessed me all these years because I treated people right." At an early age, he worked on a farm, which instilled a strong work ethic in him. He later worked for the Kentucky State Highway Department and retired after many years of service. All the while, he operated a lawn care service that he provided to his home church, other churches, and the community. To know him was truly a blessing. If he



George Johnson, Jr.

Kentucky and her three children; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Lula Belle Owen Johnson, mother and father Willie Clarence Johnson and Rosie Ann Taylor Johnson, four brothers: Charlie, Roy, Otha and Clarence Johnson, two sisters: Mary Bell Baker and Margaret Anderson and a special friend: Doris Bridgewater. The funeral service was held Monday, May 11, 2026 at The First Baptist Church in Campbellsville with Rev. Michael Caldwell and Rev. Tyrone Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Green County Memory Gardens in the Summersville Community of Green County. Foster-Toler-Curry Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers: Denny Ray Anderson, Anthony Cowherd, Tony Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Ethan Woolridge, Chop Bridgewater. Honorary Pallbearers: Jack Thompson, Jayden Berry, Myquel Johnson, James Johnson.

saw you, you would always be greeted with a smile and conversation, always spreading the word of how good God has been. He also loved dressing to impress every day and always stayed sharp. His daily routine often consisted of going to Walmart, where he would talk with people sitting in the everyday meeting spot or with people passing by while shopping, becoming a familiar face to many. He loved going to church. He enjoyed listening to the band. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He especially loved Golden Corral. He leaves to cherish his memory, his Goddaughter, Christy Davis of Louisville,

God's Word Stands Forever



Rev. Todd Gaddis

Returning to my hometown recently to visit family, I was glad to hear my brother say that he wanted us to attend church with him. He had spoken fondly about the congregation on numerous occasions and now my family would get to experience it firsthand along with him. First, we had the worship service, which was very nice. Following wonderful special music presented by a men's quartet, the preacher brought an effective and heartfelt message. After a time of church-wide food and fellowship came small group time. I was especially excited about that because his teacher was a life-long family friend I hadn't seen since I was a child. So you can imagine my shock when she announced that today's lesson would not come from the Bible, but rather from the New York Times -specifically the Ethicist, described as "advice on life's trickiest situations and moral dilemmas."

I have no problem with such material referred to for illustrative purposes. However, when it's used as the central source for the entire lesson, something is wrong. We spent the next 45 minutes discussing issues like, "My girlfriend said she loved me. Should I say it back even if I'm not sure?" The Bible, referenced only once, was never actually read. Needless to say, I left with mixed emotions. Delighted to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Yet, grieved that a group of middle aged adults came to Sunday School and heard little to nothing about Scripture. I'm sure they don't follow that format ev-

ery week. But why even skip a single opportunity to provide needed nourishment so these hungry souls could go forth into a new week filled and equipped? Mahatma Gandhi, the Hindu activist who helped lead India to independence from British rule in 1947 said, "You Christians have in your keeping a document with enough dynamite in it to blow the whole of civilization to bits; to turn society upside down; to bring peace to this war torn world. But you read it as if it were just good literature, and nothing else." According to a 2022 Lifeway research project, only 45% of churchgoers read the Bible more than once a week. Another 40% read it occasionally. And that's among church attendees. Imagine what the number would be if non attenders were factored in. Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting the Bible become an object of worship. That's a role reserved for God through His Son, Jesus. Yet, along with the Holy Spirit, it is the Word of God that draws us to the Son of God. The Ethiopian eunuch was reading from Isaiah when

Philip the evangelist came along and led him to faith in Christ, after which he was immediately baptized. Concerning itself, the Bible says, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it produce and sprout, and providing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will my word be which goes out of My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it. For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Isaiah 55:11, Hebrews 4:12 NASB).

Along with your soul, the word of God will stand forever (see Isaiah 40:6). With that in mind, now would be a good time to make sure you'll meet Jesus in heaven. In the meantime, learn as much as you can about Him by making Scripture a consistent part of your life.

Rev. Gaddis has been a pastor for over 35 years. A native Kentuckian, he was born in Owensboro and graduated from the University of Kentucky. He can be reached at jtoddgaddis@gmail.com.

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The Ten Commandments

- Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
 - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
 - Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
 - Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
 - Honor thy father and thy mother. Thou shalt not kill.
 - Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal.
 - Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
 - Thou shalt not covet.
- (Exodus 20:3-17)

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“ See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. ”
 Song of Songs 2:11-12 (NIV)

A Perseverant Season

The familiar adage that "April showers bring May flowers" is more than a childhood rhyme; it is a profound observation of the natural order. As we witness the landscape transform this month, we are invited to reflect on the relationship between adversity and growth. This period marks a peak emergence of life across the natural world—a collective display of resilience that follows weeks of erratic spring rain. This process serves as a compelling metaphor for our own personal development. Just as the soil requires the saturation of a storm to nourish the seed, our own periods of challenge often precede our most significant seasons of renewal. By viewing our difficulties not as permanent setbacks, but as the necessary rain for a future bloom, we can maintain a steady perspective even when the clouds seem most persistent.

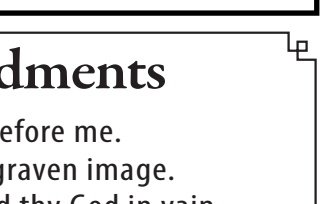
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