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## Freddie Bales

**November 4, 1940 - May 20, 2022**

Freddie Bales was born November 4, 1940 in Jackson County and departed this life Friday, May 20, 2022 at the St. Joseph Hospital in London at the age of 81. He was the son of the late Fred & Kathryn (Pierson) Bales.

Freddie is survived by his daughter, Joyce A. Bales of McKee and by his granddaughter, Kathryn Anita Rader of McKee. He is also survived by two brothers, Walker Bales of Ohio and Leon Bales of Tyner and by two sisters, Minnie Pearl York of Tyner and Kathy Longnecker of Indiana. He was blessed with a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Freddie was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruthie Wyrick.

Freddie was a member of the Blackwater Baptist Church #2.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, May 23, 2022 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Bales and Bro. Everett Van Zant officiating. Burial to follow in the Bales Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## Mary Abrams Kates

**August 28, 1932 - May 15, 2022**

Mary Abrams Kates, born August 28, 1932, in Jackson County, KY to Sally & Ellis Abrams, passed away graciously from this life into her eternal resting place with the Lord on May 15, 2022.

Mary was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who worked hard to provide for her family, making sure all who entered her home was greeted with love, good food and a warm cup of coffee. She loved the Lord and loved singing His praises. Her children and family were her whole world. Mary worked at Holleander Mfg. from 1971 until she retired in June 1994 after which she cared for her husband until his passing.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Sally & Ellis Abrams; four sisters and six brothers as well as her first born child, Earl Wayne Kates, her oldest daughter, Patricia Gail Dick, her first born grandchild, Cassie Renee and her loving husband of over 51 years, Earl Kates. Her welcoming party will surely be full of all the loved ones she has missed so much over the years.

Mary is survived by her children, Marvin Kates (Cindy), Hershel Kates (Tammy), Joyce Witt (the late Garry) Donna Muddiman (Kirt) and Eugenia McFadden (Kevin) as well as her daughter-in-law, Flora Kates; 14 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her loving sister, China Kates (Vernon) and two women who helped to love and care for her, Jayne McGuire (Bob) and Lisa Planck (Scott) as well as many wonderful nieces, nephews, and friends that she loved so much.

Her life was well lived. She ran her race and now she is hearing the Lord Jesus say, "My good and faithful servant, enter in."

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Planck officiating. Burial to follow in the T. M. Lakes Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Hilbert H. Krans

**July 8, 1924 - May 15, 2022**

Hilbert Henry Krans, age 97 of Annville was born July 8, 1924 and departed this life Sunday, May 15, 2022 at the St. Joseph Hospital in London.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Krans; by brothers, Gerald Krans and his wife Grace and Robert Krans and his wife Margaret.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Annville & Medlock Cemetery in Annville with Bro. Bob Scholton.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## Elva Glenn Orton

**August 22, 1923 - May 15, 2022**

Elva Glenn Orton, 98, passed away on May 15, 2022. Beloved husband of Joann Orton. Loving brother of Edwin (Margaret) Orton. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside service will be held Friday, May 20, 2022, at 1:00 PM in Cornetts Chapel Cemetery, Annville, KY.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

## Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Reminds Kentuckians to Click It or Ticket Ahead of Memorial Day Weekend

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 19, 2022) – As the Memorial Day holiday approaches, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining law enforcement around the commonwealth for the annual Click It or Ticket campaign, encouraging motorists to buckle up and stay safe.

The federally funded campaign is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort running May 23 – June 5.

"Taking just a few seconds to buckle up can make all the difference between recovering from injuries versus losing your life in the unfortunate event you're involved in a crash," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "I urge drivers to make the safe choice to wear a seatbelt and ensure child passengers are securely restrained every time they travel."

According to the KOHS, of the 806 roadway deaths last year in Kentucky, 609 were occupants of motor vehicles. Of those killed in motor vehicle crashes, 333 were either not wearing a seat belt or were not properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat. Twelve of the 609 were children age 9 and under. Four of those twelve were improperly restrained.

"These are not just numbers. These are people – mothers, fathers, sons, daughters – that never made it home," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "Taking two seconds to put on a seat belt is a simple act, yet could be the difference between life and death."

According to NHTSA, despite the low traffic volume, fatal crashes are three times higher nationwide at nighttime versus daytime. In Kentucky last year, of the 609 occupants killed in motor vehicle crashes, 302 occurred at night. Of those, 111 were unrestrained.

"Sometimes even the most attentive drivers are involved in a crash caused by other drivers," said Secretary Gray. "Wearing a seat belt gives you the best chance of surviving a crash."

To reinforce this message, more than 90 law enforcement agencies throughout Kentucky have participated in the KOHS Click It or Ticket "Local Heroes" initiative. Localized public service announcements (PSAs) feature actual officers, deputies and Troopers in counties with low seat belt usage rates and/or a high number of unrestrained motorist-involved crashes. The PSAs will air during the Click It or Ticket campaign beginning Memorial Day weekend. In areas without a county-specific PSA, statewide versions will air featuring various law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

"We encourage motorists to make safe choices on the road because it's the right thing to do, not just because it is the law," said Secretary Gray. "However, if a life may potentially be saved by writing a ticket, they will do it."

According to NHTSA, when worn correctly, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45 percent for front-seat vehicle occupants and by 60 percent for pickup truck, SUV and minivan occupants. Properly fastened seat belts contact the strongest parts of the body, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. A seat belt spreads the force of a crash over a wide area of the body, putting less stress on any one part, and allows the body to slow down with the crash, extending the time when the crash forces are felt by the occupant.

## Gov. Beshear Announces Lowest Unemployment Rate in State History

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 19, 2022) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear reported that the commonwealth just posted the lowest unemployment rate in state history, further proof that the commonwealth's record-breaking economic momentum is benefitting all Kentuckians.

According to the Kentucky Center for Statistics, an agency within the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary April 2022 unemployment rate was 3.9%, the lowest rate ever recorded since the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics began reporting state rates in 1976.

"Kentucky's economy is absolutely on fire, and today's report shows that continued success is benefiting Kentuckians across the commonwealth," Gov. Beshear said. "We've secured our spot as a leader by establishing Kentucky as the capital for electric vehicle battery production and agritech. But even more important, we're building a Kentucky where our people can create a better life through great jobs, world-class education opportunities, quality health care and strong infrastructure. We're not just talking about building a better Kentucky – we're doing it."

The Governor said the news follows a year when the state shattered every economic development record in the books, which included a record \$11.2 billion in private-sector new location and expansion projects and the creation of 18,000-plus full-time jobs. Under Gov. Beshear's leadership, more than 33,000 new jobs have been created and private-sector investment has reached more than \$17 billion.

The Governor noted the economic momentum has carried strongly into 2022, with both S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings upgrading Kentucky's financial outlook to positive in recognition of the commonwealth's surging economy.

Just last week, the Governor reported the highest-ever monthly General Fund receipts of \$1.84 billion. That is up 34.9% over last April's collections, bringing Kentucky's year-to-date growth rate to 16.4%.

Earlier this week, the Governor announced Site Selection magazine placed Kentucky at 6th in its annual Prosperity Cup rankings for 2022, which recognizes state-level economic success based on capital investments. In addition, two of the commonwealth's most significant recent projects – Ford Motor Co. and SK Innovation's BlueOvalSK battery park in Hardin County and the recently opened Amazon Air Hub in Boone County – ranked third and 11th, respectively, among the Top Deals in North America for 2021, based on capital expenditures and job creation.

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