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Daniel G. Bates

December 31, 1945 - June 21, 2022

Daniel G. Bates was born December 31, 1945 in Jackson County and departed this life Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the Kentucky River Medical Center in Jackson-Breathitt, at the age of 76. He was the son of the late John Frank Bates & Huda (Vickers) Bates.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Mary (Wilkinson) Bates of Tyner and three children, Daniel Glenn (Rebecca) Bates of Tyner, John (Amanda) Bates of Richmond, and Kelly Gail (Joseph) Nolan of Tyner. He is also survived by a brother, John Bates of Tyner. He was blessed with three grandchildren, Cheyenne Nolan, Sierra Nolan and Benjamin Bates.

In addition to his parents, Daniel was also preceded in death by two siblings Ronnie Bates and Connie (Bates) Bowman.

Daniel was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

Graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Friday, June 24, 2022 at the Pete & Charlotte Vickers Cemetery at Tyner with Bro. Bobby Burchette officiating. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Margie Gross

July 19, 1942 - June 22, 2022

Margie Gross was born July 19, 1942, in Owensley County and departed this life Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at the Advent Health Hospital in Manchester at the age of 79. She was the daughter of the late Floyd (Pink) Gross and Duluth (Pierson) Gross.

Margie is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Alonzo Gross of Alexandria, KY, Kenny Gross, Mildred Edwards and Lola Lee Gross all of Sextons Creek, Judy Lynch of Richwood, KY, Ineda Cole of Lebanon, OH, Diana Young of Union, KY and Leisa Parrett of Annville, KY. She is also survived by a special friend, Marvin Becknell. She was blessed with a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Margie was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Gross and James Gross.

Margie was a member of the First Baptist Church in Island City.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Keith Murray officiating. Burial to follow in the Gross Family Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jack B. Norris

June 29, 1940 - June 22, 2022

Jack B. Norris was born June 29, 1940 in Jackson County and departed this life Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at The Terrace Nursing & Rehab in Berea at the age of 81. He was the son of the late Edwin Norris & Maudie (Isaacs) Norris.

Jack is survived by a daughter, Donna Sparks of Mt. Vernon. He is also survived by two sisters, Twila (Charles) Davis of Connersville, IN and Brenda Harding of Frankfort. He was blessed

with two grandsons, Trenton Sparks and Trevor Sparks both of Richmond and by three great grandchildren, Tendon Sparks, Janay Sparks and Alivia Sparks.

In addition to his parents, Jack was also preceded in death by his wife, Trula (Freeman) Norris; by a brother, Jerry Norris and by a sister, Jo Ann Gabbard.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Sunday, June 26, 2022 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Hurst and Mike Norris conducting the service. Burial to follow in the McKee Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Estes Shelton

January 18, 1961 - June 5, 2022

Estes Shelton was born January 18, 1961, in Cook County, Illinois and departed this life Sunday, June 5, 2022, at the Manchester Memorial Hospital at the age of 61. He was the son of the late Lafayette Ray Shelton and Edna (Stidham) Shelton.

Estes is survived by two sons, Jonathan Shelton of Wisconsin and Estes Shelton II of Chicago, Illinois. He is also survived by a brother, Ray Dean Shelton of Chicago, Illinois and by a sister, Carolyn Shelton of Tyner.

In addition to his parents, Estes was also preceded in death by two brothers, David Shelton and Charles Shelton and by a sister, Robin Lynn Hudson.

Funeral services will be held 1:00PM Monday, June 13, 2022, at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Brian Gabbard and Bro. Mitchell Baker officiating. Burial to follow in Clay County.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Donnie Sparks

January 7, 1952 - June 20, 2022

Donnie Sparks was born January 7, 1952, in Jackson County and departed this life Monday, June 20, 2022, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond at the age of 70. He was the son of the late Elmer Sparks & Dahlia (Marcum) Sparks.

Donnie is survived by five children, Edna Sparks of Berea, Michelle Alewine of Berea, Phillip Sparks of McKee, Loretta Edmonson of McKee and Doug Sparks of McKee.

He is also survived by the following siblings, Darrell Sparks of McKee, Thelma Sparks of Annville, Nollie Hatfield and Garry Sparks both of London and Aileen Bennett of Connersville, IN. He was blessed with thirteen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Donnie was also preceded in death by the following siblings, Gerald, Raymond, Virgil, Ralph, Dallas, Paul, Ivan and Harold J. Sparks, Edna Lou Moore, Gertrude Caldwell and Avanelle Riebsomers.

Donnie was a member of the Macedonia Holiness Church.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Friday, June 24, 2022, at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Mike McKinney and Bro. Leonard Wilder officiating. Burial will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Tankersley

October 20, 1940 - June 22, 2022

Wanda Lee Tankersley was born October 20, 1940 in Jackson County and departed this life Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the Rockcastle Regional Medical Center in Mt. Vernon at the age 81. She was the daughter of the late Virgil & Minnie Callahan.

Wanda is survived by two children, Peggy Masters of McKee and Danny Tankersley of Mt. Vernon. She is also survived by a brother, Floyd Callahan of McKee. Wanda was blessed with two granddaughters, Savannah & Chelsi.

In addition to her parents, Wanda was also preceded in death by her son in law, Billy Masters and by four brothers, Hobert Edward Callahan, Vernon Riley Callahan, Carl Ray Callahan and Lloyd Callahan.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Jack Martin and Bro. Jim Miller officiating. Burial to follow in the Pine Thicket Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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You may also email them to sue@thejacksoncountytimes.com

First Probable Case of Monkeypox in Kentucky Reported

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 24, 2022) – Public health officials today announced that the first probable case of monkeypox in Kentucky in 2022 has been identified in a Jefferson County resident. No further information about the patient will be released due to privacy concerns.

Initial testing was completed at the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) Division of Laboratory Services. Confirmatory testing is pending at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based on the initial positive test and preliminary case investigation, state health officials consider this a probable monkeypox infection. The patient remains isolated, and health officials are working to identify anyone the patient may have had close contact with while infectious.

As of June 23, 2022, the CDC reports that 173 monkeypox cases have been identified in 24 U.S. states. More information about the monkeypox outbreak is available on the CDC's website.

State Public Health Commissioner Dr. Steven Stack said, "Identifying the first case of monkeypox in Kentucky is concerning but not surprising. Fortunately, the risk to the general public remains low. We continue to work closely with CDC and our local health department and healthcare partners to contain the spread of this virus."

Person-to-person transmission is possible either through skin-to-skin contact with body fluids, monkeypox sores or contaminated items, such as bedding or clothing, or through exposure to respiratory droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact.

Monkeypox typically begins with flu-like illness, including fever and swelling of the lymph nodes about five to 21 days after exposure, followed by a rash or lesions one to three days later. The rash or lesions are often painful and typically begin on the face but may occur on any part of the body. The illness typically lasts for two to four weeks. People are considered infectious from the time that symptoms start until all scabs from the rash have fallen off and the skin has healed.

To prevent the spread of monkeypox in Kentucky, KDPH is asking individuals to be aware of the risks and how monkeypox spreads. It is also important to remember that monkeypox can spread through sexual networks, therefore KDPH urges you to be vigilant. People who have symptoms of monkeypox, particularly the characteristic rash or lesions, should take the following steps:

- Visit a medical provider for an evaluation
- Cover the area of the rash with clothing
- Wear a mask
- Avoid skin-to-skin, or close contact with others
- Individuals with questions about monkeypox should speak to their primary care provider. In addition, people without a regular provider that have developed a rash in the genital or perianal area, can access services at local health department sexual health clinics.

KDPH is urging healthcare providers across the commonwealth to be alert for patients who have rash illnesses consistent with monkeypox:

- Monkeypox infection should be considered for patients presenting with skin lesions, especially for those with a history of recent travel to an area with confirmed monkeypox cases or who have close skin-to-skin contact (such as sexual contact) with new or affected partners.
- Take note that some patients have had genital lesions and the rash may be hard to distinguish from syphilis, herpes simplex virus (HSV) infection, chancroid, varicella zoster, and other more common infections.
- Isolate any patients suspected of having monkeypox in a single-person room, and ensure staff understand the importance of wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (gown, gloves, eye protection, and respirator) and that they wear it each time they are near suspected cases.
- Use standard cleaning/disinfectants in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and dispose of any materials that touched the patient as medical waste.
- Report all suspected monkeypox cases to Public Health immediately. Additional information is available on the KDPH website.

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