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Johnnie William Culton

March 14, 1945 - September 17, 2021

Johnnie William Culton was born March 14, 1945 in Clay County and departed this life Friday, September 17, 2021 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Berea, at the age of 76. He was the son of the late Loranza & Nannie (Brown) Culton.

Johnnie is survived by two children, Johnathan "J.J." Culton and his wife Liz of McKee and Melissa Campbell and her husband Steven of Richmond. He is also survived by two siblings,

Ophelia "Opie" Culton of McKee and Douglas Culton and his wife Belinda of Shelbyville. He was blessed with three grandchildren, Aidan Trey Campbell, Xavier Gage Campbell, and Maliyah Rose Campbell and by a step grandson, Logan Creech.

In addition to his parents, Johnnie was also preceded in death by his nephew Douglas Shane Culton.

Johnnie was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, September 20, 2021 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Hurst officiating. Burial to follow in the Reynolds Cemetery. Pallbearers: Harold Edwards, Logan Creech, Steven Campbell, Aidan Campbell, Xavier Campbell and Carl Wayne Brown. Honorary pallbearers: Morris Hurst, Don Culton, Aaron Bennett, David Culton, Don Tillery, Don Tincher, James Isaacs, Phillip "Rooster" Holliman, Junior Allen, Eldon Browning, "Doc" Robinson, Bennie Brown, and Howard Brown.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Marie Jackson

February 1, 1964 - September 14, 2021

Hazel Marie Jackson was born February 1, 1964 in Jackson County and departed this life Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at her residence at the age of 57. She was the daughter of the late Arvel Rader & Betty Jean (Clark) Garrett.

Hazel is survived by two children, Travis Jackson and Cassondra Jackson both of McKee. She is also survived by the following siblings, Darvel Lee Rader, Dwight Rader, Brian Rader, Carol Maupin, Sharon Young and Sandra Rader all of McKee, Hazel Jordan of Oklahoma and Bessie King of Gray Hawk. She was blessed with two grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Hazel was also preceded in death by her husband, Verlon Dale Jackson and by a brother, Jeffrey Wayne Rader.

Graveside service will be 1:00 PM Friday, September 17, 2021 at the Jackson Family Cemetery with Bro. Brian Gabbard officiating.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Neeley

Kenneth Neeley was born April 13, 1961 in Berea, Ky and departed this life Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Franklin-Simpson Nursing & Rehab in Franklin, KY at the age of 60. He was the son of the late Cammie & Josephine (Van Winkle) Neeley.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Mary (James) Neeley and by three children, Israel K. Neeley, Cammie Neeley and Crystal Neeley and by one brother, Danny Neeley. He was blessed with six grandchildren and one on the way.

A memorial service may be held at a later date.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mark Smith

October 25, 1953 - September 10, 2021

Mark Smith was born October 25, 1953 in Laurel County and departed this life Friday, September 10, 2021 at his residence, at the age 67. He was the son of the late Raymond & Grace Smith.

Mark is survived by his siblings, Roy Smith, Lester Smith, Christine Williams and her husband Tommy and Mary McKinney and her husband Luther.

He attended a holiness church.

Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Scott Witt officiating. Burial to follow in the Smith & Bowling Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris & Lucas McKinney, Steve, Bill & John Fox, Tommy Williams, Baxter Jackson & Michael Stevens. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Darrell Todd

November 3, 1959 - September 10, 2021

Vincent (Willard) Darrell Todd was born November 3, 1959 in New Castle, IN and departed this life Friday, September 10, 2021 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, at the age of 61. He was the son of the late Johnny W. Todd and Ollie June (McWhorter) Todd.

Darrell is survived by his loving wife, Sherry (Parsons) Todd of McKee and by the following children, Tobias Robinson, Tobin Robinson, Tamy Lynn Mays, Teri Robinson and Temperance Robinson all of McKee. He is also survived by a brother, Steven A. Todd & Pamela of Beattyville and by a sister, Virginia Carol Todd of Beattyville.

Darrell was a member of the New Zion Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Harris officiating. Burial to follow in the Todd Cemetery. Pallbearers: Zack Todd, Josh Todd, Dace Parsons, Jack Parsons, Mike Anderson and Ronnie Mays. Honorary pallbearers: Johnny Bean Todd, Danny Todd, Benny Sam Todd and James Parsons.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Commissioner Quarles Proclaims Sept. 19-25 as Farm Safety and Health Week in Kentucky

FRANKFORT (Sept. 16, 2021) – Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles has proclaimed Sept. 19-25 as Farm Safety and Health Week in Kentucky to encourage farmers and farm workers to put their health and safety first at all times. The theme for this year's safety week is "Farm Safety Yields Real Results."

"Farmers face a number of risks in the course of their work, from machinery accidents, chemical exposure, unruly livestock, grain bin entrapment, severe weather, and many others," Commissioner Quarles said. "In Kentucky, we have made great strides to mitigate these risks to make farming safer than ever before. But one farm injury is one too many. 'Farm Safety Yields Real Results,' isn't just the theme for this year's farm safety and health week, it should be a guiding principle for our farmers. Whether you are on the farm, on the road, or in the home, please take that extra step to protect yourself and those around you."

In addition to reminding farmers to keep safety top of mind and reminding drivers to share the road as we approach harvest season, the KDA is also embarking on a new campaign — "Raising Hope – Supporting Healthy Lives of Kentucky Farms" — that focuses strategies on the mental and physical health of agricultural producers. The campaign is made possible with appropriations from the General Assembly and partnerships with state universities and other state agencies.

With goals of developing community-based programming, education, communication and systems to support the mental and physical health of farmers and farm families, the campaign focuses on the reduction of stress, depression, and suicide among agriculture producers, along with maintaining physical safety while on the job.

Through research, prevention, intervention and community education and outreach, the project's mission is to enhance the quality of life for Kentucky's agricultural producers. Increasing awareness of stress among farmers, along with reducing the stigma attached to mental health issues is one way to establish community-based support systems for those who need it. In addition, it's important to show appreciation of farmers and their families by realizing the positive impact they have on our communities. Addressing the mental health needs of farmers helps to reduce the physical injuries suffered on farms.

The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center reported that 15 Kentuckians engaged in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting died on the job in 2020, compared with 12 in 2019 and 50 in 1995.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) operates a Farm & Home Safety Program that provides educational resources and training to ensure the safety of farmers and their families. The farm and home safety team is always in high demand and in an average year appears in more than 100 events, including the National Farm Machinery Show; the Kentucky State Fair; WAVE Ag Day in Hickman, Kentucky; and the Milan No-Till Field Day in Milan, Tennessee.

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, KDA's Farm & Home Safety Program teamed up with the University of Kentucky's Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention last year to create safety videos focusing on awareness of injury risks and mental health needs for farmers. Videos focus on rollover tractor, ATV and lawnmower injuries, and farmer mental health. Other videos encourage the public to share the road with farm machinery and enforce the importance of farmers to practice sun and heat safety while working outside.

Kentucky's Farm and Safety Health Week coincides with the National Farm Safety and Health Week. This week acknowledges, celebrates, and uplifts America's farmers and ranchers who have encountered many challenges, yet continue to work hard to provide the food, fiber, and fuel the public need.

Kentucky Food Banks, Elected Officials Encourage Kentuckians to Take Action Against Hunger in September

[Frankfort, KY] – September 17, 2021 – This September, the Feeding Kentucky network of seven food banks is mobilizing across all 120 counties states in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the number of people who are food-insecure, meaning they lack consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy lifestyle.

Kentucky has the ninth highest rate in the nation of people struggling to put food on the table. In Kentucky, almost 700,000 people struggle with hunger and may not know where they will find their next meal. That number includes one in every five kids who may not have enough to eat.

After nearly ten years, food insecurity levels for most communities across the country, including Kentucky, had reached their lowest levels in 2018, according to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study. However, analysis from Feeding America's The Impact of the Coronavirus on Local Food Insecurity shows that progress made to food insecurity in the past decade will likely be wiped out as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Hunger is not a COVID-19 problem," said Katrina Thompson, Executive Director of Feeding Kentucky. "Kentucky families were struggling long before the pandemic started, and it has only been exacerbated over the past 18 months."

September marks the fourteenth year the Feeding America network of food banks has organized this annual call to action and eleventh year Feeding Kentucky has participated in the Hunger Action Month movement. This year's campaign theme: food shouldn't be an impossible choice.

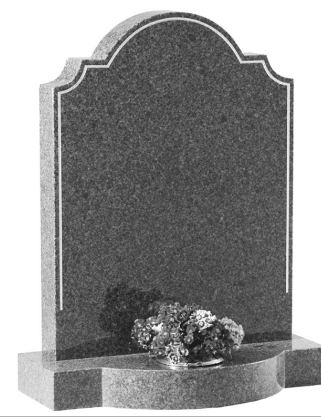
"Hunger is a major concern in our commonwealth, with one in every seven Kentuckians not having enough food week to week," said Gov. Beshear. "Every Kentuckian should have access to quality, nutritious food and should never wonder where their next meal will come from. On this Hunger Action Day, I am grateful organizations like God's Pantry Food Bank and Feeding Kentucky are working to end hunger and food insecurity in Kentucky every day. Thanks to your work, we're building a healthier, better Kentucky right now."

To learn more about Feeding Kentucky and other ways you can get involved for Hunger Action Month in Kentucky, please visit FeedingKY.org or HungerActionMonth.org. To learn more about God's Pantry Food Bank and the future Volunteer Center and Food Pantry, visit godspantry.org.

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