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Jack Gibson Lawson

Jack Gibson Lawson was born January 24, 1935 in Jackson County and departed this life Friday, December 10, 2021 at the Mercy West Hospital in Cincinnati, at the age of 86. He was the son of the late Orvas & Tommie (Hall) Lawson.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Frankie Sue Lawson; by a sister, Mayme Jean Warner and by a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jack was also preceded in death by his wife, Nella Dene Lawson; by a daughter, Dottie Jo Lawson and by four siblings, Steve Lawson, Dorothy Thomas, Martha Ruth McKinney and Elizabeth Sue Smith.

Graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the T.M. Lakes Cemetery with Bro. Wayne Carpenter officiating.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Devon Pierce

Devon Pierce was born May 4, 1987 in Muskegon, Michigan and departed this life Monday, December 13, 2021 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Puducah, at the age of 34. He was the son of Jim Plant of Muskegon, Michigan and Laranda (Pierce) Hulsey of Berea.

In addition to his parents, Devon is also survived by his wife, Paula (Rowland) Pierce of Mt. Vernon; by four children, Malachi Pierce of Berea, Skylynn Pierce of Berea, Lia Pierce of Mt. Vernon and Jeremiah Rowland of Mt. Vernon. Other survivors include his step father, Chris Hulsey of Berea; two brothers, Blake (Lynette) Chesebro and Jeff (Kayla) Chesebro all of Berea; grandmother, Sarah Pierce of Berea; grandparents, Jim & Marylouise Plant of Muskegon, MI; by an uncle Dustin Cole of Berea and by a host of nieces and nephews.

Devon had attended Faith Church in Danville.

A memorial service may be held at a later date.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Earl Reed

Earl Reed was born June 22, 1936 in Clay County, KY and departed this life Sunday, December 12, 2021 at the St. Joseph Hospital in London, KY at the age of 85. He was the son of the late Squire and Hallie (Hensley) Reed of Clay County, KY.

Earl is survived by his loving wife of sixty-three years, Mamie (Hensley) Reed of Tyler and by three loving children, David & Cleo Reed of McKee, Lana & Mike Hedgecock

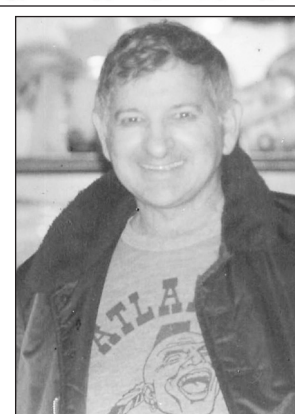
of Knoxville, TN and LaDonna & Harold Combs of McKee. He was blessed with five grandchildren, David Reed Jr of North Carolina, Latasha & Ryan Reece of London, Whitney & Zack Estep of London, Lacey & Cody Grimes of London and Austin & Cheyenne Hacker of McKee and by three precious great grandchildren, Paisley, Noah & Dawsyn. He is also survived by a special family of five he loved and raised, Sarah & Doc King, Teresa & Billy Gray, Ora & Evert Smith, Frank & Libby Cunagin and Della & Ricky Marcum; and by one sister, Jean Doyle of Indiana.

In addition to his parents, Earl was also preceded in death by his precious son, Bobby Reed and by his siblings, Leslie, Paul, Jr. and Dorothy.

Earl was a member of the Egypt Pentecostal Church.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Brian Thomas officiating. Burial to follow in the Reynolds Cemetery. Pallbearers: Cody Grimes, Zack Estep, Harold Combs, David Reed Jr., Jeff Parrett and Frank Cunnigan. Honorary pallbearers: Austin Hacker, Ryan Reece, Mike Hedgecock, Fred Hensley & Matt Rose.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Office of Highway Safety Reminds Kentucky Drivers to Plan Safe Rides this Holiday Season

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 21, 2021) – To keep Kentucky roadways as safe as possible through the holidays, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement nationwide in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign Dec. 15, 2021 through Jan. 1, 2022.

"It's been a tough year for all Kentuckians and I want us to have a great Christmas and New Year," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "However, I'm asking you to please celebrate safely. Avoid unnecessary travel, limit gatherings and use precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while with anyone from outside of your household. Second, please get home safely. Drive sober or plan a safe ride home with someone else to protect yourself and everyone on the road."

According to NHTSA, impaired driving-related crashes tend to increase during the holidays.

"While our holiday celebrations may look a little different again this year, our message stays the same: Always plan for a sober ride home," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "If you are under the influence of any substance and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself."

In Kentucky, 542 impaired driving-related crashes resulting in 241 injuries and 13 deaths occurred during the Christmas and New Year holidays over the last five years.

"Drugs and/or alcohol not only hinder your ability to drive, but also affect your judgment about whether you can or should drive," said KYTC State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. "This is why we ask that you make a plan before drinking begins. No matter what you choose – a sober friend, taxi service or ride booking company – we want you to arrive at your destination safely."

To prevent impaired driving-related tragedies this holiday season, KYTC recommends the following:

- Before festivities begin, plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night;
- If impaired, use a ride-booking company or taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation;
- If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the KSP toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911;
- If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination; and
- Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, it is the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if involved in a crash.
- "Impaired driving-related crashes are 100 percent preventable," said Ballinger. "All we ask is that you make safe choices this holiday season and celebrate responsibly."

Attorney General Cameron, Retail Federation, Kentucky Chamber Join Forces to Warn Kentuckians of Gift Card Scams

FRANKFORT, Ky. (December 20, 2021) – Attorney General Daniel Cameron today joined the Kentucky Retail Federation and the Kentucky Chamber to launch a new initiative aimed at warning Kentuckians of gift card scams. The new program will provide retailers and businesses with signage to post near gift card displays that alerts Kentuckians to the dangers of gift card scams.

"Scammers are increasingly turning to gift card scams as a way to make quick money," said Attorney General Cameron. "Often scammers will pose as a government official and purport to require payment via gift cards to avoid arrest or settle a fake debt. I appreciate the Kentucky Retail Federation and Kentucky Chamber for working with us to raise awareness about gift card scams."

As part of the initiative, Kentucky retailers and businesses will display signage near gift card displays that provides simple tips for avoiding gift card scams. The signage also encourages Kentuckians to report suspected scams to the Attorney General's Office at ag.ky.gov/scams or by calling 1-888-432-9257.

"Kentucky's retail community is proud to partner with Attorney General Cameron on this important effort to protect Kentucky consumers, particularly during the busy holiday shopping season," said Tod Griffin, President of the Kentucky Retail Federation. "Scammers have gotten more creative in their attempts to steal from hardworking Kentuckians and must be stopped. Retailers have an important role to play in educating and safeguarding consumers from these malicious and unethical tactics, and we're glad to be a part of the solution."

"It is critical for businesses to have the tools they need to protect their customers," said Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts. "This has become a major issue impacting employees of our Kentucky companies. We are proud to partner with Attorney General Cameron and the Kentucky Retail Federation to provide this assistance and draw attention to the many harmful gift card scams we are seeing in our state. As we wrap up the holiday season, we encourage everyone to be diligent and report suspicious behavior."

Kentucky consumers reported losses of more than \$600,000 from gift cards scams in 2021. According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers nationwide lost \$148 million in gift card scams during the first nine months of 2021, and gift cards are the most frequently reported payment method for fraud and scams.

The Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection recommends these tips to avoid gift card scams:

Gift cards are for gifts. If you receive a phone call, email, or text message asking you to buy a gift card to settle a debt or make a payment, it's a scam.

Government agencies will never ask for payment by gift card. If you are contacted by someone claiming to be from a government agency and requiring a payment via gift card, it's a scam.

Don't pay online merchants with gift cards from different retailers. If an online merchant requests payment via gift cards from a different retailer, it's a scam. If you encounter a gift card scam, report it to the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection immediately at ag.ky.gov/scams or by calling 1-888-432-9257.

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