

# Obituaries

## Jesse Robert Anderson

Mr. Jesse Robert Anderson, 78, of Dickson, TN, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

with military honors will be conducted at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at the Middle TN Veterans Cemetery in Pegram, TN.

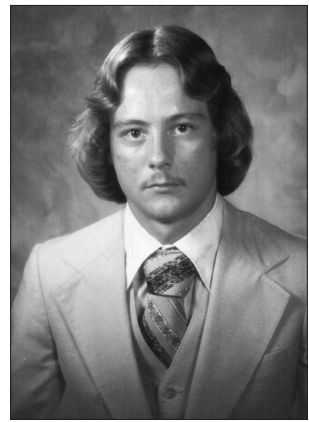
Interment will follow the service.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

## Darrell "Bruce" Brooks

**Darrell "Bruce" Brooks May 19, 1960 - December 18, 2022**

The family of Darrell "Bruce" Brooks of Lewisburg is saddened to announce his passing on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, at the age of 62. Bruce was born on May 19, 1960, in Benton Harbor, MI to Ray and Donna (Haisley) Brooks. He was a graduate of Marshall County High School. He went on to work in his father's die casting factory, ABECO and worked for several years as the supervisor over Secondary Operations. Bruce had a big heart and a giving



nature. He lived life to the fullest for many years with his beloved Chihuahua, Louie, by his side. Bruce is preceded in death by his father, his brother, Allen Brooks, and his dog,

Louie. He is survived by his mother, Donna Brooks, brother, Eddy Brooks and three nephews. Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the chapel at Bills McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home. The memorial service will be at noon with Harold Foster officiating with burial following at Friendship Cemetery. Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Darrell "Bruce" Brooks. Condolences and memories may be extended online at [www.billsmcgaugh.com](http://www.billsmcgaugh.com).

## Jo Anne Chapman

**February 23, 1947 - December 30, 2022**

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Jo Anne Chapman of the Possum Trot Community, after an extended sickness. She passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2022, at the age of 75, at her residence.



She was born on Feb. 23, 1947, to Clifford Otto and Mabel Roberta Cressy Chapman at Camp Lejeune, NC. Throughout her life, Jo exhibited care and skill in everything she did. She was a top student and track runner in high school. She impressed her art instructors at the University of Texas at Austin with her inspired paintings of people and scenery. She was the trusted manager of food and beverage service during performances of Stevie Ray Vaughn and other famous acts at the Armadillo World Headquarters in Austin. After moving back

home, she delighted in providing diners with meals just how they liked them at eateries throughout the Marshall County, including Rollo's BBQ, Delina Crossroads Market, Tina's Place, and Parson's Pharmacy. Her genuine interest in the people she crossed paths with always shined through, making even a brief conversation with her sure to elevate anyone's mood.

Jo was an avid lover of all animals, but most notably horses. She also loved spending time

in the kitchen, creating delicious meals for her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Will Brown; her sister, Widge Cressy; her sister-in-law, Jackie Chapman; nephew, Chris (Sherry) Chapman; and niece, Laurie Reeves.

She is preceded by her parents and her brother, Pete Chapman.

Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the chapel at Bills McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home. Visitation will continue Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at 2 p.m. until the time of the service at 3 p.m. Ron Kleine is officiating Jo's service, with burial following at Short Cemetery.

Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jo Chapman.

Condolences and memories may be extended online at [www.billsmcgaugh.com](http://www.billsmcgaugh.com).

## Laura Leigh Wright Schmidt

Mrs. Laura Leigh Wright Schmidt, 52, of Shelbyville, TN, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, in Nashville, TN. Laura was born in Shelbyville, TN and was a Clinical Lead Nurse with Optum Healthcare. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Faye Poarch Wright; brother, Ricky Wright; and grandson, William Lee Alwardt.



Mrs. Schmidt is survived by her husband of nine years, John Mason Schmidt, Shelbyville, TN; children, Jesse Dakota Pugh, Wartrace, TN, Jennifer Leigh Alwardt, Shelbyville, TN, Kate Elizabeth Pugh, Shelbyville, TN; father, Homer Wright, Shelbyville, TN; sisters, Vicky Wright Voelkel and Sandy Wright Tapp, both of Shelbyville, TN; grandchildren, Ly-la Jeen Pugh, Brylen Brooks Pugh, Joy Nichole Pugh, Jamey Rhett Alwardt, Maddie Adelaide Alwardt, Emmaline Faye Alwardt, Everleigh Grace Alwardt.

Family members received friends Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. Randall Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Andrew - Liggett Cemetery.

Joshua Pope, Jet Tapp, Joe Wright, Keith Newcomb, Eddie Smith, and Chris Brown will serve as pallbearers.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Chapel Hill, TN, 364-2233, ([www.lawrencefuneral.net](http://www.lawrencefuneral.net)) in charge of arrangements.

## William Edward Griggs

**January 10, 1947 - November 30, 2022**

Bill Griggs, a kind, quiet, Christian man, died suddenly but peacefully at the VA Hospital, Nashville, TN, November 30, 2022, following a brief hospitalization. A native of Bradenton, FL, Bill had been a resident of Lewisburg, TN since 1983.



A humble man, Bill didn't talk much about his service in the US Navy, but he served honorably from 1965-1974. He completed Navy Electronic Technician Class A School in 1967 and as the only Navy maintenance person assigned to the Naval detachment at Shu Lin Kou (Taiwan) Air Force Station, Bill was responsible for coordination of support by Air Force personnel. Not surprisingly, he held top secret clearance, and received a letter of appreciation from his commanding officer for exceptional service.

Following his Navy service, Bill returned to Florida where he worked for Vital Industries before relocating to Lewisburg in '83 to work at Teledyne as Production Test Supervisor (2 yrs) and later as Senior Quality Engineer (8 yrs). During that time, he completed his college requirements earning a BS in Engineering Technology from MTSU in Murfreesboro, TN, where he was recognized as the Outstanding Student in Quality Control.

After leaving Teledyne, Bill owned and



operated a wholesale supply company which marketed a variety of products to florists and other retail merchandisers in a multi-state territory. Since 1996, he was a licensed insurance and financial investment representative.

A man of varied interests, Bill learned Morse Code in order to obtain an Advanced Class Amateur Radio License. He shot trap and skeet competitively and enjoyed boating, fishing and hunting - a highlight being a winter elk hunting/camping trip, traveling by horseback in Montana.

Bill's patient demeanor and distinctive "sauntering" gait, coupled with careful, thoughtful analysis of the most seemingly insignificant thing, or a corny joke (often funnier to him than anyone else), will

be greatly missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Aulton & Ida Louise (Gates) Griggs and a beloved brother-in-law, Wiley Clark. Survivors include Patricia "PJ" Wamble, his cherished companion of 33 years; siblings, Hank (Miriam) Griggs, Bonnie Griggs Clark, Evelyn Griggs (Jack Doyle); numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, cousins, "adopted" family, and his treasured church family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P O Box 1308, Lewisburg, TN 37091 (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQB/home>) or VA Nashville Hospital, which provides health care services for our nation's veterans through VA Mid-South Network (<https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/48003968>).

Services will be Sunday, January 15, 2023, at the First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, TN. Visitation with the family will begin at 2 p.m. with a memorial service at 3 p.m. Interment at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and although there will not be a service there, friends and family are welcome to attend.

Memorial Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TITQZiZWxO>

## Cornell Moore King

Cornell Moore King, 91, of Cornersville, TN, passed away on Dec. 31, 2022, at his home. He was born Jan. 19, 1931, to Guy Reeves King and Willie Emma Moore King.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Donald Reeves King and Donald's wife, Joanne; sister, Angie Merrill Vanhooser and her husband, RW.

Cornell was the cornerstone of his family. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Charlotte Crunk King; daughters, Vylatte King Gooch and husband, Terry of Lewisburg and Susanne King Wilson and husband, Wendell of Crossville; sons, James Mickey King and wife, Kathy and Richard Blake King and wife, Robin both of Cornersville; Leslie Scott King and wife, Annette of Huntland, TN. Additionally, Cornell is survived by 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Much of Cornell's life was consumed with agriculture. In his early years, he worked on a multi-generational dairy farm where he continued the tradition with his children. In his nature, he expanded the farm with hogs, tobacco, ponies, and beef cattle. He worked with expanding the economy of Cornersville with his family and opened King's Feed Supply.

The town of Corners-



ville meant so much to Cornell; he worked with other families to keep the high school located in the town. To ensure the school's success, he was very active in athletics through himself, his children, grandchildren and now, great-grandchildren. He was also active with the Cornersville Lions Club earning Lion of the Decade, helping with the construction of the show ring, and served as ring master for many years. Cornell served as a member of the school board for 15 years. With his wife Charlotte, he drove the school bus for many years on an active route and to various sporting events.

As an avid member of the Farm Bureau, the American Angus Association and various other agricultural memberships, Cornell earned various awards, including Farmer of the Year and received various grants. Farming as a way of life was so important to Cornell as he passed the tradition to his family and grand-

children. In 2022, Cornell King was awarded the high designation of owning a century farm. So many of his children and grandchildren own active farms now, including the great-grandchildren showing cattle today.

In addition to farming and family, faith was truly a way of life for Cornell. He was an active member of the Cornersville United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Cornersville Funeral Home.

A celebration of life service will be held at Cornersville United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, with burial to follow in New Hope Ostella Cemetery. Visitation with the family will precede the service starting at 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cornersville United Methodist Church or the Cornell King Memorial scholarship fund at CB&S Bank, which will be awarded to a Cornersville High School graduate pursuing a degree in the agriculture industry.

Cornersville Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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