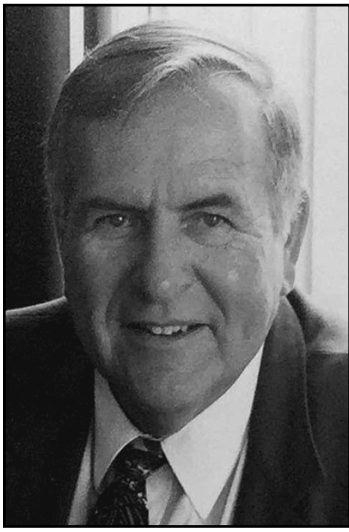


# Obituaries

## JAMES NORRIS SULLIVAN of Kenova



JAMES "JIM" NORRIS SULLIVAN, 74, of Kenova, a purveyor of fine stuff, servant, leader and amazing family man went to be with the Lord on June 1, in Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. He was born August 28, 1942, in Huntington, a son of the late James Lee and Norma Snyder Sullivan of Kenova. Raised as a Christian from a young boy, Jim was a member of the Kenova United Methodist Church. He graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School, Class of 1960, where he served as Class President. He continued to remain close to his high school friends throughout his life which brought him great joy. Prior to attending college, he proudly served in United States Air Force as a Communication Specialist for SAC and served four years in Texas, California and Alaska. He then graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor's and Master's in Business Administration. He began his career at Xerox Corporation in Sales and Management for 10 years and then worked the next 35 years in various brokerage firms retiring in 2006 as a Vice President of Financial Services from Solomon Smith Barney. Jim loved the communities in which he lived and the people whom he served. It was his passion second only to his family. He was twice President of the Charleston American Business Club and served as the District Director of the Charleston region. He served on the South Charleston Planning and Zoning Board as well as a member of Kenova City Council. He was also very committed to his local and national Rotary Clubs serving as the President of both the South Charleston Rotary and Ceredo-Kenova chapters. He was also a Paul Harris fellow. He also served most recently as the President of the Wayne County Library Board. He is survived by his wonderful and loving wife of 21 years, Mary Lou Sullivan; his two beautiful children, James L. (Tonina) Sullivan and Lisa Michelle Sullivan, both of Charleston, W.Va.; his special, loving stepdaughters, Merritt Henderson of Atlanta, Ga., and Megan (Doug) Harrison of Roanoke, Va.; two grandsons, Trevor and Sawyer Harrison, also of Roanoke, Va.; his brothers, Roger L. Sullivan of Columbus, Ohio, and Dick (Carol) Sullivan of South Point, Ohio; two special aunts, Ruby Snyder and Margaret Hinkle; and one uncle, Ray Snyder; special nieces and nephews with a special recognition to Tim Sullivan of Columbus, Ohio; the mother of his children, Rosemary Lingsch; Jill Sullivan, who was like a daughter to him; and a very special family friend, Sandy Doll. The family would like to give very special thanks and appreciation to Dr. Staci Smith, Dr. Tim Saxe, Rebecca Walsh R.N. and Hospice House for the exceptional, unrelenting care and kindness they gave to Jim. Services were 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at the Kenova United Methodist Church with burial immediately after at Ridgelawn Memorial Park in Huntington. Flowers will be accepted or memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Huntington or Kenova United Methodist Church Building Fund. Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rollinsfh.com](http://www.rollinsfh.com).

## BETTY WALTERS of Ceredo

BETTY WALTERS, 87 of Ceredo, WV, passed away on June 1, 2017 at Huntington Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born on April 21, 1930 in Wayne Co., WV; a daughter of Dock Marshall Shannon and Louella Marie Pancake. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and her children: Virgil Keith Walters and Clifford Walters; her siblings, Dock Shannon Jr., Charles Shannon, Irvin Shannon, Mary Gilkerson and Martha Shannon; her grandchildren, Becky and Theresa. She leaves behind to mourn her loss; her son, David Lesley Walters; her grandson, Jeremy David Walters (Briell) and 3 great-grandchildren. As per her wishes Betty will be cremated by Tri-State Cremation Society and there will be no services.

## LINDA COFFEY of Louisa, KY

LINDA COFFEY, 59, of Louisa, KY passed away Monday June 5, 2017 at the Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, KY. Linda was born May 11, 1958 in Boyd County the daughter of the late Clyde and Pauline Ramey Hackney. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband Thomas Coffey, a brother Carl Hackney of Cannonsburg, KY, and a sister Helen Rucker of Springfield, Missouri. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Care has been entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home.

## JAMES MICHAEL CRUM of Huntington



JAMES MICHAEL CRUM, 42, of Huntington, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 2, 2017, after a courageous battle against Multiple Myeloma. He was at home surrounded by his family. Jamie was born August 1, 1974, in Huntington and worked for Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Buffalo, W.Va., for 15 years. After much prayer and planning, he started his own business, allowing him to spend even more time with his wife and kids. He faithfully attended Shepherds Fold Baptist Church for 17 years and enjoyed being ministered to by his father-in-law. Jamie is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ora and Elmo Mills, and paternal grandparents, Arthur and Louella Crum. Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 16 years, Laura Elizabeth Lycans Crum; two daughters, Alayna Finley Crum and Alandra Klein Crum; two sons, Silas Clay Crum and Zion Jamyson Crum; parents, Robert and Brenda Sue Mills Crum; a sister, Suella Marie Tabor (Nick); his loving and devoted parents-in-law, Jeffrey and Beverly Lycans; brother and sister-in-law, Jason and Freda Lycans; a special aunt, Barbara Wilson; and a devoted "niece," Kylie Day. Jamie is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, with Pastor Jeff Lycans officiating. Burial will follow at the Old Oak Farm Cemetery, Huntington. Laura would like to express her sincere gratitude to the M.B.R.C.C. staff at WVU for their prayers, loving care and commitment to Jamie. A special thanks to Dr. Abraham Kanate and Deirdre Bulian, NP. Jamie's prayer was that the Lord would use him as a light in the lives he touched throughout his journey. Isaiah 41: 1-3.

## NANCY LOUISE BLETHEN BRITT of Huber Heights, Ohio

NANCY LOUISE BLETHEN BRITT, age 83, of Huber Heights, Ohio, passed away Sunday, June 4, 2017, at Dayspring Healthcare & Rehab. She was born November 13, 1933, in Huntington, West Virginia, to the late Harry and Imogene Blethen. Nancy was a graduate of Marshall University where she received both her Bachelors and Masters degrees. She retired as a guidance counselor from Newton High School in Miami County, Ohio. She worked as a counselor and teacher at Wayne High School and had taught at Barboursville High School, both in West Virginia. Nancy was a charter member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and served as the financial secretary. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed by her family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Edna Gene Blethen, Marguerite Lee, Mary Ann Marples and brother, Harry Blethen. Nancy will be missed by her loving husband of 59 years, John E. Britt; daughter Jeanette Britt; son David J. (Stephanie) Britt; daughter Barbara (Paul) Summers and son Brian (Kelley) Britt; grandchildren Brandi Abrahamson, Jacob Britt, Jordan Britt, Mariah Berry, Miranda Berry, Mark Summers, Hannah Summers, Faith Britt and Kara Britt; great-grandchildren Johnathan Berry, Laila Britt, Arianna Abrahamson, Josie Britt, Logan Britt, Brantlee Abrahamson, Kaidon Abrahamson and the expected arrival of Laura Britt in August. Visitation will be Friday, June 9, 2017, from 11 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at noon, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 5464 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, Pastor Rick Nance, officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Nancy's memory to Aldersgate United Methodist Church or Hospice of the Miami Valley.

## LOIS F. LUCAS of Huntington



LOIS F. LUCAS, 91, of Huntington, widower of Virgil H. Lucas passed away Saturday June 3, 2017 at Dignity Hospice House, Chapmanville, WV. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 pm Tuesday at the Reger Funeral Chapel by Pastor Phillip Warren. Burial will follow in Spring Valley Memory Gardens, Huntington. She was born March 28, 1926 in Crum, WV, a daughter of the late William and Ida Florence Romans. She was a former employee of the Cabell County Commission. In addition to her husband and parents she was also preceded in death by a son, Ernest Lucas and brothers Alvin, Lee, Okie, William, Jr. and Howard and sisters Myrtle, Ora, Loreen, Elvie and Hazel. Survivors include son Lebert Lucas; daughters Carol Cook, Alberta Keller, Alfa Steele and Sue Bowen; her grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews including her nephew and his wife Rick and Ruth Romans, whom she made her home with and her great great nephew Kaleb and Summer and Benjamin. Friends may call from 6 to 8 pm Monday at the Reger Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.regerfh.com](http://www.regerfh.com).

## ROGER JOE PELFREY of Barboursville

ROGER JOE "CHIEF" PELFREY, 70, of Barboursville passed away Sunday, June 4, 2017, at the Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside service will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2017, at Maple Hill Cemetery with Minister John Holland officiating. Chief was born March 29, 1947, in Huntington, W.Va., son of the late Luther Junior and Ilene Gayle Finley Pelfrey. He was a retired saw operator from Inco Alloys and a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. The American Legion Post #93 Honor Guard will perform graveside rites. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Rosie Ann Willis Pelfrey, and a son-in-law David Napier. Survivors include his beloved wife Mary Holley Pelfrey; three daughters and one son-in-law, Paula Allen (Cliff), Rhonda Napier and special daughter Monica Pelfrey; one son and daughter-in-law, Christopher Moore (Minetta); grandchildren Kaitlyn and Jenna Allen, Alyssa and Gunnar Napier, Jami Sansom (Cory) and Kelli Moore and one great-grandchild, Oliver Sansom. The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2017, at Rollins Funeral Home, Kenova. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rollinsfh.com](http://www.rollinsfh.com).

## HAROLD STEWART of Catlettsburg

HAROLD STEWART, 69 of Catlettsburg passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Kings Daughters Medical Center. Mr. Stewart was born February 15, 1948 in Wayne County, West Virginia to the late Isaac and Alice Enyart Stewart. Harold was a concrete mason; his hobbies included fishing, hunting, playing cards and bingo. Survivors include his wife of 39 years Nina Pauline Akers Stewart, their daughter Marlania Wright and her husband Stephen of Catlettsburg, and one grandchild Shaylynn Wright. Additional survivors include brothers Billy Jo (Mary) Stewart and Tommy Stewart both of Catlettsburg, sisters Middy Terry (Bobby) of Catlettsburg, Linda Skeens of Boyd County, KY, and Mae Rigbsby of Catlettsburg. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, brothers John Stewart, Curt Stewart, Ray Stewart, Gene Stewart, and Nick Stewart, and sisters Faye Grimm, Annabelle Stewart, and Mary Medley. No services are scheduled at this time. Condolences may be left at: [kilgorecollierfuneralhome.com](http://kilgorecollierfuneralhome.com).

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infrastructure work that will be needed in the future, Simonson, Clowser and Smith said. In an analysis released last year by the nonprofit transportation research group TRIP, 29 percent of major rural roads in West Virginia were in poor condition in 2013, the sixth highest rate in the nation, and 13 percent of the state's rural bridges were structurally deficient in 2014, the 16th highest rate.

It's difficult to argue with any of the points made by the contractor representatives and Smith. All three see Justice's infrastructure proposal as vital to the state's future.

Under the governor's plan, an estimated \$2.8 billion in bonds would be sold to pay for various highway and other infrastructure projects. To pay off the debt created by the bond sale, Justice proposes raising the Division of Motor Vehicles license fee from \$30 to \$50, raising and extending tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike and raising the excise tax on gasoline by 10 cents per gallon, as well as other steps. Justice has said his plan would create 48,000 jobs. Whether that's an overblown estimate or not, there's little question that investing that much in road and infrastructure projects would put tens of thousands of people to work. In addition, improved roads and bridges would benefit the state's economy in other ways.

The legislature, struggling to find a compromise with Justice on a budget for next fiscal year that closes a \$500 million gap, reconvenes its special session today after taking a break for more negotiations.

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East and Europe. I wish he had some positive accomplishments under his belt to share with our allies before taking off on such a grand tour. Recalling that Pope Francis is on record as having said some rather uncomplimentary things about the president, I wish the Vatican had not been on his itinerary.

With his well-known limitations, i.e. inability to stay on script, short attention span, inattention to niceties, and exaggeration of non-facts, I was definitely on edge while President Trump tromped around Saudi Arabia primarily, and Israel secondarily. I wish he were more up-to-snuff on Arab/Israeli historical and diplomatic affairs.

Now, to be perfectly clear, I am definitely questioning whether President Trump is capable of maintaining himself and managing the whirlpool constantly swirling around this presidency. Apparently I am not alone in my opinion. More and more I am hearing members of the Congress express their reservations about what's going on in the executive branch.

When all is said and done, I think I'm most disturbed by the current administration's attitude toward the media. A free and unhindered press is absolutely necessary to the continuance and prosperity of our republic.

President Trump has announced that daily press briefings may be discontinued.

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Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election. Kushner is being investigated for having attempted to set up a "back channel" of contact, while Trump was still president-elect, with Russian President Vladimir Putin through the agency of the Russian embassy in Washington. This channel was supposed to have bypassed normal U.S. State Department lines of communication and been kept secret from Obama administration personnel.

While Trump tweeted that the Kushner-Russia story was "fake news," others in his administration, such as Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, actually defended the back-channel idea as "a good thing" and also "normal and acceptable."

There have been back channels in previous administrations, but always with the knowledge of the U.S. State Department. The back channel Kushner proposed would have been routed through Russian communication lines. No such channel, apparently, ever went into service.

Calls immediately came from top Democrats and from experts in national security to end Kushner's top-secret clearance, or at least suspend it pending further investigation. A survey run by Microsoft-Pulse indicated up to 97 per cent of Americans agreed with that curtailment.

Leaks from the White House to mainstream press said some advisers have told Trump that Kushner should "lay low" until he is cleared or the controversy dies down.

Meanwhile, as the saying goes, the bloom is off the rose. One of the brightest stars in the Trump entourage and a sharp mind that Trump had assigned to important tasks, both foreign and domestic, has been tarnished. What's more, Kushner is now enveloped in a cloud of suspicion of activities some commentators have suggested might even merit criminal indictments.

John Patrick Grace formerly wrote and edited for *The Associated Press*, from Chicago, New York and Rome. He is currently a book editor and publisher in Huntington and directs the Life Writing Class.

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