



## David Wayne Hensley

January 8, 1949 - March 15, 2024

David Wayne Hensley, age 75 of London, Ky departed his earthly life and went to his eternal home in heaven on Friday, March 15, 2024. David was born on January 8, 1949 to the union of Gertrude Tipton Hensley and Elmer “Blue” Hensley. On June 21, 1968, David married the love of his life, Rita Day Hensley. In April of 1974 his first child, a green-eyed baby boy, Neil Bradley was born. On January 8, 1979, his daughter, Ashley Brooke was born and according to David was “the best birthday gift he ever received”. He was also delighted that he shared a birthday with Elvis Presley.

David is also survived by his son in law, Bill Hensley, four grandchildren, Anna Hensley, Laine Hensley, Trey Hensley and Reed Hensley. He is survived by three siblings, Larry Hensley of Manchester, Ky, Barbara Fields and husband Donnie of Manchester, Ky, Donna White and husband Doug of London, Ky. and a brother-in-law, Doug George of London, Ky; plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gertrude and Elmer and a loving sister, Jeannie Hensley George.

He worked hard his entire life. From his early years working at Little Joe’s Market and then serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, he went on to become a teacher at the old Bush Elementary. He remained in that position for 20 years

before becoming principal at North Laurel Middle School. David had a positive impact on the lives of so many young people and had true compassion for them. After his retirement in 2012, David continued to work hard. He was able to devote himself full time to farming where he tirelessly worked and enjoyed the outdoors. David also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Though most only saw the serious side of David, he also had a much lighter side. He enjoyed telling ghost stories to his grandkids, pulling pranks in his younger days, and had a love for music, so much that he might even break into dance when you least expected it. Some of his happiest times were spent tailgating with friends at U.K. football games and having cookouts with family. He enjoyed evenings at home, drinking coffee and watching news shows with Rita. David was humble. He never thought, nor wanted to give the impression, that he was better than anyone else. He knew the struggles and challenges of life and knew he was blessed.

Most importantly, David was a Godly man. He attended church faithfully at Providence Baptist Church where he loved bringing joy to others by being Santa Claus each year at Christmas. His love for God was apparent when you heard his prayers. David had a true love for people and his family meant the world to him. We know heaven is a better place because he is there.

Funeral services for David Hensley will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm. In the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Trent Pool and Ken Bolin officiating. Burial will follow at the Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in London, Kentucky. The family will receive friends on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements. The pallbearers will be Anthony Sizemore, Tyler George, Greg Grubb, Richie Swanner, Travis Fields, Starr Handy and Bryan Vaughn.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home  
510 East 4th Street  
London, KY 40741  
(606) 864-2158  
info@houserawlings.com  
<https://houserawlings.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ House-Rawlings Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Wayne Hensley



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**House-Rawlings Funeral Home** - March 18, 2024 at 09:08 PM

RL

“ I really enjoyed having him as a teacher for my pre-algebra class at North Laurel middle school. He really had such a great energy. Thinking back on those times, I only wonder if he ever got a “boob tube” As he like to refer to it. He will be missed. He was a great person.

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**Reagen Loughran** - September 24, 2024 at 09:56 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Rita, Neil and Ashley.

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**Linda J Back** - March 24, 2024 at 04:49 PM

DW

“ In memory of my precious brother. I'll see you soon ❤️



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**Donna White** - March 21, 2024 at 12:50 AM

CM

“ *My condolences to Rita, Neil and Ashley. Still have fond memories of David from my childhood visits to E80.*

Chad Minton - March 20, 2024 at 07:00 PM

MH

“ *Marketa Howard lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley*



Marketa Howard - March 19, 2024 at 12:45 PM

PB

“ *So sorry to learn that David has passed! He was a good man; very well respected. I had the honor of being associated with him in our profession, our community, and our church. Most importantly, he was a Christian and a friend! God bless his family as we continue on to the time when we see him again!*

Phil Barnard - March 19, 2024 at 08:09 AM

PH

“ *David will surely be missed by my mother Mabel Davidson. He was mom's cousin as well as her Landlord. He was so good to her and she loved him so much. Her heart is broken. She and all of our family will be praying for comfort for David's family. God bless you all.*



Pam Hoskins - March 18, 2024 at 06:44 PM

LM

“ Louise Morgan lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



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**Louise Morgan** - March 18, 2024 at 06:23 PM

BH

“ Beverly Hampton lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



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**Beverly Hampton** - March 18, 2024 at 05:00 PM

BW

“ It was an honor and privilege to get to work with you. Rest in peace. Prayers for the family.



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**Becky Williams** - March 18, 2024 at 04:52 PM

PS

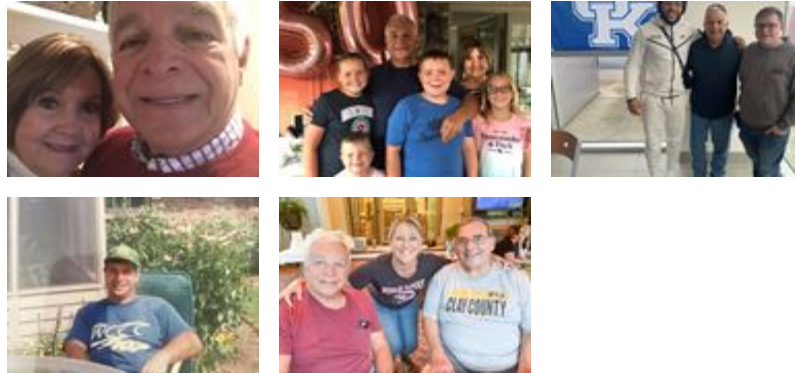
“ Patricia Stafford lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



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**Patricia Beckner Stafford** - March 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - March 17, 2024 at 09:21 PM

JD

“ Jennings Irene Deaton lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



Jennings and Irene Deaton - March 17, 2024 at 08:27 PM

CG

“ Chelsie Gray lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



Chelsie (Marcum) Gray - March 17, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JN

“ (David) Mr. Hensley was such a kind and caring person he was my daughter's Principal and our neighbor and a very kind person. We will miss our little talks in the field behind our house. Blessings to the lovely family he leaves behind. Our prayers for everyone who loved Mr Hensley.

*Jason and Debra Newman*

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**Jason & Debra Newman** - March 17, 2024 at 06:50 PM

BS

“ Brien, Kim & Shelby Stanaford purchased the Love's Journey for the family of David Wayne Hensley.



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**Brien, Kim & Shelby Stanaford** - March 17, 2024 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ Brien, Kim & Shelby Stanaford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Hensley.

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**Brien, Kim & Shelby Stanaford** - March 17, 2024 at 06:25 PM

BB

“ Rita, we were very sorry to learn of David’s passing. We have much enjoyed the past football bus trips and cruises with you and David, and offer our sincerest condolences to you and your and David’s respective families.

*Peace be with you during this very difficult time.*

*Barbara and Gary Bale*

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**Barbara and Gary Bale** - March 17, 2024 at 06:12 PM

BH

“ Beverly Hampton lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



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**Beverly Hampton** - March 17, 2024 at 03:01 PM

BH

*I remember Mr. Hensley from Bush School I was in his 7th grade math class I always Mr Hensley because he was a good hearted person and always treated people with kindness and respect*

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**Beverly Hampton** - March 18, 2024 at 05:05 PM

GB

“ David was one of my favorite Sunday school teachers. We will miss him in our church and community. Prayers for his entire family.  
*Gene*

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**Gene Bundy** - March 17, 2024 at 01:34 PM

WR

“ David “. Blue” and I serving in the reserves together. He was a good Friend and will be missed by. Prayers for the family

Wayne Robertd - March 17, 2024 at 12:35 PM

DE

“ David was a wonderful, warm, kind individual who always had a smile and a welcoming handshake or hug. It was an honor to have him as a member of my extended family by marriage to my cousin, Rita. David will be missed by many, many people, but his family and friends will always keep him alive in our hearts and our memories. My deepest sympathy to his immediate family. With love, Danna Carol Estridge.

Danna Estridge - March 17, 2024 at 12:33 PM

  
Charles  
Culton

“ Charles Culton lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley



Charles Culton - March 17, 2024 at 11:20 AM

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“ One of my most favorite teachers of Bush elementary he was fun he was serious he was very intelligent but most of all he never forgot a student he remembered your name every time he saw you this world will not be the same without your sweet smile . RIP David Hensley heaven has gained another wonderful teacher. Prayers for your family in the days to come you were very loved

Bonnie Wagers Bush ele your class 1973 - March 17, 2024 at 09:06 AM

EI

“ *Mr. Hensley was my teacher one year at old Bush. I worked the concession stands for him at the home basketball games during my 8 and 9 grade years there. He was such a great influence on all of us as how to conduct ourselves. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*



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**Eugenia 'Gena' Irvin** - March 17, 2024 at 08:33 AM

SA

“ *He was my teacher in the 7 grade at bush he was a great and caring teacher prayers for his family*

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**SallyFoister** - March 17, 2024 at 12:37 AM

SH

“ *Sheila Hopkins lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Hensley*



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**Sheila Hopkins** - March 16, 2024 at 11:24 PM

CC

“ *Charles C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Hensley.*

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**Charles C.** - March 16, 2024 at 10:50 PM