



Rosa Jane Whalen

November 5, 1940 - February 13, 2026

Rosa Jane Smith Whalen, 85, of Falmouth, formerly of Bracken County, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2026. She was born on November 5, 1940, to the late Otis Guy and Edith Marie Barber Smith, and was married to the late Lee Roy Whalen. Rosa Jane was a member of the Milford Christian Church, and loved being outdoors, where she enjoyed fishing, gardening, and mowing her yard. No matter where life took her, her farm in Milford was where she always called home.

Rosa Jane is survived by her children: Marie (the late Larry) Winkle, Janie Nunnelley, James Williams, Jr, Rhoda (Gilbert) Crump, and Sherri (Joey) Franklin; Grandchildren: Brandon (Jessica) Winkle, Rodger (Danielle) Colemire, James Slade, Heather Appleman (Matthew Hollingshead), Oakie Barnes, Tyler (April) Franklin, and Gannon Crump; Great-Grandchildren: Dakota Winkle, Caden Winkle, Addison Winkle, Amelia Winkle, Mavis Winkle, Maurice Perkins III, Mylee Perkins, Jada Ewalt, Braxton Colemire, Landon Colemire, Chase Colemire, McKenzie Slade, Hunter Slade, Derrick Brearton, Carolyn Brearton, Gabriel Brearton, Helena Hollingshead, and Lindy Franklin. She is also survived by her siblings: Herbert (the late Deana) Smith, Shelby (the late George) Flinchum, Laura & Roy Strong, and countless nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband Lee Roy Whalen, Rosa Jane was preceded in death

by her son Derek Smith; grandchildren: Krista Winkle, Stacey Slade, Maurice Perkins, Jr., and Iris Rose Barnes; and her siblings Lois & Norman Carr, Genevieve Smith, Nancy Smith, and Janice Smith.

Visitation for Rosa Jane will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 10:30AM-12 PM at the Woodhead Funeral Home in Falmouth. Funeral services will follow at 12 PM, also at the funeral home, and Rosa Jane will be laid to rest at Bracken Memorial Cemetery in Brooksville.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Hope in Maysville.

Cemetery Details

Bracken Memorial Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials & Cremation Service - Falmouth
310 W. Shelby Street
Falmouth, KY 41040
(859) 654-3306
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Funeral Service

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials, & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosa Jane Whalen



Woodhead Funeral Home - February 17 at 02:53 PM

JG

“ Sorry Maria and family for your loss...

Janice Greene - February 17 at 11:32 AM

CG

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Aunt Rosa will be deeply missed. I have many fond memories of her growing up. Hugs. Love, Crystal



Crystal (Lyle) Gaskins - February 16 at 07:30 PM

MS

“ I miss you mamaw so much I wished we had more time but time doesn't compare to the love we shared I love you beautiful woman rest easy in paradise



Makenzie Slade - February 16 at 04:43 PM