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## Mary Louise Burnett

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#### Mary Louise Burnett

**Mary Louise Burnett,** daughter of the late James Monroe Snider and Gladys Becraft Snider, was born on December 6, 1931 in Idalia, Missouri and departed this life on May 26, 2016 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter at the age of 84.

Mrs. Burnett was a member of Grace Fellowship Church, a homemaker and a resident of Dexter.

On July 3, 1948, she was united in marriage to Ralph W. Burnett in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Burnett preceded her in death on June 5, 2003.

She is survived by two sons, Tim Burnett and wife Lisa of Thayer, Missouri and Adrian Burnett and wife Wanda of Dexter, Missouri; by three daughters, Karen Hardin of Dexter, Missouri, Sue Davidson and husband Davey of Dexter, Missouri and Kandie Lee Funkhouser and husband Ronnie of Smyrna, Tennessee; by one daughter-in-law, Sherry Burnett of Dexter, Missouri; by twelve grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and by her extended family, the employees and residents of Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, David Burnett; by one brother, Bud Snider; by one sister, Nancy Woodruff; by one great-granddaughter, Emma Baker and two additional great-grandchildren; one great-grandgaughter, Dakota Simpkins; and by one son-in-law, David Hardin.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. with John Langley officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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### Derek Francis Fichtel

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### Derek Francis Fichtel

**Derek Francis Fichtel**, son of Genelle Williams Fichtel and Francis "Fritz" Fichtel of West Frankfort, Illinois, was born on April 17, 1971 in Anchorage, Alaska and departed this life on May 25, 2016 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 45.

Mr. Fichtel was a member of the St. Joe General Baptist Church in Bloomfield. He worked as an engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation and belonged to the United States Army-National Guard in Missouri and Illinois.

On September 6, 1999, he was united in marriage to Christina "Tina" Morris in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Mrs. Fichtel survives of their residence in Dexter.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by one son and one daughter, Luke Fichtel and Erin Fichtel of Dexter; by one brother, Stephen Fichtel and wife Treasa of West Frankfort, Illinois; and by one sister, Laura Bryant and husband Ronnie of West Frankfort, Illinois.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Greg Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery near Dexter

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### Pat Watkins

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#### Pat Watkins Obituary

**Pat Watkins,** daughter of the late Perry Delmar and Bessie Lee Hendrick Daniel, was born in Dexter, Missouri on January 14,1931, and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on May 25, 2016 at the age of 85 years 4 months and 12 days.

Pat lived all her life in Dexter. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Dexter Missouri and the Elks Lodge in Dexter.

On May 10, 1952 she married Earl N. "Ike" Watkins in Piggott, Arkanasas.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Ike Watkins of Dexter; one son and wife, Stephen L. & Tracy Watkins of Dexter; two daughters and husband, Susan Staley of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, Carol & Treye Ward of Jackson, Missouri; six grandchildren & spouses, Sarah & Ty Ferrell of Sikeston, Caleb & Kayla Staley of Benton, Kentucky, Rachael Watkins of Dexter; Casey & Brian Lovett of Benton, Kentucky, Jacob Ward stationed at Ft. Drum,

New York, Andrew Ward of Columbia; 6 great grandchildren, Mia Holden, Owen Staley, Lennon Ferrell, Evan & Aiden Staley & Mason Lovett; one sister, Inez Holder of Columbus, Georgia. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Burie Daniel, Earl Daniel, Dal Daniel, Perry Daniel, and Brad Daniel; three sisters, Lucille Biggerstaff, Delmar Melton, Rubye Daniel; one great granddaughter, Lillian Holden and daughter in law, Susan Watkins.

Friends may call on Friday, May 27, 2016, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday May 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Mike Williams of Dexter, Missouri.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery, Dexter Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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### Jacob J. Fields

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Jacob J. Fields

Specialist Jacob J. Fields, 25, of Dexter, Missouri, passed away Monday, May 23, 2016.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

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# Billy Lee Pippins

### Billy Lee Pippins Obituary

**Billy Lee Pippins** passed away on May 24, 2016, at the Country Club Care Facility in Warrensburg, MO. Bill was born on August 10, 1930 in Bernie, MO, the son of Rube and Ruby Pippins.

His wife of 65 years, Mary Ellen, preceded him in death as well as his brother, Charles Ray Pippins. He is survived by 2 children, Bill Pippins and wife, Karen Marie Pippins of Stillwater, OK and Nancy Pippins Rogers and her husband Ivan of Warrensburg, MO. He also is survived by 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Grandchildren include, Matthew Pippins and wife Hollie of Dexter, MO, Amanda Corbett of Warrensburg, MO and Matthew Rogers of Warrensburg, MO. His great grandchild is Spencer Grace Pippins, daughter of Matt and Hollie Pippins. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Bill was a retired farmer. He was a third generation farmer, having been given the gift of loving the land. Bill farmed up until 2002 and retired to live in Dexter.

Bill served in the Army for 3 years and was in the National Guard for several more years. Bill and several of his high school friends enjoyed their days drilling from the old armory in Dexter. Bill had a love for auto racing from which included many trips to Nascar Tracks and modified dirt tracks in Missouri and surrounding states. He and Mary Ellen still talked about their week in Daytona years ago.

Bill was a member and past elder of the First Christian Church, in Dexter, as well as serving on the board for several years. Bill was very proud to have been asked to farm the "Church Farm" SE of Dexter for many years. Bill served on the Dexter School Board and the MFA Oil State Board for many years. He was a very private man when it came to business but opened his heart to many people in the community. He loved God, Family, his county and many friends. He now has joined his bride of 65 years.

Funeral Services will be conducted at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Friday, May 27, 2016.

Visitation will be at 11:00 am with the funeral service at 1:00 pm. Reverend Michael Williams of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will officiate.

Burial will be at the Stoddard County Veteran's Cemetery near Bloomfield following the funeral service.

The family wishes that any memorials be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Christian Church, 224 East Stoddard, Dexter, MO 63841 or Serenity Hospice, 1626 E. Elm Street Harrisonville, MO 64701.

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