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In Loving Memory of Ernest Lofton

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Ernest Lofton of Essex, son of the late John Robert and Daisy Pitcher Lofton, was born in Gurdon, Arkansas on November 7, 1917, and passed away at his home in Essex on June 28, 2016, at the age of 98 years, 7 months and 21 days.

Ernest had lived in Essex, Missouri the past 70 years. He had worked at the Purolator plant in Dexter and was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Grayridge. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, received the American Defense Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal and six overseas bars.

Surviving are his wife, Rosezina Lofton of Essex; one son, Samuel Lofton of Memphis, Tennessee; two daughters & husband, Catherine & Ralph Towns and Patricia Lofton all of Memphis, Tennessee; one grandson, Patrick Lofton of Memphis, Tennessee. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel and Sherrod Lofton; and two sisters, Gladys Tolbert and Mae Lofton.

Friends may call on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, after 11 :00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 12 :00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Mack of Cairo, Illinois and Rev. Amos Hampton of Sikeston, Missouri officiating.

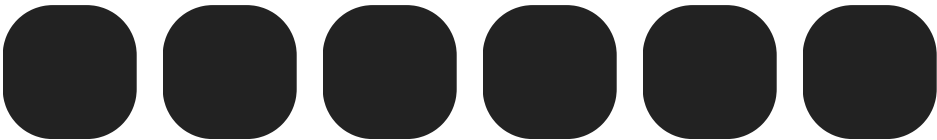
Interment will follow in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri is in charge of arrangements.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service
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James Glen Bridges

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James Glen Bridges

James Glen Bridges, son of the late Frank Bridges and Florcie Henson Bridges, was born in Parma, Missouri on February 1, 1939 and departed this life at Mercy Hospital in Festus, Missouri at the age of 77.

Mr. Bridges was a Lathe Operator at IXL Handle Factory in Bernie, Missouri, was a member of Word of God Full Gospel Church in Dexter, Missouri, and was a resident of Park Hills, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Freda Joyce Jines in Bernie, Missouri on August 5, 1963. Mrs. Bridges survives in their home in Park Hills, Missouri.

Other Survivors include two sons, Darryl Bridges of Dexter, Missouri and Daniel Bridges of Farmington, Missouri; by one brother, Robert Bridges of Villa Ridge, Missouri; by thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one son, Jimmy Bridges Sr.; by one daughter in infancy, Theresa Bridges; by four brothers, William Frank "Dub" Bridges, Norman Bridges, J.C. Wilburn and Gary "Archie" Bridges.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel starting at 12:00 P.M. with Rev. Dwight Hensley officiating.

Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery, Bernie, Missouri.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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Dr. Donald E. Hamra

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Dr. Donald E. Hamra

Dr. Donald E. Hamra of Malden, Missouri, son of the late Richard Albert and Nellie Hodge Hamra, was born in Memphis, Tennessee on November 26, 1931, and passed away at the Golden Living Center in Malden, Missouri, on June 24, 2016, at the age of 84 years, 6 months, and 29 days.

Dr. Hamra graduated from the Castle Heights Military School in Lebanon, Tennessee, graduated from Central Methodist University in Fayette and then graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School in Memphis, Tennessee. He moved to Malden in 1962 where he opened his dental practice. He retired last year after 52 years in the general dentistry profession which he adored.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He was past president of the Malden Planning and Zoning Commission, Lifetime member of the Malden Lion's Club where he became a Melvin Jones Fellow and had served as the chairman of the United Methodist Church Board.

On November 22, 1962 he was married to Shirley Louise George.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Hamra of Malden; one daughter, Olivia Carole of Malden; and one granddaughter, Kahalley Olivia Hamra of Malden; sister in law, Elizabeth Hamra of Chesterfield; brothers & sisters in law, Louis & Elizabeth George of Danville, California, Danny & Candace George of Osceola, Arkansas; nephews, nieces and spouses, Richard Albert Hamra, III of Kirkwood, Nicholas & Sue Hamra of Chesterfield, Susan Hamra and Dr. Colin Butterfield of Clayton; Jean Margaret Hamra and Steve Kelso of Chesterfield, Joey George of Osceola, Arkansas, Walter George of New York, NY,

Kelly & Vijay Sagar of Pleasanton, California, Mandy & Brent Hicks of New York, NY, Louis & Sara George of Chico, California; great nieces and nephews, April & Victoria Sagar of Pleasanton, California, Olivia and Ashely Hicks of New York, NY, and Nola George of Chico, California. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Albert Hamra, II.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2016, at the Malden United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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Tayshon David Matthews

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Tayshon David Matthews

Tayshon David “Tay” Matthews of Cape Girardeau, son of John Matthews and Christina Ward, was born in Dexter, Missouri on March 25, 2006, and passed away north of Delta, Missouri on June 22, 2016, at the age of 10 years.

He lived in Cape Girardeau and was a student at Franklin Elementary School in Cape Girardeau.

Surviving are his mother, Christina M. Ward of Cape Girardeau; father, John D. Matthews of Malden; brothers, Jondreus & Phoenix Ward and sister, Jaidan Matthews all of Cape Girardeau; maternal grandparents, Martin Ward of Bloomfield, Lydia (Bill) Bohnert of Perryville; paternal grandmother, Valerie Matthews of Malden; maternal great grandparents, Norma Owens of Jackson and Truman Ward of Williamsville. Other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparent, Johnny Townsend.

Friends may visit on Monday, June 27, 2016, after 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. J. T. Tomison of Cape Girardeau officiating.

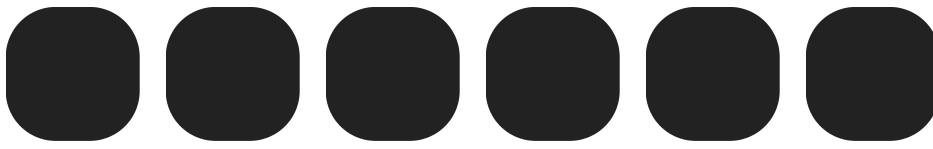
Interment will follow at the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com
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Jeremy Lynn Fleeman

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Jeremy Lynn Fleeman

Jeremy Lynn Fleeman age 39 of Alvin Texas Passed away on Friday, June 17, 2016, Jeremy was born on July 26, 1976 in Hayti, MO and was a resident of Alvin, TX. He was a member of Cross over to Christ community Church and a employee of CERT Operations RCB. Jeremy was preceded in death by his father, James L. Fleeman.

Jeremy is survived by daughters, Mykala Fleeman, Jaylynn Fleeman, and Sons , Kyler Fleeman, and Peyton Fleeman. Also Mother, Pauletta (Polly) Fleeman, Sister, Jamie Minton , husband Scott Minton, Brother, Jimmy Fleeman and wife Kim, his maternal grandmother, Lois Roberts of Dexter, special friend, Shelly Miller, and numerous relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 24, 2016 from 9:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. Funeral services will then be conducted at 10:30 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Rick Roberts officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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