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Linda Gail Powell

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Linda Gail Powell

Linda Gail Powell of Bernie, daughter of the late Dale and Carol Mason Lawrence, was born in Sikeston, Missouri on August 2, 1956, and passed away at her home in Bernie, Missouri on June 29, 2016, at the age of 59 years, 10 months and 27 days.

Linda had lived in Bernie most of her life. She had worked as a C.N.A. at the Bloomfield Nursing Home and in home health. She was a member of the Bernie Assembly of God Church.

On August 24, 1992, she was married to Charles Henry Powell in Bernie, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Charles H. Powell of Bernie, Missouri. Many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends also survive.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter with services to be held at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Steve Kirkpatrick of Bernie, Missouri will officiate.

Private interment will be at a later date in the Dudley Cemetery in Dudley, Missouri. Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

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

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In Loving Memory of Robert Lee Johnson, Jr.

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In Loving Memory of Robert Lee Johnson, Jr.

Robert Lee Johnson Jr., son of the late Robert Lee Johnson Sr. and Patricia Owens Johnson, was born May 30, 1955 at Bernie, Missouri and died June 29, 2016 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 61 Years.

Robert graduated from Bernie High School in 1973. He was a businessman, over the road trucker for many years, and worked for Scott Stephens Construction.

On September 23, 1994 he was married to Regina Lynn Pickard at Piggott, Arkansas.

Survivors are his wife, Regina Johnson of Bernie, Missouri; one daughter Amy Johnson Dirks & husband Jared of Weatherby Lake, Missouri; two sons, Robert D. Johnson of Bernie, Missouri and Keaton D. Johnson of the home; one grandson, Tristan Johnson of

Bernie, Missouri and two granddaughters, Harper Dirks and Finley Dirks of Weatherby Lake, Missouri; by two sisters, Rebecca Edmonds of Bernie, Missouri and Brenda Buchanan of Dexter, Missouri; by his stepmother, Vivian Putnam-Johnson; by two step-brothers, Larry Putnam and Gary Putnam both of Dexter, Missouri; also by many other family members and friends.

Robert was affiliated with the Corner Gospel Fellowship Church of Bernie, Missouri. Bobby loved his family and friends. He enjoyed every minute he spent with them. He loved watching the grandchildren play and bragged about how they played basketball and would sit on his lap or snuggle with him. His wife and family were his greatest joy in life.

A Memorial service will be held Sunday, July 3, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the Corner Gospel Fellowship Church in Bernie, Missouri.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home or Sterling Bank in Bernie, Missouri.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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In Loving Memory of Tina Akins

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In Loving Memory of Tina Akins

Tina Akins, daughter of Donald Akins of California and the late Jean Stephenson Green was born on December 25, 1963 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life in the St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis at the age of 52.

Miss Akins was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

Besides her father, survivors include two sons, David Akins of Fenton and Kevin Lykins of Circle City; by one daughter, Chelsey Lewis of Canalou; by one brother, Scott Green of Dexter; one sister, Sarena Hutson and husband Jim of St. Charles and by five grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 1:00 P. M. until 2:00 P. M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Thursday June 30, 2016 at 2:00 P. M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

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In Loving Memory of Ernest Lofton

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In Loving Memory of Ernest Lofton

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.

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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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