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In Memory of Velma Kestner

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Velma Pearl Kestner, daughter of the late Charles R. Hurt and Nora Gibson Hurt, was born on May 31, 1924 in Naylor, Missouri and passed away on March 3, 2017 at the Cypress Point Nursing Facility in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 92.

Mrs. Kestner had previously worked at an ammunition plant in St. Louis, Missouri, Brown Shoe Company in Dexter and was a homemaker at her residence in Dudley.

On December 29, 1950, she was united in marriage to Henry P. Kestner. Mr. Kestner preceded her in death on November 8, 2013.

Survivors include one son, Henry D. Kestner and his wife, Linda of Dexter; by two grandchildren, Suzanne Kelley and her husband, T.J., Andrew Kestner and his wife, Elisha; by two great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Kelley and Ally Kelley; by two step-great-grandchildren, Kaileb Hill and his wife, Brandy, and Shellbie Hill and by one step-great-grandson, Bryson Hill.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, John Howard Kestner and Joseph Robert Kestner; by two sisters, Mabel Hurt and Nellie Abbott, and by five brothers, Dow Hurt, Howard Hurt, Donald Hurt, Homer Hurt and Tommy Hurt.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 5, 2017 from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Danny Collins officiating. Interment will follow in the Dudley Cemetery.

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In Memory of Jerry O'Neal

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Jerry D. O'Neal was born on May 3, 1944 in Malden, Missouri to the late Edward O'Neal & Helen Grable O'Neal. He departed this life on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 72 years 9 months and 28 days.

Jerry D. O'Neal was a supervisor at a produce warehouse. On August 7, 1982 he was united in marriage to Paulette Whitlock O'Neal in Bernie, Missouri. She survives of the home.

His other survivors include: Son: Jerry O'Neal of Neelyville, Missouri, Daughters: Beth O'Neal of Neelyville, Missouri & Brandy Muzingo of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, five Grandchildren Brother: David O'Neal, Sisters: Robin, Missy Self, Pam & Ronda.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Mr. James Powell officiating.

Interment will be in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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In Memory of Edith Frazier

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Edith Maye Frazier of Dexter, daughter of the late Burl "Watermelon" and Maudie Mae Davis Smith, was born in Bragg City, Missouri on July 22, 1942, and passed away at her home in Dexter on March 2, 2017, at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 8 days.

She had lived in the Dexter area most of her life. She was a home maker and had attended a non-denominational church. She enjoyed playing bingo, gardening and flowers at her house.

On September 30, 1962, she married Ulise Ray Frazier in Kennett, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Frazier of Dexter; one daughter, Phyllis Harris of Greenville; two sons, Phillip Ray Frazier of Dexter, Dennis Frazier of Wappapello; a grandson she raised, Phillip Ray Frazier, II of Dexter; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; four brothers, Fred, Jonia, & Lloyd Smith all of Dexter, Floyd Smith of Poplar Bluff; one sister, Burlis Jean Burnett of Dexter.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Benjamin Rushing, six brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Watkins & Sons Funeral Service in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral service will be held Monday, March 6, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel with Bro. Dale Presley of Dexter officiating.

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

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

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In Memory of Bertha Newell

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Bertha Newell, age 81, of Bloomfield, Missouri passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at her home.

She was born December 7, 1935, in Cape Girardeau, daughter of Ferdinand and Claudina Jones Jaco. She and Adam Lee Newell were married November 1, 1952 in Millersville. He passed away June 15, 2004.

Bertha was ordained to the ministry in 1969. She ministered at Bell City Pentecostal Church and the Apostolic Assembly Church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, retiring in 2002. She was a member of Greater Vision Church in Chaffee, Missouri.

Loving survivors include two sons, Ronald "Dale" (Donna) Newell and Adam "Eddie" (Wanda) Newell all of Bloomfield; two sisters-in-law, Judy (the late Cletus) Jaco and June (the late Pete) Jaco of Jackson; grandchildren, John (Angela) Newell, Joeeye (Una) Newell, Christina (Darin) Rogers, Niomie (Keith) Zoellner, Adam "Little Eddie" (Chelsie) Newell, Breanna (Finney) Eddington, Amanda (Andy) Chism, Terry Thomas, Laurie Houston, Mike Houston, and LaDonna Powell; great-grandchildren, Nathan Newell, Joeeye Newell, Jr., Lonnie Newell, Kamy Newell, Tiffany Hovis, Ricky Hovis, Louis Rogers, Maci Zoellner, Tate Zoellner, Kylee Zoellner, Maybree Newell, Chelsey Chism, Andy Chism, Anabella Chism, Heather (Aaron) Nelson, Ashley Bess and Devon Powell; great-great-grandchildren, Austin Nelson, Abby Nelson, Deliah Bess, Trinity Thomas,

Tylee Thomas and Kayson Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Nancy Lee Newell, two sisters and brothers-in-law, Clara (Bob) Wright, Margaret (Bud) Barks, and two brothers, Cletus and Pete Jaco.

The visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2017 at chapel A of McCombs Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Jackson.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Poe officiating.

Interment will be in Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson.

The family suggests that contributions be made to Greater Vision Pentecostal Church in Chaffee.

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In Memory of Gaye Cooper

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Linda “Gaye” Bell Cooper, daughter of the late Steve Vernon Bell Sr and Jewell Stephens Bell was born on May 26, 1953 at Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on February 27, 2017 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 63.

She was former owner of Parkview Florist in Sikeston and former employee of Triax Cable Vision where she was billing manager. On January 20, 1990, she was united in marriage to Richard Barry Cooper in Clarkton, Missouri. Mr. Cooper survives of the home.

Survivors include, husband Barry Cooper; one son, Brandon Church of Dexter; one daughter, Brandi Juden (Andrew) of Dexter; one step-son Brian Cooper (Tammy); one step-daughter, Christa Haworth; by one brother, Steve Bell II (Janet) of Dexter; two sisters, Janet Heuring of Dexter and Margaret Jo Ellen Bell of Van Buren; three grandchildren, Brittany Roberts, Aiden Church and Jacey Church; one great-grandson, Caiden Whitlock; five step-grandchildren, Christian, Brianna, Dakota, Alyssa and Hasan. She loved and was loved by my her nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by on step grandson, Sirius Cooper.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be conducted on March 2, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Rainey Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Tom Bass officiating.

Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery.

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