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In Memory of Leona Duncan

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Leona Iona Duncan, daughter of the late Gottlieb Albrecht and Ester Elizabeth Orth Albrecht was born on June 2, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on August 22, 2017 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 81.

Mrs. Duncan was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri and was a homemaker.

On July 26, 1962, she was united in marriage to J C Duncan in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mr. Duncan preceded her in death on February 23, 1991.

Survivors include, two sons, Lenard Albrecht and Jimmy (Lori) Duncan both of Aquilla, Mo; by one daughter, Shirley (Alfred) Hagy of Dexter, Mo; by three brothers, Alfred Albrecht of Miami, FL, Dewayne Freeman of Lake City, FL, and Arthurly Freeman of Little Rock, Ark; by one sister, Kathrine Hurt of Manila, Ark.; by eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Friends may call at the Lighthouse Christian Center on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 12:00 (noon) until 1:00 PM.

Services will be conducted at 1:00 PM at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

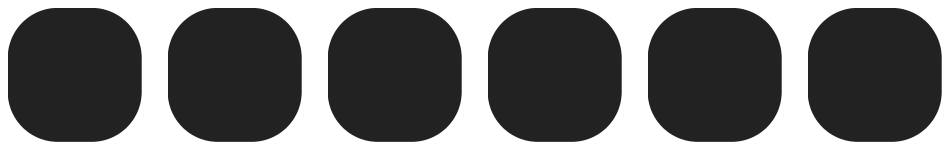
Interment will follow at the Gravel Hill Cemetery.

Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Rickey Kelley

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Richard "Rickey" Kelley of Bloomfield, son of Johnnie Pruitt, was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas on January 15, 1961, and passed away at his home near Bloomfield on August 17, 2017, at the age of 56 years, 7 months and 2 days.

Richard had lived in Bloomfield most of his life and was a veteran of the U. S. Marines. He had attended the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter.

Surviving are one daughter, Aleisha Kelley of Scott City, Missouri; one son, Nathan Kelley of Bertrand, Missouri; his mother, Johnnie Pruitt of Jackson, Missouri; and three sisters, Amasnda McWilson, Jeannie Pruitt and Dana Relli. Other relatives and friends also survive.

Friends may visit on Friday, August 25, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. when services will be held at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Interment will follow at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors. Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield in charge of arrangements.

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

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In Memory of Michael Rauscher

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Michael James Rauscher, son of the late Ralph Rauscher and Jane Reprogle Rauscher was born on March 7, 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri, departed this life on August 22, 2017 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 69.

Mr. Rauscher was a Veteran of the United States Air Force where he served in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Risen Church in Dexter, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Bernice Ellison on January 17, 1972 in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Rauscher survives of the home in Dexter, Missouri.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Chris Rauscher (Roxanne) of Essex, Missouri and Rodney Rauscher (Angela) of Dexter, Missouri; by one sister, Kathy Haring of St. Louis, Missouri; by eight grandchildren, Nick Rauscher, Maddie Rauscher, Kennedy Rauscher, Kodie Patterson, Austin Rauscher, Gunnar Anderson, Sullivan Anderson and Emme Cliff, and by one great-granddaughter, Kylee Patterson.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, August 25, 2017 from 12:00 (Noon) to 2:00 PM.

Services will be conducted on Friday, August 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jeff Roth officiating. Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery.

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In Memory of Juanita Holder

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Juanita Holder, 88, of Advance, Mo., passed away in her home on Friday, August 18, 2017. Juanita was married to George William "Bill/Junior" Holder from 1949 until his passing in 1997.

Juanita was born in 1929 in Advance, Mo. as the daughter of Walter "Diz" Thompson and Dortha Angeline Tropf. Juanita graduated high school in Bell City, Mo. in 1946. She then earned her teaching degree by attending Southeast Missouri State University and Arkansas State University, all the while teaching school at Bell City and Randall, Mo.

Juanita then became a business woman when she and her husband opened the "The Place" which included the roller rink and later the swimming pool on Hwy O. They also purchased a grocery store in Advance on W. Sturdivant Street.

Juanita was very active in the community beginning at a young age; she belonged to the Pleasant Hill Church and later the Advance Methodist Church where she was the pianist and choir director for over 50 years. She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and held many offices during her 50 years of participation including, but not limited to, Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Organist of Missouri and Missouri State Representative to the

State of Wisconsin as recent as 2015/2016.

Juanita began her participation early on in the Democrat Party and belonged to the Ladies Democrat Club of Stoddard County for years where she served several terms as President, Secretary and Treasurer. She also belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxillary for more than 50 years, the Arts Council of South East Missouri and the Stoddard County Historical Society. As those who knew her will attest, Juanita was a historian herself and was always ready with an interesting story about the history of her life and her community which she held so dear.

Juanita was also dedicated to many other benevolent organizations and clubs to benefit the community, children, education and conservation and could always be counted on in a time of need. Juanita was always willing to help others when a party or event was involved from donating time, food and, of course, her music. While her family was her love, Music was her passion throughout life beginning at a very young age. She often recounted taking piano lessons during the summer at a tender age and her first guitar which her grandfather bought her at age 5.

During her life, first and foremost, Juanita Holder was a Musician who played piano and sang her way across the state of Missouri and back. Music was in her heritage and she passed this love of music on to her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren as well as others in the community to whom she also taught to play piano. Juanita leaves a legacy of music throughout the State of Missouri and beyond that will be remembered by those who heard her play her beautiful music as a piano player, songstress and lyricist. Juanita composed many songs about her friends, family and her times in Hawaii where she enjoyed listening to the waves roll onto the beach for hours.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sister. Juanita's was the matriarch of her family who was greatly loved and highly respected by those she leaves behind including four children Fara Lynn McSpadden of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Jo Nyla West and her husband Jim of Pahoia, HI; Gayle Elizabeth Cantrell and her husband Rodney of Advance, Mo.; and Ryan William Holder and his wife Terri of Pahoia, HI; 11 grandchildren Elizabeth Moore, Phoebe Roper, Autumn Demopoulos, Leah King, George "Joshua" Corbin, John McSpadden, Seth Cantrell, Aaron Cantrell, Jesse Holder, Ethan Holder, Zachary Holder, and 15 great grandchildren Morgan Roper, Nikolaos Demopoulos, Astraia Demopoulos, Ioanna Demopoulos, Allie Cantrell, Camielle Holder, Colbey Roper, Sophie Cantrell, Brendan Thornberry, Andrue King, Kaileigh King, Archie Cantrell and Avery Cantrell and many other children in the community whom she cared for in her lifetime.

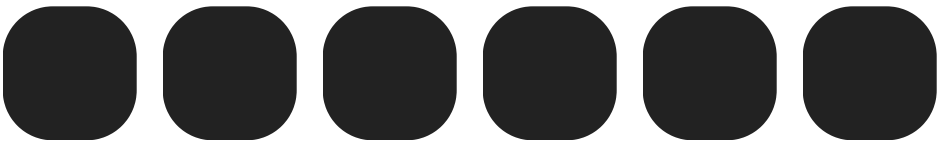
Juanita will be missed by so many and her family invites all of those who knew and loved her to a memorial service being held in her honor at Pleasant Hill Church at Tilman, Mo. on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Church which was a special place to Juanita during her lifetime including attending church as a young girl listening to her grandfather preach services, marrying her beloved and countless years of dedication to the preservation and care of the church until her passing. In lieu of sending flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Pleasant Hill Church in her memory through the Bank of Advance.

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In Memory of John Franklin Morgan

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John Franklin Morgan, son of the late D. H. Morgan and Ethel Stover Morgan was born on July 24, 1932 in Braggadocio, Missouri and departed this life on August 18, 2017 at Magnolia Place Skilled Nursing in Jefferson, Texas at the age of 85.

Mr. Morgan was a Veteran in the United States Air Force. He was a former employee at First Midwest Bank in Dexter and a member of the Dexter First Baptist Church.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Baker on December 26, 1950 in Paragould, Arkansas. She resides of the home in Texas.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Judy Lynn Murphy (Daniel), Linda Ramirez both of Jefferson, Texas and Cheryl Baker (Larry) of Richwood, Texas; by one cousin, Johnnie Mae Ramsey; by eight grandchildren, Amy Murphy, Shaun Hunter, Ryan Murphy, Stuart Murphy, Deseree Owens, Morgan Ramirez, Christina Ramirez, and Michelle Owens; eleven great-grandchildren, Ava Hunter, Cora Hunter, David Dussing, Tyler Murphy, Bennett Murphy, Logan Blume, Preston Jorgensen, Rallen Owens, Kara Owens, Weston Conwell and Wyatt Conwell.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jim Morgan and Ray Morgan.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Services will be conducted on at Rainey Mathis

Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery.

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