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In Memory of James Gregg Miller, Sr.

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James Gregg Miller, Sr. son of Gregg Scott Miller and Carolyn Freeman Miller was born on July 18, 1923 in Bernie, MO and departed this life on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau, MO at the age of 95.

Mr. Miller graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1941 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corp, (CCC). While serving there, his father convinced him to come to Detroit to work at Continental Motors where he could make lots of money. While in Detroit he was drafted into the United States Army in March of 1943 serving in the Pacific/New Guinea earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with two battle stars. Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one battle star, four Overseas Service Bars, the Good Conduct Medal and a Purple Heart. He received his honorary discharge in December of 1945.

After leaving the Army, he returned to Detroit, but the end of the war reduced the factory work making jobs hard to find so he returned to Dexter, MO. There he worked with his Uncle Charlie Miller clearing land by skidding out logs with a team of horses. These logs were then used to build cabins for the Greenhead Duck Hunting Club, property of the Miller family, now known as Otter Slough Conservation Area. This property also had part-owners from St. Louis and Jim would serve as duck hunting guide for those men, rowing their boat out and setting live duck decoys, so those city men could do their duck hunting.

It was during this time that Jim met local veterinarian, Dr. E.G. Bailey Jr. who helped him gain employment with the E.P. Coleman Cattle Company where he fed, branded, vaccinated and rode horses daily.

His true calling was training cutting horses, and he did this until an accident resulted in him going to work for Monarch Feed Mills in Dexter as a livestock consultant. He retired from Monarch but continued in his cutting horse training profession.

In 1950 he met and married Mildred Fulkerson, who has been his devoted partner for 68 years. She survives of the home in Dexter. From this marriage three children were born, Deborah Scott Miller (Mark Stidham), James Gregg Miller Jr. (Melanie) of Dexter, MO and Mary Beth Miller (Rod Williams) of Neosho, MO,

He is Grandfather to James Robert Scherer, (Heather) Largo, FL, Brent Stidham (Lauren), Brandon Miller (Megan), Lauren Miller, of Dexter, MO, Elliot Duckworth of Kansas City, MO and Zanna Duckworth of Joplin, MO

He is Great Grandfather to Lily Scherer and Holly Scherer, of Largo, FL, Kynlee Miller, Brock Miller and Landry Miller, of Dexter, MO and Brody Duckworth, of Kansas City, MO

Mr. Miller is also survived by one brother, Richard (Dick) Miller of Livonia, MI and many nieces and nephews, along with a host of friends and fellow cowboys.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Miller was preceded in death by brothers, William I Miller and Robert S. Miller and grandson, Jason Stidham.

A celebration of life for Mr. Miller will be held at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home, Dexter on August 24, 2018, beginning with visitation at 11:00 a.m. followed by a funeral at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO with full military rites.

The family would like to thank and recognize the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau for their professional and attentive care to Mr. Miller. They would also like to thank and applaud Crown Hospice for their compassionate and professional, Christian based care of Mr. Miller.

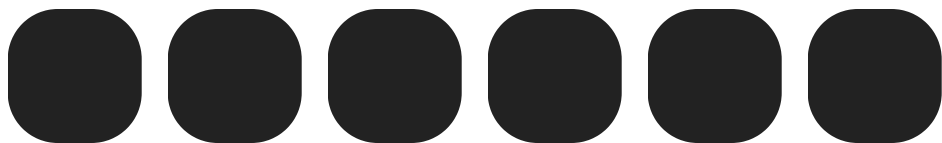
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, (DOC) in Dexter, MO, where Mr. Miller was a long-time member, serving as Elder and

board member.

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In Memory of Evelyn Marie Hicks

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Evelyn “Marie” Hicks, daughter of the late Harrison and Bertha Brigman, was born on August 11, 1954 in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on Tuesday August 14, 2018 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 64.

Mrs. Hicks was the Cashier / Sr. Vice President at First Midwest Bank in Dexter for thirty-five years, retiring in 2010. She was a member of the First General Baptist Church of Bloomfield and a resident of rural Dexter.

On June 24, 1972, she was united in marriage to Eddie Hicks in Bernie, Missouri. Mr. Hicks survives of the home.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Lisa Spratt and husband Aaron of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by one brother, Charles Lee Brigman of St. Mary, Missouri; by four sisters, Dottie Sue Hunt of Harrisburg, Arkansas, Patsy Ruth Stringer of Jackson, Missouri, Nancy Jane Hartle of Millersville, Missouri and Anita Joy Jarrell of Puxico, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Olivia Spratt and Preston Spratt both of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Guy Brigman, William Earl Brigman, Gerald David Brigman and Eddie Junior Brigman; and by two sisters, Audrey Jean Brigman and Carla Jo Brigman.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 11:00 A. M. until 2:00 P. M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 2:00 P. M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter.

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In Memory of Ermidean A. Jones

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Ermidean A. Jones, daughter of the late Madison Jones and Oma McAllister Jones was born on February 11, 1931 in Salem, Missouri and departed this life on August 13, 2018 at the SoutheastHealth of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 87 years.

Ms. Jones was a Cosmetologist in Phoenix, Arizona and St. Louis, Missouri.

She is survived by; one sister, June Laramore of Potosi, Missouri and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by; one brother, Buford Jones and three sisters, Beulah Shipman, Edith Shipman and Lorene Hudgins.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Dortha Mae Nix

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Dortha Mae Nix, daughter of the late Ernest Lee Callahan and Sadie Tennessee Gamblin Callahan, was born in Freemont, Missouri on January 23, 1938 and departed this life at Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County, Dexter, Missouri on August 7, 2018 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Nix had been a homemaker and a member of Okeena Assembly in Holcomb, Missouri. She was a resident of Bernie.

She was united in marriage to Jimmy Ray Nix in Wagoner, Oklahoma on August 14, 1982. Mr. Nix preceded his wife in death on July 29, 2017.

Survivors include, Jerry Nichols of Wagoner, Oklahoma and Leroy Nichols of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; by three daughters, Ava Swimmer of Gore, Oklahoma, Marsha Thurston of Bernie, Missouri and Sharon Carpenter of Tulsa, Oklahoma; by two brothers, Leroy Callahan of Sand Springs, Oklahoma and Bobby Ray Reeves of Gillespie, Illinois; by four sisters, Joann Walker of Campbell, Missouri, Clantha Lawson of Jenks, Oklahoma, Deni Harden and Joyce Cobb both of Muskogee, Oklahoma; by fourteen Grandchildren and Twenty Seven Great-Grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by one son, Gary Nichols; by one daughter, Tracey Wamego; by two brothers, Dale Callahan and Lee French; by one sister, Kay Page.

Visitation was at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Friday, August 10, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral services were conducted at 12:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie, with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

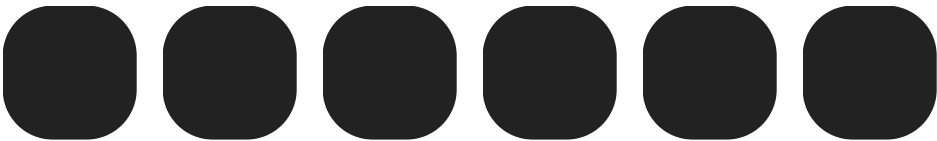
Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials may be made to Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home.

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In Memory of Patricia Faye Freed

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Patricia Faye Freed of Dexter, daughter of the late Clarence Rufus and Nora Lee Gribble Powell, was born on September 29, 1963, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on August 11, 2018, at the age of 54 years, 10 months and 13 days.

She had lived in Dudley and Wappapello before moving to Dexter seven years ago. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed being outdoors.

In November of 1980, she married Richard "Rick" Freed.

Surviving are her husband, Rick Freed of Dexter; one son, Eric Freed of Sikeston; one daughter & husband, Lacey & James White of Wappapello; three grandchildren, Lucas Freed of Sikeston, Chad & Adalyn White both of Wappapello; four sisters, MaryJo Stearns of Michigan, Norma Smith of Arkansas, Barbara Case of Dexter, Angela Mays of Dexter; and one brother, Willie Powell of Puxico. Many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Cantrell, three sisters, Lottie Maddox, Treva Lee and Jonnie Maddox

Visitation will be held on Tuesday August 14, 2018, after 12:00 p.m. until time of memorial services at 3:00 p.m. with Junior Smith of Darnell, Arkansas officiating.

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

Memorial donations to help the family may be made to Watkins & Sons Funeral Service, Inc.

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