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# In Memory of Elmer Gene Blankenship

AUGUST 28TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Elmer Gene Blankenship of Bloomfield, son of the late Elmer Edward and Helen Geraldine Probst, was born in Advance, Missouri, on February 17, 1946, and passed away at the Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau on August 27, 2018, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 10 days.

Elmer had lived in the Marble Hill area before moving to Bloomfield in 1996, he worked as a well driller.

On May 26, 1978, he married Martha Fay Bennett in Zalma, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Blankenship of Bloomfield; one daughter and spouse, Marsha (Tommy) Richardson of Bloomfield; five sons and spouses, David (Lisa) Blankenship of Bloomfield, Michael Blankenship of Bloomfield, Barry (Natasha) Blankenship of Malden, Frankie (Donna) Tackett of Bloomfield; Larry Tackett of Bloomfield; seventeen grandchildren, four great grandchildren; two sisters, Linda Johnson of Benton, Rose Slinkard of Marble Hill; two brothers, Kenny and Orville Blankenship both of Benton, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one son Tony Blankenship, and one sister Ruby Blankenship.

Friends may visit from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

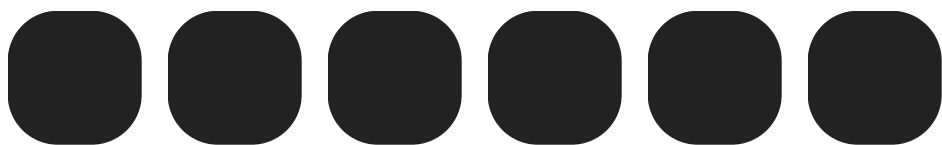
Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Bro. Ronnie Winchester of Brownwood officiating.

Interment will be at the Triplett Cemetery near Dexter with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of John DeRosia

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### In Memory of John DeRosia

John DeRosia, son of the late Maurice John DeRosia and Helen Jo Ervin Slaughter was born on December 25, 1945 in Vermont, Tennessee and departed this life on August 25, 2018 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 73.

Mr. DeRosia was a retired Staff Sergeant in the United States Army.

Mr. DeRosia was united in marriage to Marilyn Stinnett on January 23, 2002 in Paragould, Arkansas. Mrs. DeRosia survives of the home in Dexter.

Survivors include: his wife; one son, Jeremiah McCluskey of Orlando, Florida; one daughter, Marie Dawn Snider (Stan) of Dexter; two brothers, Floyd Slaughter of Parris, Tennessee, Pat DeRosia of Memphis, Tennessee; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM.

Following the visitation, a graveside service will be conducted at 1:00 PM at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery with Tim Zych officiating.

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## In Memory of Jeremy Wayne Vemula

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### In Memory of Jeremy Wayne Vemula

Jeremy Wayne Vemula, the precious son of Jessey and Brittany (Revelle) Vemula, was born into the arms of the angels on August 24, 2018.

Born at 36 weeks, he weighed 7 lbs and was 18 inches long.

Although Jeremy never spent any time with us on earth, he was very loved and touched many lives. Our little angel will never be forgotten.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his big brother, Jordan; his maternal grandparents, Lyndel and Elizabeth Revelle; his paternal grandmother, Sheba Vemula; his uncle Joel Vemula and wife, Mona; and his aunt, Nissey Vemula.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Rev. Charles Vemula.

Graveside serves were held on August 25, 2018 in Siddipet, India, where his parents currently reside and are missionaries in that region.

Brittany and Jessey would like to personally thank everyone for the love and support that they have shown during this time of grief. They ask that any memorial donations be made to the Genral Baptist International Mission Headquarters in Poplar Bluff, Missouri/Vemula India Ministry.

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## In Memory of Ella Malissa Green

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### In Memory of Ella Malissa Green

Ella Malissa Green passed away on August 26, 2018 in Dexter, Missouri at her residence. Malissa was born in Corning, Arkansas on February 19, 1921. She was 97 years old. She was the daughter of Frances M Green and Carrie (Lancaster) Green. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Eldon R. Green of Wynne, Arkansas, two sisters, Nellie Mae (Almer) Watson of Corning, and Mary C. (Vernon) Watson of Peoria, Illinois.

Malissa never married and had no children except the hundreds of students that she loved and taught.

She is survived by many Nieces and Nephews that love her.

Malissa began her education in the Corning grade school, graduated from Corning High, class of 1939 and concluded with a Masters degree from Arkansas State University.

She was a teacher from over 40 years, starting in White School, a two room, grade school in Rural Corning (six miles east). She taught at other schools in Arkansas and Missouri, retiring in 1981 from Dexter’s Central Grade School. She was a long-time member of the Dexter Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Her main focus in life was Teaching, her Lord and her Church. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dexter.

Services will be held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Mo with Rev. Mark Smith officiating.

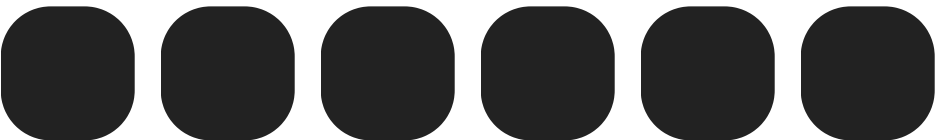
Visitation will be held from 9:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on August 28, 2018 at the funeral home, with services immediately following.

Burial will be in Corning Cemetery in Corning, Arkansas.

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