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In Memory of Brenda Tucker Williamson

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In Memory of Brenda Tucker Williamson

Brenda Tucker Williamson of Dexter, Missouri, the daughter of the late R. C. & Mildred Duckworth Tucker, was born near Puxico, Missouri on March 13, 1946, and passed away at the Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on December 1, 2018, at the age of 72 years, 8 months and 18 days.

She had lived in the Bloomfield and Dexter areas all her life. She was a member of the New Bethel General Baptist Church in Dexter. She enjoyed gospel music, and road trips with Sue. Brenda served on the Stoddard County Fair Board for many years, enjoyed reading the Bible and spending time with family.

On November 24, 1966, she married James M. Williamson in Dexter. He preceded her in death in June of 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Daron Williamson of Bloomfield, Cleveland (Angela) Williamson of Ozark; four grandchildren, Austin (fiance, Kayla Fodge) of Bloomfield, Kyle (Emily) of Branson, Rhett Williamson and Laura Williamson both of Ozark, Missouri; one great grandchild, Laney Williamson of Bloomfield; and one sister, Thelma (Jimmy) Thompson of Dexter; a very special friend Sue Horn of Dexter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Hayward Frailey.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018, after 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 12:30 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

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

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In Memory of Orlando Frederick Botsch

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In Memory of Orlando Frederick Botsch

Orlando Frederick Botsch was born February 3, 1926 to Christian William Botsch and Flora Mary Winter Botsch in Carmi, Illinois. He died peacefully in his sleep at his home Sunday, December 2, 2018 at the age of 92.

At the age of twelve, Orlando and his family moved to and started a new life on a farm east of Bernie. Being raised on a farm, farming became his vocation.

Orlando graduated from Bernie High School in 1942 at the age of 16. He was drafted into the United States Army during World War II on July 28, 1944. He obtained the rank of Master Sergeant, serving as Battalion Sergeant Major for the 808 Engineer Aviation Battalion until his discharge in August of 1946. Although he was in the Army, he spent a total of 64 days and nights on water during that time.

Orlando married Dorothy Lee Quinn on Christmas Day, 1952. They moved to the house Orlando had built on the farm and lived the rest of their lives.

To this union two children were born, Rhonda Arlene and Steven Kent. Dorothy preceded Orlando in death on May 23, 2001.

Although a farmer, Orlando had many other interests. In the early sixties Orlando partnered with Kenneth Davis for a short time and co-owned Botsch-Davis Supermarket. He was a substitute mail carrier for a few years. In August of 1955 Orlando bought his first airplane, building a 2000 foot runway by his home. He had also been involved with the Bernie Jaycee's.

After retiring from farming in 1987, he bought (in his words) the prettiest bike he could find. He rode it to all of the lower 48 state capitols; up the eastern coast to the northern tip of Newfoundland; up the western coast to Prince George, Canada; and down south into Mexico. In so doing, he fulfilled his motorcycle dream.

Orlando was a faithful and long-time member of the Bernie United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his children, Rhonda McGuire & husband Jim and Steven Botsch, all of Bernie; by one grandson, Jeremy McGuire & wife Kristi; by great grandchildren, Jescie & fiancé Cameron, Dylan and Breanna.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents and his wife, by his three older brothers, Ernest, Erwin and Dennis.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, December 3, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday Morning, December 4, 2018 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie at 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Dave Fowler officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Rebel Floyd Morgan

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In Memory of Rebel Floyd Morgan

Rebel Floyd Morgan, daughter of the late Burlos Floyd and Helen L. Nolan Floyd was born on July 7, 1943 in Hayti, Missouri and departed this life surrounded by her family on December 3, 2018 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 75 years.

Rebel was a former employee of the Gates Rubber factory in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and was a resident of Dexter. She loved to cook and passed that passion on to many of her children and grandchildren. Her kitchen was always open to anyone who walked through the door.

Rebel was very proud of her family, especially her grandchildren, and would talk about them to anyone that would listen. Rebel loved the holidays and family get togethers; any chance to spend time with family was important to her. She will always be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and will be missed by many.

On May 9, 1959, she was united in marriage to William Morgan in Caruthersville, Missouri. Mr. Morgan preceded in her death.

Survivors include: two sons, Donald Morgan of Farmington, Missouri and Rondall Morgan of Dexter, Missouri; two daughters, Carla Ide of Barnhart, Missouri and Darla Morgan of Dexter, Missouri; fifteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Floyd.

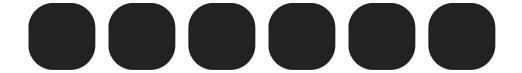
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

Memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 8, 2018 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel.

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In Memory of Betty Arnold

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In Memory of Betty Arnold

Betty Arnold, daughter of the late James Linville and Ada Mae Hobbs Linville was born on August 20, 1940 in Broseley, Missouri and departed this life on November 24, 2018 at her residence in Dexter at the age of 78.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness. She had worked at Elders Manufacturing and was a resident of Dexter.

She was first united in marriage to Ronald Mitchell. She was then united in marriage to Larry D. Arnold on July 11, 1994. Mr. Arnold preceded her in death on June 1, 2007.

She is survived by one son, David Mitchell (Stephanie Parks) of Dexter; by two daughters, Ronda Mangus and Kara Mitchell both of Dexter; by five grandchildren, Charles David Mitchell, Ronald Alan Mitchell, Tyler Mangus, Lindsey Curlee and Seth Hubbert and by six great-grandchildren, Kyran, Addy, Rozalind, Finley, Jude and Aubrey.

Besides her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, David Linville and Bob Linville.

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

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In Memory of Betty Beardsley

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In Memory of Betty Beardsley

Betty Beardsley of Valley Park, Missouri, formerly of Circle City, the daughter of the late Elvis Alfred and Emma May Brown, was born in Sikeston, Missouri on May 19, 1933, and passed away at her granddaughter's home in Sullivan, Missouri on November 23, 2018, at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 4 days.

She had lived in the Circle City and Canalou Communities and in Valley Park, Missouri before moving to Sullivan. She worked in customer service at Grandpa Pigeons until her retirement. She was of the Baptist Faith.

On February 16, 1957, she married Nolean Gray Beardsley in Dexter. He preceded her in death on February 19, 1993.

Surviving are one daughter, Lori Baird of St. Genevieve; two sons Dennis Brown of Wentzville, Missouri; Alan Miller of Sullivan, Missouri; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and one brother, Joe Brown of Duncanville, Texas. She was preceded in death by one son, Randy Beardsley, one brother in infancy and four sisters.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, after 11:00 am until time of services at 1:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

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

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