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In Memory of Rev. Lester Clayton

FEBRUARY 27TH 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Rev. Lester Clayton

Rev. Lester Clayton, son of the late Norman Woodruff and Opal McElrath Woodruff was born on May 25, 1938 in Newport, Arkansas and departed this life on February 26, 2019 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 80 years.

Mr. Clayton was a member of the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church where he was the former Minister. He also pastored various other General Baptist Churches in the area. He had formerly worked for County Wide Insurance as an Insurance Agent for many years.

On September 2, 1961, he was united in marriage to Beverly Pettit in Flint, Michigan. Mrs. Clayton survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, Beverly, he is survived by one son, Larry Clayton and wife Lisa of Gallatin, Tennessee; one daughter, Sherry Orr of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; one brother, James Clayton of Hillsboro, Missouri; one sister, Ann Horton of North Little Rock, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Amber Hewell, Megan Pendarvis, Kyle Fleming, Grace Fleming, Russell Orr and Rylee Orr; by fourteen great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Clayton.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, March 1, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on March 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Ron Williams and Rev. Joe Payne officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to:

18 Fore-Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

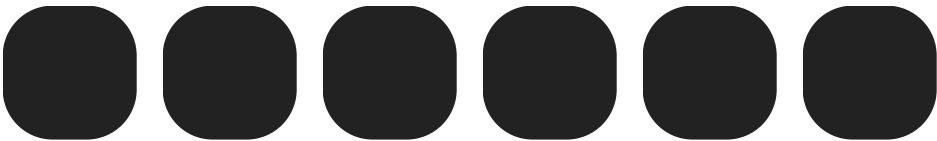
Memorial Fund

John Irvin / John Brehmer, c/o Mark Guethle, 720 Saddle Spur, Dexter, Missouri

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In Memory of Lee Roy Barker

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In Memory of Lee Roy Barker

Lee Roy Barker, son of the late Pearl Barker was born on June 5, 1933 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on February 26, 2019 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Barker was a truck driver and was a resident of Dexter.

On December 22, 1957, he was united in marriage to Ineva Ragsdel. Mrs. Barker survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, Ineva, he is survived by four sons: Tyrus Barker of Matthews, Missouri, Mike Barker of Dexter, Missouri, Karl Barker of Big Springs, Texas and Greg Barker of Tampa, Florida; by thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 pm in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, March 2, 2019 with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will be in the Dexter Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of Dr. John D. Minton

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In Memory of Dr. John D. Minton

Dr. John D. Minton, son of the late Ray Shipman and Ruth Cook Shipman, was born on February 16, 1940 in Malden, Missouri and departed this life on February 25, 2019 at the age of 79 years.

Dr. Minton was a hometown dentist serving our community for forty years. He was known for commitment to excellence, his fairness and his generosity. He honored and valued all of his patients, and those relationships went beyond the dental chair. After he learned cranial-sacral therapy, he was able to help many patients improve their quality of life.

Dr. Minton was more than just a dentist; he was also a talented artist. He had many artistic interests; he enjoyed watercolor painting, photography, and wood carving. In addition to his creative pursuits, he walked on the wild side by learning how to sail and how to fly. After obtaining his Master's in History he took his passion for history to the classroom by teaching at a local community college. He was an avid student with wide-ranging interests, and books were his constant companions. Learning brought him great joy, and he shared his extensive knowledge with enthusiasm.

On June 5, 1966, he was united in marriage to Julia Ann Leverich in Caitlin, Illinois. Mrs. Minton preceded him in death on March 18, 2008. He is survived by: two daughters, Tina Bess (Dain) of Dexter, Missouri and Traci Minton, who currently resides in Connecticut; two brothers, Paul Minton of West Virginia and Charles Shipmas of Dexter, Missouri; by three sisters, Jean Silver of Nashville, Tennessee, Meredith Gray of Nashville, Tennessee, and Carol Rainey (Palastine) of Texas; by two granddaughters, Cassidy Paige Bess and Sydney Ann Bess, and many other relatives and friends. Besides his parents and wife, he

was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Minton.

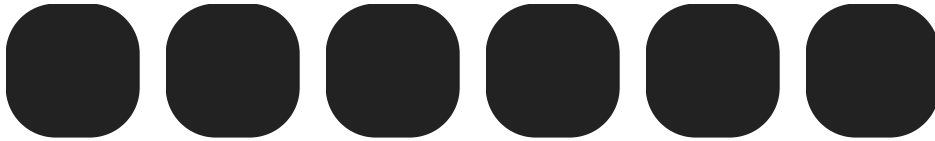
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The funeral service will be conducted at 12:00 noon in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on February 28, 2019 with Greg Mathis as speaker. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: 18 Fore Life, ? Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841

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In Memory of Earl "Ikie" Watkins

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[In Memory of Earl](#)

Earl N. "Ikie" Watkins of Dexter, son of the late Earl Lawrence and Eunice Ellene Marsh Watkins, was born in Cash, Arkansas on March 18, 1930, and passed away at the Saint Frances Medical Center, in Cape Girardeau on February 23, 2019, at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 5 days.

Ikie had lived in Dexter most of his life and was a member of the First Christian Church in Dexter Missouri. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Dexter and had served in the US Marines during the Korean Conflict.

On May 10, 1952, he married Patsy "Pat" Daniel in Piggott, Arkansas. She preceded him in death May 25, 2016.

Surviving are one son, Stephen L. Watkins of Dexter; two daughters and husband, Susan Staley of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, Carol & Trey Ward of Jackson, Missouri; six grandchildren & spouses Sarah Watkins & Jeff Wellemeyer of Cape Girardeau, Caleb & Kayla Staley of Benton, Kentucky, Rachael & Michael Becker of Columbia, Missouri, Casey & Brian Lovett of Benton, Kentucky, Jacob Ward of Farmington, Andrew Ward of Columbia Missouri; seven great grandchildren, Mia Holden, Owen Staley, Lennon Ferrell, Evan & Aiden Staley & Mason and Madden Lovett. Other relatives and many friends also survive. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by one brother, Marsh Watkins, one great grand daughter, Lillian Holden, and one daughter-in-law, Susan Watkins.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday February 27, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Watkins & Sons Funeral Chapel Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Mike Williams of Dexter officiating.

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

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In Memory of Tony McKuin

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In Memory of Tony McKuin

Tony McKuin, age 62 of Glenallen, MO, died Friday, February 22, 2019 at Woodland Hills Nursing Home in Marble Hill, MO.

Mr. McKuin was born February 25, 1956 in Poplar Bluff, MO.

On October 14, 1994 he married Tammy Rickman. She survives.

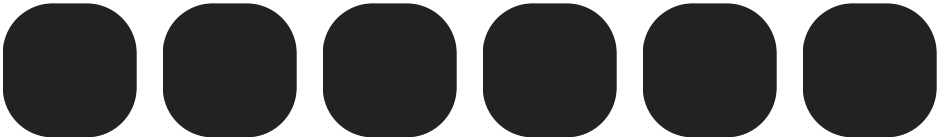
Also surviving are 5 children: Rachel Spring Hartwick of Benton, AR, Tony Lynn Abernathy of Dexter, MO, Erich Arvidson of Boonville, MO, Lynn Michelle McKuin of Cape Girardeau, MO, and Joseph Dewey McKuin of Glenallen, MO. One brother: Ronald McKuin of Poplar Bluff and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Harold and Eva McKuin and one brother Richard McKuin.

Graveside services will be on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Ash Hill Cemetery East with Rev. Jim Sanders officiating.

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