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## In Memory of Curtis Poston

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### In Memory of Curtis Poston

Curtis Poston of Parma, son of the late Levi and Gladys Edwards Poston, was born in Parma, Missouri on June 27, 1926, and passed away at the Ridgeview Living Community, in Malden, on February 14, 2019, at the age of 92 years, 8 months and 17 days.

Mr. Poston grew up in the Parma area before moving to St. Louis where he worked for GM. He was a member of the UAW, and was of the Christian Faith. He served in the US Army during WW II.

Surviving are his son Terry Poston of Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania; three grand children and three great grandchildren; one brother, George Poston of Wappapello, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother; Sherden Poston; three sisters, Lucille, Bettie and Sue.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 11:00 until time of services at 1:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service - 573-624-3548

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## In Memory of Dana Hawkins

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Dana was a loving son, brother, husband, father, step-father, pawpaw and friend. He was born in Senath, Mo as the second of three sons to Bill and Diana Hawkins in 1963.

He had the kindest blue eyes, the “Hawkins eyes,” as many people refer to them. He was ready to drop anything to lend a helping hand or just to be a sounding board for a friend in need.

Music was his life. He was a ball-cap-backwards, foot-stompin’, stick-spinnin’ drummer. When he got behind the drums, he was in his element. An opportunity to play rarely passed him by, even if he had to talk himself up on the stage into a random band he was out

watching for the night. He had a knack for taking charge of the beat somehow.

He was a hard worker. Working his way up the ladder at Lowe's, he was able to "retire" at the young age of 39. Anyone that knew Dana, knows he couldn't sit still for long and was always in the middle of a project somewhere.

He was a loving father. Madison and Jacob Hawkins were born to Dana and Missy Hawkins, high school sweethearts. He was a hard worker, but always made ample time for his family. From tossing a baseball around or playing Nintendo 64 into all hours of the night with Jake to helping Madison record "music videos" of songs she had written in tune with her preprogrammed songs on her keyboard and pretending that her easy bake oven cakes were the best he'd ever tasted. Each of his children inherited interests unique to Dana. Jake, who shares his dad's love for music and can pick up and master any instrument as if he'd been playing it his whole life and Madison, who shared Dana's love of history- having to always take the time to read every tiny plaque at any historical marker. As they grew, he was the tell-it-like-it-is advisor when they needed a kick in the pants and the loving arms they could always run to when they fell to put them back on their feet.

Dana met the love of his life in Lori. The first time Jake and Madison were introduced to Lori, they were so impressed and told their dad that he had to keep her. Dana and Lori married July 17, 2011 and he gained two incredible step children, Jim and Lauren Thrower. He loved both of them in a way that all step parents should love their step children. He was always there to talk and offer his help to them whenever they needed it or not. The stories and memories they share will never be forgotten.

Dana quickly became an LDQ fixture when he and Lori married. He was quickly introduced into the wonderful world of Leon's Dexter Queen. Handyman Dana. From adding on and expanding to fixing a leaky faucet to changing a lightbulb, he was there. He could smoke pork like nobody else. Recently he had mastered the art of the Dexter Queen kitchen and the perfect meat to sauce to slaw ratio of a Lotta Pig and the secret LDQ Hot sauce recipe.

Dana gained a new title in 2013 with the birth of his grandson, Weston. He was now Pawpaw. Alivia Rose made him a Pawpaw twice over. Those kids were his heart and they thought Pawpaw hung the moon.

He was 55. Gone too soon, but he is now looking into the face of Jesus.

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Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 11:00 am with Pastor Larry Earls officiating.

Interment will follow at the Lulu Cemetery in Senath, Missouri.

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

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## In Memory of James Edward Rickman

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James Edward Rickman, son of the late Ira Rickman and Clara Sue Stafford Rickman was born on September 22, 1930 in Senath, Missouri and departed this life on March 17, 2019 at SoutheastHealth of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Rickman was a former employee of the Bennett Chicken Farm and was a resident of Dexter.

On January 23, 1956, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Stoker. Mrs. Rickman survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, Marjorie, he is survived by two daughters, Debra Rickman of Sikeston, Missouri and Donna Crow (Phil) of Dexter, Missouri; one brother, Howard Rickman (Bobbi) of Dexter, Missouri; two sisters, Beverly Hume (Leslie) of Plainville, Michigan and Mary McFall (Jerry) of Dexter, Missouri; two grandchildren, Chelsea Crow and Lindsey Barnhart and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Paul Rickman and one sister, Shirley Greer.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:00pm

Funeral service will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 3:00pm.

Interment will follow at the Mount Gilead Hill Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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## In Memory of James Daniel Smith

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### In Memory of James Daniel Smith

James Daniel Smith, son of the late Albert James Smith and Mary Elizabeth Deardorff Smith was born on August 10, 1931 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 17, 2019 at Southeast Health Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 87 years.

Mr. Smith was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a former supervisor for Missouri Utilities/Union Electric. He was a member of Dexter Masonic Lodge #532 where he was past Worshipful Master and a former member of the Missouri National Guard.

He was first united in marriage to Luella Beaird. She preceded him in death on May 22, 1962. He was then married to Amanda Lucretia Skelton on December 20, 1963 at Bloomfield. Mrs. Smith survives of the home near Dexter.

Besides his wife, Amanda, he is survived by one son, James Daniel Smith, Jr. (Julie) of St. Peters, MO; three daughters, Teresa Gail Eskew (Allen) of Layton, UT, Beverly Jo Kupinski (Earnest) of Orchard Park, NY and Susan Michele Melton (Charles) of Suffolk, VA; by son-in-law, Charles Stratman of Topeka, KS; one brother, Charles Albert Smith (Patrica) of Bernie, MO; four sisters, Gertie Irene Cross of Zion, IL, Altha Alberta Hawley-Corlew of Dexter, MO, Lena May Schweain of Fruitland, MO and Mary Ellen Stuart of Arnold, MO; by sister-in law, Martha Smith of O'Fallon, MO; by eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Joy Renee Stratman; one brother, Floyd Joe Smith; two sisters, Pearl Cleo Parham and Opal Faye Crites.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00pm, a Masonic Service will be conducted at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday evening.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 20, 2019 with Rev. Michael Williams officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: St. Louis Children's Hospital, 1 Children's Place, St. Louis, Missouri 63110.

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

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# In Memory of Fay Alcorn

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## In Memory of Fay Alcorn

Fay Alcorn was born on November 23, 1933 in Muskogee, Oklahoma and departed this life on March 15, 2019 at the Bloomfield Living Center in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Alcorn was the former Vice President of Sirloin Stockade chain of restaurants.

On May 2, 1984 he was united in marriage to Sue Fay Rinehart in Miami, Oklahoma. Mrs. Alcorn preceded him in death on November 12, 2017.

He is survived by, three sons, Jimmy Johnson of Evansville, Illinois, Bill Johnson and John Bird of Pfluggerville, Texas; three daughters, Karen Rassmussen of Grand Junction, Colorado, Sue Gore of Santa Maria, California and Twila Wheelock of Meridan, Idaho.

Besides his wife, he is preceded in death by, one son, David Bird.

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

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