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In Memory of Joe Marion Scales

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In Memory of Joe Marion Scales

Joe Marion Scales, son of the late Joe R. Scales and Pauline Cobb Scales was born in Stoddard County Missouri on October 30, 1934 and departed this life at Cypress Point Healthcare in Dexter, Missouri on April 8, 2019 at the age of 84.

Mr. Scales was a veteran of The United States Army, had worked at Brown Shoe Company as an electrician, then at Liberty Township as Road Boss until his retirement. He had also worked as a driver for Dunklin County Transit. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW both of Malden, also a member of Elks and Eagles both of Dexter. He started up the first Bernie Little Baseball League and He was a resident of Bernie.

He was united in marriage to Carolyn Kay Whitehead in Campbell, Missouri on April 18, 1964.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Scales of Bernie, Missouri; by one daughter, Kelly Owens of Jackson, Missouri; by one son, Joe Anthony Scales of Syracuse, New York; by four grandchildren, Krystal Hobgood ,Waylon Owens, Lindsey and Rachel Scales, by five Great-Grandchildren; by one sister, Annita Hurley of Bernie, Missouri; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one brother, Bill Bolen; by one sister Joyce Davis.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Wednesday evening, April 10, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday morning, April 11, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. Interment following in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Full Military Honors.

Memorials may be made to

Bernie Little League

% of Bernie Public Schools

516 West Main Avenue

Bernie, Missouri 63822

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Inez Holder

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In Memory of Inez Holder

Inez Holder of Columbus, Georgia, formerly of Dexter, daughter of the late Perry Delmer and Bessie Lee Hendrick Daniel, was born in Murray, Kentucky on June 24, 1921, passed away at the Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Columbus, Georgia on April 5, 2019, at the age of 97 years, 9 months and 12 days.

Inez lived in Dexter most of her life before moving to Georgia. She had been an active member for many years of the First Church of the Nazarene in Dexter. She had retired in 1979 from the Stovall's Department Store in Dexter.

On November 24, 1938, she married William Berry Holder in Dexter. He preceded her in death on May 20, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and wives, William Berry, Jr. "Bill" & Alice Holder of Scottsboro, Alabama, Jerry & Joan Holder of Columbus, Georgia, Larry & Mary Holder of Bourbonnais, Illinois; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Burie, George Earl, Brad, Dallas and Perry Daniel, and four sisters, Lucille Biggerstaff, Delmer Milton, Ruby Daniel and Pat Watkins.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Mike Williams of Dexter officiating.

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

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In Memory of Mary Ellen Blankenship

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In Memory of Mary Ellen Blankenship

Mary Ellen Blankenship, daughter of the late Deloyce Robinson and Mary Grace Carter Robinson was born on January 5, 1930 in Knoble, Arkansas and departed this life on Monday April 8, 2019 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Blankenship was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter, graduated from Dexter High School in 1947 and attended Poplar Bluff Business College. Mary Ellen was the Executive Director Dexter Chamber of Commerce for 18 years, Dexter City Clerk for five years, and a resident of Dexter.

On December 19, 1947 she was united in marriage to Robert (BOB) W. Blankenship in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Blankenship preceded her in death on May 2, 2005.

Survives include one son, Robert Scott Blankenship (Jana) of Dexter; one, daughter-in-law, Kaye Blankenship Taylor of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by one brother, Jamie Robinson of Dexter; by two sisters, Ann Smyth (Jim) of Dexter and June Horton (John) of Alabama; also by four grandchildren, Matt Blankenship, Wes Blankenship (Brandy), Jordan Blankenship Boyer (Cody), and Jessica Blankenship; and by one great-grandchild,

Madison Lane Blankenship.

Besides her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by one son, Richard (Rick) Blankenship, one grandson, Tommy Blankenship, two brothers, Tommy Robinson and Carter Robinson.

Visitation will be held at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A Memorial service will then be conducted on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Mike Williams officiating and Rev. Elijah Allen assisting.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 224 East Stoddard Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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

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In Memory of Laura Nan Ross

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In Memory of Laura Nan Ross

Laura Nan Ross was born on September 25, 1926 in Kinder, MO to Asa and Ada Kelley Clodfelter. She passed away on April 5, 2019 in Cape Girardeau, MO at the age of 92. She was one of 8 brothers and sisters and grew up in a loving family on a farm outside Bloomfield. Laura was named after her two grandmothers, who she never knew as they died at an early age.

Laura Nan was married to Don Kendall Ross on May 28, 1948. Don & Laura made their home in Bloomfield. Don preceded her in death, passing away on June 12, 1998, shortly after they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were proud parents of three children. Their first daughter, Patricia Nan Marion, passed away in June 2017.

Laura Nan is survived by two of her children: Peggy LaDon Milner (Brent) of Pacific, MO, and Don Kelley Ross (Leslie) of Camdenton, MO, as well as her son-in-law Paul Marion of Mountain Home, AR.

She also leaves great memories with her 7 grandchildren: Julie Marion Haney (Sam), Tracy Milner Pitts (John), Jason Paul Marion (Tracey), Kelley Milner Elliott (Steve), Justin Ross (Alexandra), Gavin Summers, and Greyson Ross. She loved children, and many of her joys in the last several years came from the seven “great-grands” – Hayden, Drew, Maddox, Ada, Beckett, Aiden, and Owen. She is also survived by several special nieces and nephews, and by her special helper and friend John Bruce.

Laura Nan was the last survivor of the Clodfelter children, and was preceded in death by her sisters Ruth Hamlin and Mary Helsley, and her brothers Kelley Ward Clodfelter, Tony Clodfelter, Ray Clodfelter, John Clodfelter, and Amos Clodfelter.

Laura Nan was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield for over 60 years. She worked in the Nursery for many years and was active in the United Methodist Women organization. She had a special love for children and cared deeply

about the elderly. Her many cards and letters will be missed by many. She loved her Cardinals, and her bridge club group. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She was a 1944 Graduate of Bloomfield Senior High School.

Prior to having children, she worked for the County Recorder of Deeds, the social security office, and as secretary to Attorney M. Walker Cooper.

After her children were grown, she went back to work for the Bloomfield R-14 School District, but her primary role and most important, would always be “just” as a housewife and mother.

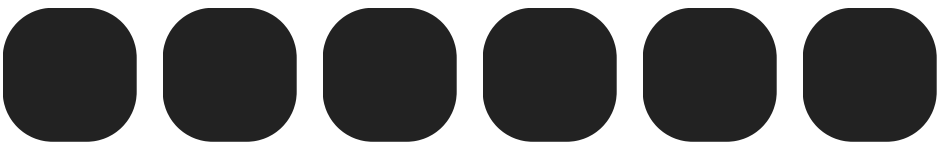
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Pastor Alice Fowler and Rev. Ron Dunivan officiating. Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 704 West Missouri Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825 and Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center, 609 North Delaware Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

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In Memory of Steven Edward Morris

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In Memory of Steven Edward Morris

Steven Edward Morris, age 67 of Poplar Bluff, Missouri passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 29, 2019. Steve was born on September 17, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Orville and May(Schilinger) Morris.

He is survived by two brothers, Gary Morris of Poplar Bluff and Kevin Morris of Azel, Texas. Also surviving are six nieces, Tammy (Morris) Toomey, Jessica Morris, Devon Morris, Danielle Morris, Heather Morris and Lyndsi(Morris) Murphy, four nephews, Derek Morris, Kyle Morris, Mack Morris and Caleb Morris, ten great nieces and nine great nephews.

Steve was loved and called Dad by two boys, Charles Ellis of Poplar Bluff and Curtis Coleman of Puxico, and two girls, Misty Ellis of Wappapello and Stephanie Savat of Poplar Bluff. He was called Grandpa by 3 boys, Ethan Ellis, Gavin Ellis, Tristyn Savat and three girls LeAnne Ellis, Violet Coleman and Macey Savat.

Steve lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, camping, computer games, cookouts and time with family and friends.

Steve was a Vietnam vet and spent his life after the service helping others; First as an EMT, then as a paramedic, he then retired as a registered nurse.

Steve is being cremated with White-Sanders Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

A celebration of life will take place at the Silver Mines in Fredericktown, Missouri. Exact date and time are pending.

For further information on services contact Teresa Morris at 573-321-0150

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