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In Memory of Betty Ruth (Evans) Dixon

JULY 07TH 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Betty Ruth (Evans) Dixon, daughter of the late Louis Wiley Evans and Laura Geneva (Davis) Evans of Bloomfield, Missouri, was born on September 20, 1941, in Dexter. She entered eternal life with our God the Father and Lord Jesus Christ on July 3, 2019. She passed at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis at the age of 77, surrounded by her family, held with love, and lifted in prayer as she ascended to Heaven.

Mrs. Dixon devoted her life to serving God, loving her family, serving and helping those in need, and giving smiles to all she met. She was a devoted member of the Cape County Cowboy Church in Oak Ridge, Missouri, where she found many friends and celebrated her Christian faith.

After her graduation from Bloomfield High School, she attended the Missouri Baptist School of Nursing. She became a Registered Nurse and lifelong health care professional, further enabled by Emergency Medical Technician training. Her love of others, caring soul, and medical expertise allowed her to provide health care, education, and loving support to many throughout southeast Missouri. Mrs. Dixon's professional experiences included service as the district nurse for the Richland School District in Essex, and as the plant nurse for Procter and Gamble in Cape Girardeau.

She was a passionate lifelong learner, always immersing herself in history and reading. Travel and discovery were her passions, and she was always ready for long road trips with no specific destination. She couldn't pass a national or state park without stopping to enjoy the trees, wildlife, quiet, and a picnic. When not traveling with her soul mate and husband, she was best remembered sitting on her back porch, giving pats to a basset hound at her feet.

Mrs. Dixon was united in marriage, love, and faith to Kenneth Dixon, formerly of Dexter, Missouri, in West Plains, Missouri, on December 26, 1959. He preceded her in death on September 28, 2017, and is now reunited with her in Heaven. She is survived by two loving children, who regarded their mother as a romantic soul, enabler of dreams, and lifelong protector of her family: Kendra and her husband Tim Ward of Jackson, and Kevin and his wife Laurie (Dockins) Dixon of Chesterfield, Missouri. Her family celebrates her beautiful life, giving heart, gentle nature, and a lifetime of wonderful memories.

She had five grandchildren, who adored her and were embraced by her love: Brittany (Ward) Mathis, Justin Ward, Evan Ward, Sydney Dixon, and Olivia Dixon. In addition to her grandchildren, she enjoyed giving warm smiles and long hugs to three great-grandchildren: Harper Mathis, Blake Mathis and Gabriel Ward.

Mrs. Dixon is survived by her brother, Robert Evans of Pasadena, California, and her sister Barbara Evans of Bloomfield, Missouri. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Bob Dixon, of Springfield, Missouri. She was a loving daughter-in-law to the late Clyde and Mae (McKee) Dixon of Dexter, and sister-in-law to the late Clyde Dixon and Darrell Dixon of Dexter.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, July 8, from 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Jim Matthews officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, which can be reached via **www.lung.org**, and the Cape County Cowboy Church, 220 Orchid Lane, Oak Ridge, Missouri 63769.

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In Memory of Dorothy M. Pullam

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In Memory of Dorothy M. Pullam

Dorothy M. Pullam, of Aurora, Colorado, formerly of Dexter, was born in Bloomfield, on December 21, 1933 and passed away at her home in Aurora, Colorado on June 27, 2019, at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 6 days.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 5, 2019 after 10 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter until time of services at 1 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel with the Rev. Mike Kohlbaker of Dexter officiating.

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

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In Memory of Charlotta L. "Lottie Lou" McMullin

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In Memory of Charlotta L. "Lottie Lou" McMullin

Charlotta L. "Lottie Lou" McMullin, age 88, of Breese, IL, died at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2019 at her residence.

She was born June 7, 1931 in Memphis, TN, the daughter of the late Clifton R. and Ruth (Polen) Mason.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin McMullin, whom she married November 17, 1950; a daughter, Marian McMullin; two sisters: Mable Cooper and Carrie Morton; and a brother, David "Murray" Mason.

Mrs. McMullin is survived by two children: Debora (Jim) Riddle of Breese, IL and Dennis McMullin of Dexter, MO; three grandchildren: Angela (Christopher) Herndon, Daniel (Amanda) Riddle, Mariah McMullin (fiancé, Mike Nely); six great-grandchildren: Benjamin and Jack Herndon, Riley, Samantha and Lincoln Riddle; and Abel Nely; a brother, C.R. Mason of Dexter, MO; and many nieces, nephews, great- nieces and greatnephews.

Edwin and Lottie owned and operated McMullin Excavating Co. She was a volunteer (Pink Lady) at Dexter Memorial Hospital in Dexter, MO. After moving to Breese, she enjoyed living at the Villas of St. James and participating in all of the activities. Her hobby was cross-stitching and making quilts for her grandchildren.

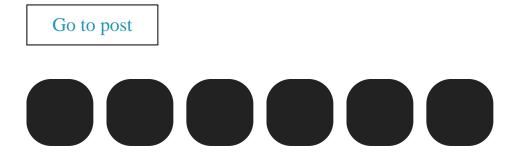
A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the Villas of St. James in Breese, IL. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, MO, with a luncheon to follow at the First Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to Zion United Church of Christ in New Baden, IL.

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

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In Memory of Robert E. Davis Jr

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In Memory of Robert E. Davis Jr

Robert E. Davis Jr., son of Robert E. Davis of Dexter, Missouri and the late Marna Gillespie Davis was born on January 13, 1958 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on July 1, 2019 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 61.

Rob was the owner and operator of Robbie D's Restaurant and Bar in Dexter. He was a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge. He enjoyed playing golf and fishing with his friends. Rob was a proud member of the 1976 graduating class of the Dexter Senior High School.

Besides his father, he is survived by one daughter, Devonne Davis and her fiancé Jerrell both of St. Louis, Missouri; by one son, Robert E. Davis III of Dexter; by two sisters, Vicki L. Taylor and her husband Bayless of Dexter and Donna S. Backfisch and her husband Mike of Dexter; by his Uncle Donn Gillespie of Bradenton, Florida and his Aunt Betty Threlkeld of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by nieces and nephews, John and Lisa Taylor of Dexter, Jim Cochran and Shannon Taylor of Milan, New Hampshire, Michael and Rachel Backfisch of Lewisville, North Carolina, Baylee Decker, Austin Decker, Rylee Taylor, Davis Backfisch, Dalton Backfisch, Calvi Cochran and Taylor Decker; by his special work family at Robbie D's and many, many friends and family.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 5, 2019 at the Hidden Trails Country Club.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 5, 2019 at the Hidden Trails Country Club in Dexter.

In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the 18 Fore Life Charity, c/o, Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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

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In Memory of Margaret Baker

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In Memory of Margaret Baker

Margaret Baker, daughter of the late Clifford Hunt and Theone Black Hunt, was born on August 26, 1941 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on July 1, 2019 at Winchester Place in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 77 years.

Mrs. Baker was a former seamstress for Elder Manufacturing in Dexter.

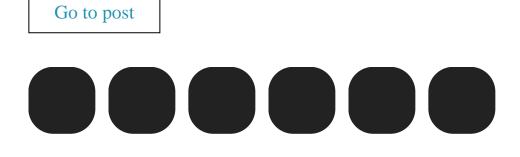
She is survived by two sons, Greg Baker of Oak Ridge, Missouri and James Baker of Murphysboro, Tennessee; by her daughter, Tina Barrett of Zalma, Missouri; by two sisters, Glenda Craig of Dexter, Missouri and Debbi Maffia of Dixon, Missouri; by twelve grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Albert Hunt and her sister, Freda Gales.

Graveside services will be conducted at the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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