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In Memory of Martha Amanda Tucker

JULY 23RD 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Martha Amanda Tucker

Martha Amanda Tucker, daughter of the late Otto Coffey and Edna Ruth Zile Coffey, was born on February 14, 1924 in Grayridge, Missouri and departed this life on July 21, 2019 at her residence in Grayridge at the age of 95 years.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of the Essex Church of Christ and a homemaker.

On July 7, 1945, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Bert Tucker. Mr. Tucker preceded her in death on July 31, 2000.

She is survived by two daughters, Sondra Talkington and husband Danny of Grayridge, Missouri and Marilyn Johnson and husband Terry of Germantown, Tennessee; by her brother Lewis "Bud" Coffey of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters Opal Short of Neelyville, Missouri and Jean Isbell of Dexter, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Keith Talkington of Cookeville, Tennessee, Kira Jones and husband Bruce of Chelsea, Alabama, Bryan Johnson and wife Erica of Germantown, Tennessee, and Courtney Tabeling and husband Chris of Nashville, Tennessee; by seven great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Curt Coffey and by three sisters, Audrey Pulling, Loretta Mouser and Geneva Coffey.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with Herman Morse officiating. Interment will

follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bert and Martha Tucker Endowed Scholarship, Office of Development, Freed Hardeman University, 158 East Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340-9989

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

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In Memory of Kim Liesel Pierce

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In Memory of Kim Liesel Pierce

Kim Liesel Pierce, daughter of the late Liesel Clos Pierce, was born on January 1, 1966 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on July 17, 2019 at Southeast Health in Cape

Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 53 years.

Ms. Pierce worked in Human Resources at Faurecia in Dexter, Missouri and was a resident of Bloomfield, Missouri.

Kim is survived by her beloved companion, Randy Sadler of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by her sister, Sylvia Goines and husband Eric of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

A memorial service will be conducted at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Elijah Allen officiating.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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In Memory of Joe Ernest Weber

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Joe Ernest Weber died July 22, 2019 at Winchester Nursing Center at the age of 89.

Born June 14, 1930 in Dexter, son of the late Ernest R. Weber and Gladys Norman Weber, he married Joyce MacDonald on May 12, 1952.

He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Dexter, where he sang in the chancel choir and served as Finance Chair and in other positions within the church.

After attending Southeast Missouri State for 2 years, he entered the Air Force as a fighter pilot trainee and upon graduating flight and gunnery school he departed to Korea where he flew over 100 missions in the F-86 fighter jet. Upon returning stateside, he and his wife, Joyce MacDonald Weber, moved to Panama City, Florida, where he finished his service as a flight instructor at Tyndall Air Force Base.

After leaving the Air Force in 1955, Joe and Joyce returned to Dexter where he entered the family business with his father, Ernest, as a partner, and helped to operate and manage Weber's Ben Franklin until 2018.

He served as President of the Citizens Bank of Dexter for 14 years.

He was always civic minded and served on the City Council in the 1960's as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Airport Board. He was very proud of Dexter and was committed to promoting Dexter and making it a good place to live.

He served 16 years, from 2002-2018, as Dexter's mayor.

Joe and Joyce and other Stoddard County residents were instrumental in recruiting members and formed a chapter of the Stoddard County ARC which today, provides services for the developmentally disabled. Joe and Joyce played an important role in working to pass a Senate Bill 40 measure in the county, which provides funding for services for citizens who are developmentally disabled. He served on that board and as its President for many years.

Mr. Weber is survived by his daughter, Beth, of Dexter, another daughter, Cynthia Chesser and husband, Scott Chesser of Dexter; two grandsons, Austin and Matthew Chesser, as well as a special friend, Ann Zoll, and other relatives and many friends. His wife Joyce, preceded him in death in 2003.

Friends may call at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow in the First United Methodist Church in Dexter at 2:00 p.m. with Rev Larry Lawman officiating.

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

Donations to the Stoddard County ARC and the First United Methodist Church may be made in lieu of flowers.

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In Memory of Bertha Helen McKay

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In Memory of Bertha Helen McKay

Bertha Helen McKay, daughter of the late Charley Lewis Smith and Birtha Mae Smith, was born on June 26, 1930 in Risco, Missouri and departed this life on July 13, 2019 in Town and Country, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. McKay was a member of the Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee and she was a resident of Memphis for 50 years.

She is survived by two sons, Dale McKay (Donna) of Pflugerville, Texas and David McKay (Melissa) of St. Louis, Missouri; by her daughter, Linda McKay of St. Louis, Missouri; by her sister-in-law, Norma Smith of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by nine grandchildren, Jarred, Justin, Jesse, Erica, Nichole, Krystle, Brittni, Zach and Jeff; and by eight great-grandchildren, Lybbie, Ameyah, Katie, RyLee, Stryder, Waylon, Gabriella and Ariel.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Edward Smith, Lowell Eugene Smith and Dale Lee Smith.

A graveside service will be conducted at Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. with Brian Burke officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Bertha Helen McKay to the charity of choice.

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

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In Memory of Delvan Lloyd Rochelle

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In Memory of Delvan Lloyd Rochelle

Delvan Lloyd Rochelle, son of the late Bert Rochelle and Una Tschudin Dilallo, was born on September 23, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on July 15, 2019 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 90 years.

Mr. Rochelle was a veteran of the United State Air Force, serving during the Korean War. After leaving the Air Force, he was a freight car inspector for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was an active member of Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

He is survived by his cousin, Betty Anderson of Dexter, Missouri; and by his second cousins, Carol Anderson, Cheryl Peacock, Jana DeGeorge, Joe Anderson, Harold Conner, Michael Conner, Steven Conner and Donna Webb.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his cousin, Dorothy Conner.

A graveside service will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

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

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