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# In Memory of Eric Eugene Smith

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## In Memory of Eric Eugene Smith

Eric Eugene Smith, son of Gene and Gail Smith, was born on December 20, 1964 in Santa Ana, CA and departed this life on August 5, 2019 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 54.

Mr. Smith was a Marine Veteran and worked at the John J. Pershing VA Medical Center in Poplar Bluff; he had a great love and loyalty to his family, his country and his woodworking.

He was united in marriage to Janet Sadler Smith on February 12, 2000 in Dexter, Mrs. Smith survives in their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife Janet, he is survived by his son, Eric Shane Hendrix of Dexter, his granddaughter, Alexis Christian of Colorado Springs, CO; by two grandsons, RJ Phillips of St. Louis, and Nicholas Phillips of Dexter; by his great-grandson, James Gabriel “Waya” of Colorado Springs, CO; by his parents, Gene and Gail Smith of Bloomfield, by his mother-in-law, Carzenia Sadler of Dexter; by three brothers, Cean Smith and wife Tina of Republic, MO, Richard “Pete” Smith of Dexter, and Chris Smith and wife Christine of Celina, TN; by two sisters, Jamie Smith-Mays and husband Eddie of Bloomfield, and Trisha Smith-Sprouse and husband Dave of Springfield, MO; by nine nephews and seven nieces, Chelsea Woodruff and husband Kenneth, Cean K. Smith, Keely Smith and fiancé Zack, Merena Smith and husband Shae, Marley Francis, Ricky Bowers, Kenny Smith, Kelli Smith and fiancé Zane, Aaron Mays and wife Kelsie, Alexis and Austin Sprouse; and by nine great nieces and two great nephews, Henley Woodruff,

Gracie and Ana Gee, Colt Smith, Tessa Smith, Charlie Rose, Jaxon Parsons and Madelynn, Raylyn, Jayden and Jentry Mays. He also had many more family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gabriel Ryan Sweeney of Dexter; and by his grandparents, Gale & Gladys Williams of Cabool, MO and Paul & Ana Smith of Iola, KS.

A memorial service, with full Military Honors, will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on August 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Mickey Goodwin officiating.

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

The family has asked that memorials be made in Eric's name to the Stars and Stripes Museum, 17377 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825.

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# In Memory of Sharon Lapwing Walker

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## In Memory of Sharon Lapwing Walker

Sharon Lapwing Walker, daughter of the late Stanley Lapwing and Eleanor Ropacewicz Lapwing, was born on November 24, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois and departed this life on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 71 years.

Mrs. Walker was a former Registered Nurse for the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

On December 24, 1985, in Niles, Illinois, she was united in marriage to Denzel Franklin Walker. Mr. Walker preceded her in death on November 11, 1992.

She is survived by her daughter, Maria Patterson and husband David of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her son, Edward Kasper of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and by two grandchildren, Nicholas Gossard and EmilyAnn Myers of Dexter, Missouri.

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

Memorials may be made to the ASPCA or Wounded Warrior, in Sharon's memory.

ASPCA, 424 E. 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128-6804

Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517

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# In Memory of Ronald Bert Weathers

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## In Memory of Ronald Bert Weathers

Ronald Bert Weathers, son of the late Albert Weathers and Edith Delay Rooker, was born on March 11, 1962 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at his residence in Dexter.

Mr. Weathers was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a tree trimmer and landscaper. He attended Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter.

He is survived by two sons, Ron Weathers Jr. and Jessie Weathers, both of Dexter; by two brothers, Adam Weathers and William Weathers, both of Dexter; by two sisters, Janice Sullivan and Teresa Bright, both of Dexter; and by his granddaughter, Amirah Weathers.

No services are being planned, at this time.

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

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## In Loving Memory of Lawrence Cole (Sugar Bear)

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### In Loving Memory of Lawrence Cole (Sugar Bear)

#### **In Loving Memory of Lawrence Cole (Sugar Bear)**

The Sunrise of Lawrence Cole was June 12, 1952 in Parma, Missouri. He was born to the late Leonard & Elsie Cole. Lawrence's sunset was July 31, 2019.

At an early age he confessed his faith and accepted Christ as his personal savior, under the leadership of Rev. Stanford Ellis. He was a faithful member of New Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Lawrence worked at Purolator for several years and he also worked for Tyson.

Lawrence loved his family and friends. He leaves behind, to cherish their loving memories, three daughters, Shannon Davis and Crystal Davis, both of Memphis, Tennessee and Vicky Davis of St. Louis, Missouri; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. He leaves two sisters, Martha McClure and husband Joe of Sikeston, Missouri and Donna Givens and husband ArtLee of Parma, Missouri; five brothers, Leonard Cole and wife Ruth of Dexter, Missouri, Clarence Cole and wife Paulette of Marion, Indiana, Larry Cole and Glen Cole, both of Essex, Missouri, and Norman Cole and wife Portia of Sikeston, Missouri; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ervin Cole and Eddie Cole.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Bruce Britton officiating.

Interment will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery in Malden.

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

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## In Memory of Albert "Jean" Holland

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In Memory of Albert

Albert "Jean" Holland, age 83 of Sullivan, Missouri passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Life Care Center surrounded by his loving family.

Albert "Jean" Holland was born on February 7, 1936 in Perryville, Missouri to John B. and Myrtle Audell (Murray) Holland. He was united in marriage to Emma Hartline on June 11, 1955 and they were blessed with four children, Regina, Connie, Gary and Eva. Jean and Emma made their home in Arkansas where he was employed by the Batesville School District for over 18 years. When he was 33 years old, he surrendered his life to the Lord and became associate pastor at Hope Church in St. Louis, Missouri followed by serving as Senior Pastor at Liberty Temple in Sebree, Kentucky and Batesville, Arkansas. He then joined the Assemblies of God and pastored at First Assembly in Blackrock, Arkansas and Spring Mill Assembly near Batesville, Arkansas. Brother Jean was a loving and devoted pastor, husband, father and grandpa. He especially loved ministering to children. He and Emma made their home in Sullivan in January 2014 and began attending First Assembly. Miss Emma passed soon after moving here. He missed her deeply but quickly became a part of the church where he helped in the nursing home ministry. Brother Holland was a faithful man of God who loved the Word and work of God. He will be lovingly remembered by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his children, Regina Weaver and husband Harry of Riverside, California, Connie Musgraves of Sullivan, Mo, Gary Holland of Sullivan, Mo, Eva Nelson and husband Andy of Denver, Colorado; nine grandchildren, Cora Chicca and husband James of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Evelene Schram and husband Jeremy of Battle Creek, Michigan, Miles Weaver and wife Olivia of Battle Creek, Michigan, Joseph Weaver and wife Piper of Placerville, California, Jennifer Musgraves and Pedro Garcia of Bacliff, Texas, Vanessa Musgraves and Sharon Fabrizio of Battleground, Washington, Joe Kilburn of Hillsboro, Missouri, Krista Stewart of O'Fallon, Missouri and Gabrielle Nelson of Denver Colorado; nine great-grandchildren, Anna, Makayla, Samuel, Eliza, Kailee, Kasey, Shawn, Olivia and Sean; one great-great-grandchild, Kade; one brother, Paul Holland and wife Nancy of Winnetka, California; sister in law, Billie Holland of Lancaster, California; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Mr. Holland was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Emma (Hartline) Holland; his parents, John and Myrtle (Murray) Holland; brothers, John, Clyde and Boyd Holland; and one sister, Bonnie Lou Holland.

Visitations was held from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, August 1, 2019 at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Funeral services were conducted 12:00 noon, Friday, August 2, 2019 at Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield with interment to follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Bell City, Missouri.

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